



Over the next few weeks we should receive all our Manufacturer's catalogues which are packed full of great puzzles for you to peruse and select at your leisure. For the moment we are relying on previews to show you what's new and innovative! We have included Crown & Andrews brochure but if selecting from this please allow at least three weeks for delivery. If we can turn it around sooner – we will.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

20 fascinating facts about Jigsaws

1. In the UK more people enjoy jigsaws each year than any other table game.
2. The Stave Company of America hold the record for the most expensive jigsaw – it was made in 1993 and was sold for over £8,000. Stave makes many jigsaws each year similar to the one above that are eagerly snapped up at prices of over 3,000 pounds each.
3. The most expensive (and most prized) jigsaws are still made out of wood and cut using a jigsaw. A skilled operator can cut up to 100 pieces per hour.
4. The fastest way to do a jigsaw is to sort all the different colours into groups before you begin.
5. A 1,000 piece jigsaw it will take you about 30 minutes to get all the pieces sorted the right way up with the "Straight edge" pieces separated out. You need to double this time to sort all the pieces in rough groupings of colour.
6. Although it may seem odd, it will take you four times as long to do a 1,000-piece jigsaw as it will to do a 500-piece jigsaw. This is because each time you double the number of pieces you quadruple the difficulty. Before you start a 4,000 piece jigsaw, bear in mind that it will take you SIXTY FOUR times longer to complete
7. Jigsaws are making a resounding comeback. With an estimated 2 million sold every year
8. Better production techniques have led to better and cheaper puzzles
9. All members of the family can participate (Look out for our FAMILY puzzles – coming soon)
10. They "Take your mind off" other things & can be completed at anytime.
11. Wooden jigsaws are attracting a growing number of enthusiasts because laser and water jet technology have brought retail costs down to reasonable levels.
12. The Educa Company of Spain has the distinction of producing both the smallest and the largest available jigsaws. The smallest with 1,000 small pieces measures 46 x 30cm and the largest -24,000pcs covering an area of 157 x 428cm.
13. There is a special frame sold by Gibsons which does away with the need to glue your puzzles to display them and when you want a change, you can simply remove one and replace it.
14. There are a number of companies who will take a photograph supplied by you and make it into a quality wooden jigsaw.
15. Another name for jigsaw players is "Dissectologists"
16. The most pieces ever assembled together in a single jigsaw was 209,250 at the Grand Formosa Regent Hotel in Taiwan
17. The word "Jigsaw" is so ingrained in the English language that over 140 registered companies contain it in their trading title.
18. The first jigsaws (called "Dissected maps") were cut nearly two and a half centuries ago
19. In the late 19th century a good puzzle cost 1-2 pounds – more than many people earned in a week.
20. Although a 500 piece cardboard jigsaw can now be manufactured in the twinkling of an eye, it takes about four and a half weeks for a craftsman to assemble the form that cuts it.



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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

I was very interested to read in Issue 17 about the origins of The Variety Club Children's charity. For some years I worked as an escort on a 'Sunshine' Coach collecting young children with special needs and taking them to a day care centre.

I had no idea that the charity had its beginnings in America and as long ago as 1927. I do know that the staff of the centre were thrilled when they were presented with the keys for their first Sunshine Coach! So, I shall certainly be ordering a copy of your Sunshine Coach jigsaw from you.

Mrs B Wright - Bollington.

We have been quite delighted with the response to this jigsaw and will be forwarding our cheque to the Variety Club at the end of 2007 to give other members the opportunity to purchase this and add to the fund, which is currently just under £100. No doubt Gibsons distribution and sales will add a few 000's to this figure. Thank you for sharing your story and do let us know what you would like as your 'puzzle prize'.

I had a letter published in Issue 15 and when I phoned recently I was delighted to be told that your answer beneath my letter meant I could choose a puzzle as a prize. Many, many thanks for this- the only prize I've ever won in my life.

Corrine Hunt - Colmore.

