



Seems incredible to be penning newsletter issue 24! Next month sees the start of our third year and we want to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to all our members for helping us make the club a success. We still have a long way to go and appreciate all the new introductions. From small beginnings we are almost 2000 members and growing, but there are still lots of 'puzzlers' out there that we would love to have join us! If you know of one do put them in touch and as a thank you, we'll give you a 1000pc jigsaw of your choice.

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Jigsaw Types

So you think a jigsaw is a jigsaw is a jigsaw – think again! No doubt you already know that the subject matter varies enormously (from Star Wars to country cottages) but read on to discover more about the numerous different sorts of jigsaw puzzle.

Old Cardboard Jigsaws

Cardboard puzzles started appearing in the 1930's but these were of very dubious quality. Waddingtons perfected the dye cutting processes in the 1950's and along with Tower Press they dominated the field for 40 years thereafter.

New Cardboard Jigsaws

These are the backbone of the current jigsaw market. The diversity of both the subject matter and the degree of difficulty is enormous. Present day manufacturers deserve to be complimented on their ability to provide wonderful entertainment value. Ravensburger, Gibsons and Falcon tend to dominate the market place today, but there are many other Manufacturers producing superb quality jigsaws, each in their own unique style.

Modern Wooden Jigsaws

In 1987 a new tool was added to the jigsaw cutters armory – the laser cutter. This dramatically speeds up the production process and excellent quality wooden puzzles are now produced without the need for hours of work by skilled craftsmen. There is still a buoyant market for wooden jigsaws cut in the traditional manner and several skilled cutters have full order books

Old Wooden Jigsaws

Until the advent of the laser cutter (see above) all wooden puzzles were cut using either hand-held, treadle or electric saws. It is interesting to note that the puzzle cutters did not work to a definite pattern for each jigsaw, rather they relied upon their own skill to ensure a variety of shapes and sizes for individual pieces. The cut and quality of these old wooden puzzles varies enormously and it is advisable to spend a little time researching the subject before buying any expensive ones. Tom Tyler's book "The English Jigsaw Puzzle" (ISBN 0903685566) would be a good place to start.

Floor Jigsaws & Educational

A child's first introduction to jigsaws is likely to be a "Floor puzzle". This usually takes the form of huge, thick pieces that are colourful enough to attract and retain the interest of the toddler and at the same time durable enough to withstand impact from small feet and bottoms. Jigsaws that feature maps, famous people and identification of plants and animals all make good subjects for older children. Children tend to master the art quickly and if encouraged will find this a fun way of learning, playing and relaxing as they make their progress into adulthood.

Three Dimensional Jigsaws

Three-dimensional puzzles are enjoyed by the small band of people who fall into the category of "Hobby constructors". Some people love them and others hate them.

Family Entertainment Jigsaws

Fun for all the family...with approximately 148 large pieces and 472 small pieces this latest comic collection of three designs from Classic deluxe will entertain and amuse all age groups. A great idea for autumn evenings, a Christmas gift for the family or just a fun jigsaw. Start with the outer edge of large pieces and then work the rows alternating between large & small!



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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

(Just a reminder that the letter published in this section qualifies the writer to a free 1000pc jigsaw of their choice - Just let us know which you would like)

I am a voluntary hospital and community visitor and often visit residential care homes. When I first started working in the community, I was surprised by the number of elderly people who were simply sitting or sleeping - not reading, not talking... My 'relax' pastime is doing jigsaws, and I have one on my dining table at all times. Sometimes it can take weeks to complete, but it always helps take my mind off a busy day. On my next visit, I took a very easy 1000pc jigsaw and lightweight board to one of the care homes in my area and sat in the lounge putting it together. It was like switching on a light! Within minutes, I received lots of enthusiastic help and advice. A great way to get everyone working/playing together.

Andrea Scott - Bracknell.

Thank you for issue 23. Christmas can't ever come soon enough in our house. I just love the Christmas jigsaws and snow scenes, which rarely come up until the latter part of the year. I have a collection of some 100 Christmas type jigsaws, some very old, all treasured and distributed each year to our growing families. Are there any more coming?

Annette Green - Aberdeen.

See our Christmas collection in our preview section. Should give you a few to choose from!

In answer to your many enquiries about Christmas Jigsaws we have previewed them all in this issue! Prices are as follows... G2005/2006 & 2007 are £12.99. All other Gibsons (G) are £10.99. R2005/R2007 & OPX are £9.99 and G695- Beano is £7.99. To order any of these simply fill in the reference & price on the reverse of your order form

Lou wants to thank everyone for her letters, cards and enquiries. She just loves all the attention, but has not quite mastered the art of 'jigging' yet. So far she's eaten five jigsaw pcs, left muddy paw prints on the board and ripped the picture off of a new puzzle box. She just loves all the delivery drivers and helps the postman everyday to position the mail sacks in his van.



