

How lovely to come home and relax in your own balcony hot tub or just pop your iPod in a docking station and listen to your music through built in speakers

## OH, HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

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Christine Yorath is looking back over years of change.



**In 1971, the first home I owned was a brand newly built 5 bedroomed detached property in the desirable north Leeds suburb of Adel and cost £7150 (£1150 of it was because we opted for**

**the optional gas central heating system).**

The first colour TV we bought was a 25" Baird TV costing £325.

Oh, how things have changed! We all know what has happened with property prices but conversely many items which are considered luxuries become much more affordable when demand is high. Homes without a colour TV are now few and far between, many homes have several TVs and you can now buy one twice the size of my first one for the same price... all these years on.

It is not so long ago that a TV in the bathroom came with a price tag

approaching £2000 but already waterproof TVs are down to a cost of a few hundred pounds. For some people, the luxury of lying in a lovely hot bath watching a favourite programme is pure bliss.

Instant hot water taps are another domestic luxury item falling in price. The first ones were over £1000 but now there are instant hot taps, filtered water taps, ones serving chilled water "on tap" and they're now with a starting price at less than a quarter of their original investment.

Perhaps the moral of the story is all things come to those who wait! However in practical terms, homes are becoming more sophisticated and more comfortable and as



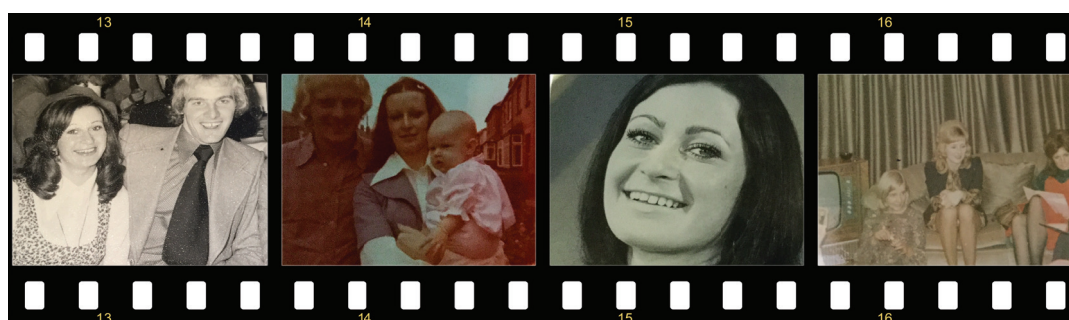
consumers, we are offered a huge choice on a wide range of products for the home which can generally be considered as luxuries.

So what will be the next gadget or gizmo that we would like to own and wait for the price to fall? I am no techie but it is almost certainly going to be in the field of technology and home entertainment. Tomorrow's world has arrived.

### CHRISTINE THROUGH THE YEARS!

Pictured (from left to right):

Christine and Terry Yorath. Christine, Terry and Gabby Logan. Christine. Sue Hunter, Cathy Sprake and Gill Lorimer.



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*Till next time,  
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