We're pleased that you're pleased. We send out several free jigsaws every month which can be won easily, either by having your letter selected as 'the best of the bunch' or by introducing a new member to the club, or entering the competition. If you are lucky enough to be win, you can choose any 1000pc jigsaw of your choice and you have 12 months to make your selection.

Thank you very much for all the catalogues and newsletters sent to me since I joined the club last year. I am looking for a sales outlet for a jigsaw called 'perfalock' made by a Canadian Company called Wrebbit. The pieces are crafted out of flexible foam (similar to the 3D puzzles) and once put together the joints are hardly visible. The puzzles stay together without the need for glue. The one disadvantage is that it is not easy to take apart once assembled.

The only outlet I know of is a small catalogue company, but you have to buy the puzzles in pairs and you don't get a choice of pictures. Do you know of anywhere in this country that sells these puzzles?

Martin Jacobs - Hornchurch.

Have looked into this and can only see one company other than the one you mentioned who sell Wrebbit puzzles (not a huge selection either) They are web based and their web address is: www.Alljigsawpuzzles.co.uk There is a phone no. 01737 779 923 Perhaps one of our members have seen these somewhere and can let us know.

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

In trouble again. Despite being told not to process any orders- I did (just to help out) Processed one twice and guess who got the parcel back! And I must not call her madam!

If she wasn't so busy, I'd probably be out on my ear. As for writing the next newsletter. No chance! But I still get the job of proof-reading so she won't know what I have told you until she gets the printed copy.

It's all go here! We have lots of new manufacturers lined up and lots of new jigsaws too!

Trefl range is coming in end of March- beginning April. Heye puzzles will be in around the same time. Crown and Andrews brochure is being sent out with the newsletter and Classic deluxe are coming in very soon. So the warehouse will be full.

Q: When will the new catalogues be sent out?

A: Due in over the next one - three months and will be sent out with your newsletters.

Q: Can we buy all the jigsaws from all the catalogues through the club?

A. With just a few exceptions, they are all available. If we haven't got it we can always place them on order with our next delivery, but can't guarantee our usual super fast delivery. Remember though, that January is the beginning on the jigsaw year so one or two from the previous years catalogues might be discontinued. But we'll do our best!

Just one more piece of info.....Mike Jupp is working on some great exclusives for us. There will be a series of four coming in over the next twelve months. All top secret but with a 'drunken' theme!

Got to go now. Happy puzzling! Jig.



WINNING WAYS

Congratulations to Mrs Tate from Manchester who correctly predicted the sales of the Sunshine Coach- Charity Jigsaw. Many thanks to all members who supported this charity by purchasing this Jigsaw. We hope to raise a substantial sum during the course of 2007.

And our Winning Ways competition question for Issue 18:

Who has the accolade for producing the 'Worlds' largest Jigsaw for 2007?

Mothers Day & Easter Special Selections

With Mothers day just around the corner we have selected two very special and unusual Heye jigsaws with an unusual & challenging theme. Both 1000pc-motifs by Angela Tilk are printed with a glitter effect and after fixing can be decorated with Crystals & Glitter. Everything you need to create a unique masterpiece is included in the box and can be purchased for £14.99.



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-(Green)