Lou

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

Hi! Its just me....Didn't get any sponsors for el-pres USA so we haven't bothered to make him a member.

We are including a leaflet showing ALL OUR own Limited Edition Jigsaws. These are all 1000pc Jigsaws, made in the UK and only available through the club. You now have a choice when renewing your membership! Or you can purchase any at £9.99 each + £3.50 postage charge on each delivery.

Please can we have more 500pc jigsaws? They are a perfect size to take on holiday with us...

Take a look at our preview section. Four brand new jigsaws from Ravensburger's Autumn 2007 range.

Was 14 & Wasgij Christmas 3 are now available.

We haven't forgotten. We are still waiting for prints from Mike Jupp and will get these to our competition winner's a.s.a.p.

And a little complaint!! Gold members receive a special price list which has your 10% discount deducted! A few members have deducted a further 10%... However, products in the monthly newsletters need to have the 10% deducted from the listed price (excluding postage). If you need help, just call.

Have a good Autumn & Happy always Puzzling-Jig.



WINNING WAYS

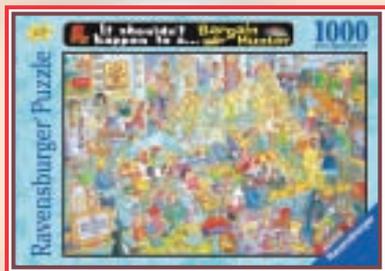
Congratulations to Martin Jacobs from Hornchurch - our winner for competition issue 23. Please let us know which Jigsaw you would like as your prize

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 23!

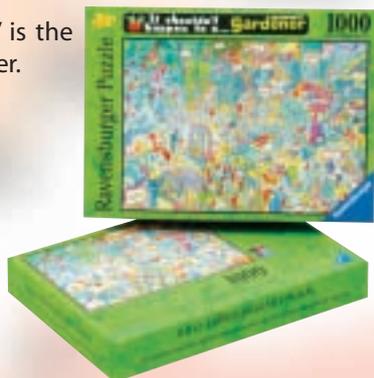
Our birthday falls between 8th September and 2nd October and to celebrate we'll give anyone who shares our special day, a 1000pc Jigsaw. Just let us have your date by 28th September.

PREVIEWS

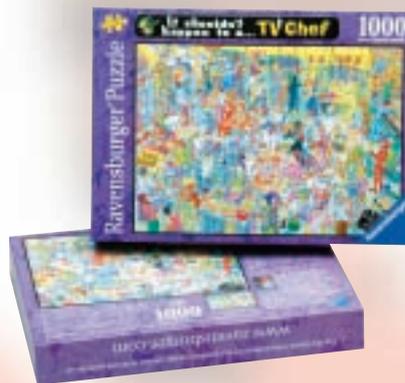
'Shouldn't happen to a Bargain Hunter' is the latest in this great series from Ravensburger.



15798 - Shouldn't happen to a Bargain Hunter



15362 - Shouldn't Happen to a Gardener



15255 - Shouldn't happen to a TV Chef

BRAND NEW FOR AUTUMN 2007 & AVAILABLE NOW



14553-Spaniel Puppy



14554 Grand Union Canal

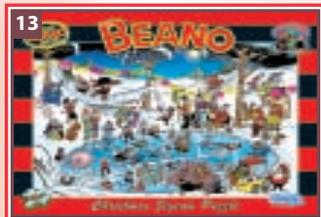
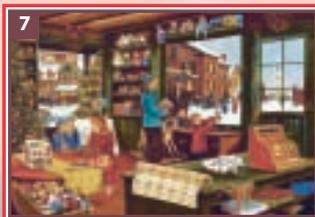
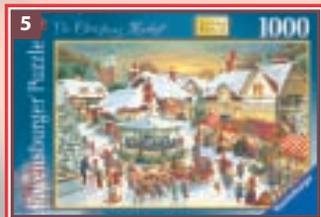


14555-Cottages at Bilbury



14556- The Old & the New

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS



- 1 R2005-Country Christmas LE
- 2 G2005-Christmas Holidays LE
- 3 G2006- Christmas LE
- 4 OPX- Christmas Shopping LE
- 5 R2007-Christmas Market LE
- 6 G2007-Christmas Surprise LE
- 7 G500-Christmas Shopping
- 8 G505-Vintage Christmas

- 9 G415-Cobblestone Christmas
- 10 G420-Night Before Christmas
- 11 G482-Olde Christmas
- 12 G931-Christmas Market- 500 Extra Large Pieces
- 13 G695-Beano Christmas 2007- 200pc
- 14 ED2007-Bearly Christmas-1500pc

