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Dear Club Member,

When I'm developing a list of ideas for the Time Travellers Club I often do image searches based around certain periods in time. When this image popped up I couldn't resist using it!

<http://tinyurl.com/seventiesbathroom>

Now the trend is for all white bathrooms, expanses of pristine porcelain are what most of us aspire to. Most of us have come across such delights as the one in the image above, some of us may still have a suite in those shades.

Apparently the colour in my parents first bathroom was Harvest Gold... sounds delightful though my Mum has since been known to describe it as the colour you see in a nappy. Then of course there is the classic avocado suite, but I thought you might prefer the aqua option for fibre. Outside the classics there were some very adventurous choices available... burgundy would seem to be a particularly out there option!

For all that we smile and laugh about those bathroom suites they were a source of great pride for people who had them. Particularly in the UK there were still a huge number of houses without indoor bathrooms, so having one was a sign that you were moving up in the world. Having one in the ultimate trendy colours really was a sign that you were stylish, and up to date. One of the reasons for the 70's being the real rise of indoor bathrooms in the UK were thanks to government grants that were on offer during those periods.

Earlier this summer I went to St Fagans National History Museum, home to a huge selection of buildings from all around Wales that have been moved to the site. One of the buildings is a whole row of terraces, that have been decorated to show how things changed from 1805-1985. The 1985 version features a fabulous dual purpose kitchen and bathroom. The bath was housed under a kitchen worktop that could flip up when you had a bath, and lowered when the space was used as a kitchen. As for the toilet, you still had to go outside for that.

So, what was your bathroom like 40 years ago?

Happy Spinning,

Katie