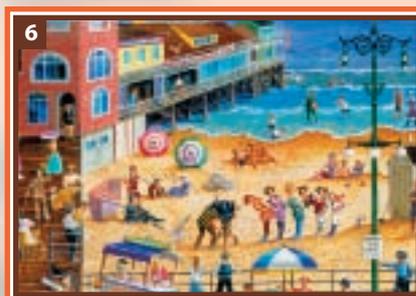
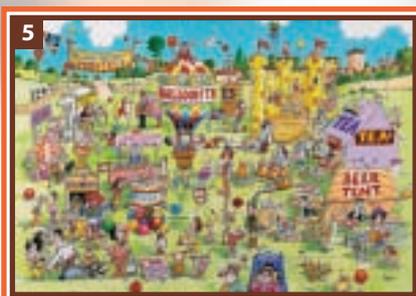
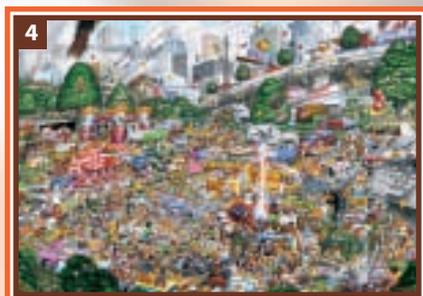
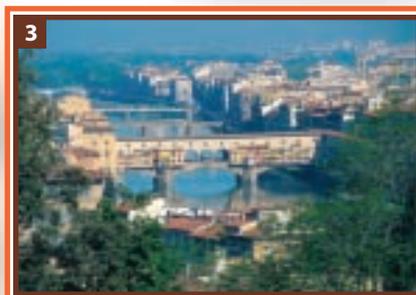
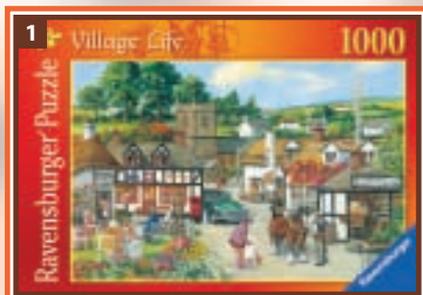


29137- Glittering Gifts-(Pink)

Ravensburger

PREVIEWS

ALL AVAILABLE NOW



- 1 15486-Village Life
- 2 15390-Mystic Lights-Romantic Cottage
- 3 15252-Ponte Vecchio-Florence
- 4 G509 – I Love Car Boot Sales
- 5 G507- Great British Garden Fete
- 6 G897-Seaside Frolics-500pc Circular

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

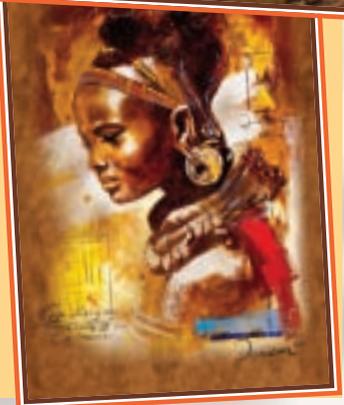
Little Elf from Ravensburger 2007 collection from original artwork of Lisa Jane
-1000pc Jigsaw available at £8.99.

15283 Lisa Jane-Little Elf



And for our lovers of Fine Art Jigsaws-The
Coronation of the Emperor Napoleon from
Clementoni's 'Louvre' Collection. 1000pc at £9.99.
(Limited Availability)

Beautiful depiction by Ravensburger
called African Beauty. 1000pc Jigsaw
available at £8.99.



C31416 Coronation of Emperor Napoleon

15352 African Beauty

To order Lisa Jane-Little Elf and /or African Beauty/ and or The Coronation of Emperor Napoleon or any of the other products featured in newsletter 18, complete the Order form below and send with your remittance payable to: **The Official UK Puzzle Club, PO Box 3351, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2WE.** If you prefer not to cut up your newsletter, simply put your request in writing or telephone our order line.

Please send me:

	Price	Quantity	Value
Lisa Jane-Little Elf-1000pc	£8.99		
African Beauty-1000pc	£8.99		
Coronation of Emperor Napoleon 1000pc	£9.99		
GLAMOUR-(Pink) -1000pc	£14.99		
GLAMOUR-(Green) -1000pc	£14.99		
Romantic Cottage-1000pc	£8.99		
Village Life-1000pc	£9.99		
Ponte Vecchio-1000pc	£8.99		
Great British Garden Fete-1000pc	£10.99		
I Love Car Boots-Mike Jupp-1000pc	£10.99		
500pc Circular-Seaside Frolics	£7.99		
Postage and Packing			£3.50
Gold members deduct 10% from above prices		Total Value:	

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