50-year Calendars

Long-term calendars read the day of the week of any date of their 50 year span.

4640 Brass 50-year Calendar, 6cm. Etched.





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Executive 50-year Calendars Set in Marble

4707 Antique Brass 50-year Calendar, 8cm. Embossed.

***New Lower Price!* 4639 Brass 50-year Calendar on Marble Base, 8cm.** Etched.



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Please note: Due to current stock levels, some items may begin 3 or 4 years ago.

Astrolabe - the little-known GPS of Ancient Times

You may not have heard of an astrolabe, but it remains the most used multipurpose astronomical instrument in history. Earliest examples date from around 200BC, but they rose to prominence in the Middle East and Europe in the Middle Ages. Essentially, it's an elaborate inclinometer-cum-slide rule, used to measure the altitude above the horizon of a celestial body. It can be used to identify stars or planets, to determine local latitude, to survey, and even determine your horoscope. The arrival, in the 17th-18th centuries, of accurate sextants and reliable portable chronometers rendered the astrolabe obsolete for navigation at sea, but it remains a fascinating and little-understood instrument. Our replica, in polished brass, sits in a wooden plinth and stands 18cm tall.

4948 Astrolabe with Wooden Stand.



Greenwich Pocket Sundial & Compass

Inspired by Greenwich, the focal point of world time, this pocket sundial has its gnomon set for latitudes around 51°N, making it accurate when used in Greenwich as well as much of southern England as well as northern Europe, Canada and so on. Made from solid brass, diameter 7cm. Supplied with a velveteen drawstring pouch.

7282 Brass Greenwich Pocket Sundial, 7cm.



Armillary Spheres

The armillary sphere shows the Earth (a central ball) surrounded by rings (*armilla* in Latin) which represent the great circles of the heavens. It was widely used during the 17th and 18th centuries in scientific debates over the relative merits of the competing central Earth and central Sun theories. Our simplified, decorative brass versions make handsome ornaments for the desk or garden. Made from solid machined brass with an antique finish.

4298 Armillary Sphere Paperweight.
Height 13cm.

7298 Antique-style Armillary Sphere.
Height 30cm. With polished hardwood base.



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