

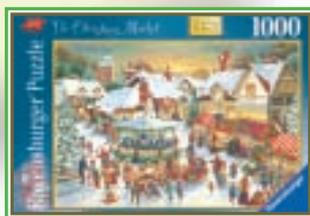


What a great response to our request for new members... You have certainly helped us start our third year with a bang! Many many thanks to you for your efforts and a warm welcome to you all.

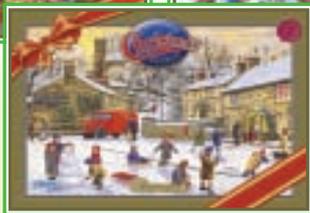
## THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

### Christmas Jigsaws

Our Christmas jigsaws from last months issue raised a few questions about the artists behind them, so we thought that we'd give you a little information on these talented people. 2007 Limited Edition 'Christmas Market' (1000pc) from Ravensburger was created by Roy Trower, whose specially commissioned Christmas jigsaws have been featured by our club for the last three years. Roy studied graphic design at Norwich School of art and has been producing fine art with beautiful depths of colour since 1984.



Gibsons produced a wonderful comic design for 2007 of Santa dozing in front of the fire having no doubt consumed the families offerings and been caught out by three young children and their dog. 'Christmas Surprise' (1000pc) is a specially commissioned painting by Artist Simon Mendez. A Christmas puzzle in real traditional style! Simon was born in 1975 and has loved to draw for as long as he can remember. (Just 32 –worth keeping an eye on) He now paints many different subjects but mainly concentrates his efforts on portraits and animal subjects. For our newest members and collectors, we still have limited availability of Gibsons Limited Edition 2005 – Christmas Holidays (1000pc) by Trevor Mitchell & Limited Edition G2006 Christmas Appeal (1000pc) from Kevin Walsh.



'Cobblestone Christmas' (1000pc) – 'The night before Christmas' (1000pc) are both by Thomas Kinkade. Born in Sacramento, California in 1958, he is Americas most collected artist with his truly beautiful nostalgic style. He has won numerous awards during his career and his original artwork is much sort after. With such a following I'm sure we will see more of his works in Gibsons range during 2008.



'Olde Christmas' is a superb montage of early Christmas posters from 1878-1903 created from The National Archives & the Illustrated London News. Whereas Vintage Christmas was created by two very talented ladies called Kate Thacker & Kim Minichello. Despite living 1000 miles apart their combined talents have put together a wealth of montage type artwork.



Combine this with the Christmas Shopping (1000pc) by Gibsons, Beano 2007 Limited Edition Christmas (200pc), Educas 2007 (1500pc) Bearly Christmas and our very own Christmas Shopping by Kevin Walsh and we think we've brought you a very merry Christmas package.

### READ ABOUT

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# NEWS & VIEWS

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

As a new member of The Official Puzzle Club, I was delighted to receive the introductory package of catalogues and to see the wide and interesting range of jigsaws on offer. I was especially pleased by the selection of jigsaws available based on famous paintings. Having been a dedicated jigger most of my life, I decided a few years ago to 'specialise'. I started collecting jigsaws based on Old Masters. This isn't as easy as it sounds but the habit and the collection slowly grew. No charity shop is left unexplored. Family and friends got involved-birthdays and Christmas is almost sure to bring me a new addition. Now I have more than 25 of them, wide ranging from across the centuries. They include the very famous-Renoir, Van Gogh, Monet, Da Vinci, Constable, Turner et al- and the not so well known, but equally enjoyable-Farquharson, Winterhalter, Kowalski. Nor is it all of the Old Master School. Klimpt, Lloyd Wright, Susan Boulet and Zuckerman are all there. Suitably glued and mounted, they provide me with my very own art gallery – and a means to change the 'collection' whenever I please. My hall, stairway, landing and even the bedroom display wonderful images that I could never afford for real but which have brought me double the pleasure – not only the wonderful art but the fun of the jigsaw. There's even a bit of Michael Angelo's Sistine chapel on my loft entrance. Well it had to be on the ceiling didn't it? Anyone else got a 'specialism' of interest?

**Pat McDonald – Sunderland.**

***It's always good to hear about your collections and the pleasure associated with the collections. We have many avid collectors amongst our fellow 'jiggers'- Collections of trains, Thatched cottages, Wild Animals, Wasgijs, and many more. Would love to hear about yours...Many thanks Pat. Do let us know which jigsaw you would like as a prize!***

Last year I was given a Jigframe (purchased from you) for my birthday. I would like to say how much pleasure it has given me. Each puzzle when completed and displayed gives me much more time to study at leisure. I recommend it wholeheartedly

**Mrs J Palmer – Bristol.**

***The Jigframe, although the initial outlay is a little expensive, has been a great success item for us. The fact that you can display a jigsaw and then change it when you wish without the use of glue is a real bonus. Comes complete with its own board too! So if you're keen on 500pc jigsaws or 1000pc jigsaws and like to display your finished puzzle for a while, this product will give you years of good service and the jigsaw puzzle can be reboxed ready to complete again.***

## JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

*Hello all! Just had a week off and pampered myself with a few choice jigsaws, late nights and lots of takeaways. My friends think I have 'a screw loose' but I have had a very enjoyable week, lost in that magical world! I know you'll all understand!*

***But back to the grind. No time for 'Jigging' during our busy weeks.***

### **1. Does anyone produce a 2000pc puzzle board?**

*We can't find one in the market place but if there is enough demand through the club we're willing to look into producing one. The problem apparently is the sheer size so we're hoping to have one (won't be yet) that can be folded or taken to pieces for storage. At the moment all we can offer is the 2000pc puzzleroll .*

### **2. I notice that Falcon is not included in your newsletters although they do appear on your price list? Are Wasgijs etc. available to purchase through the club?**

*Long story but, yes we can supply all of Falcons jigsaws (now Jumbo-so I understand) but they are not one of our direct suppliers. However we hold good stocks of all their popular lines. If you're a 'Wasgij' Collector, let us know and we'll put each new one on reserve for you.*

### **3. I have ordered and hope to receive soon, the two Mike Jupp puzzle club exclusives, Blind as a Bat & High as a Kite. When will they be available?**

*Still waiting for Mike to finalise the Artwork and then it will be off to the press but think we are now looking at January/February.*

If you want to send someone a jigsaw or membership as a gift, just let us know and we'll send a little card with your greeting.

**Any questions?? I'm here to help.**

**Happy Puzzling  
Jig**



## WINNING WAYS

Our birthday falls on 15th September but we would like to give all members who celebrated their birthday between 8th September & 2nd October a 1000pc jigsaw. So to all our lucky 'birthday boys & girls' don't forget to send us details of which jigsaw you would like to receive.

### **AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 25!**

#### **Who is our most avid jigsaw collector?**

Just let us know what you collect and the total number of jigsaws in your collection by October to win one of our unique 500 piece or 1000 piece Jigframes.

# PREVIEWS

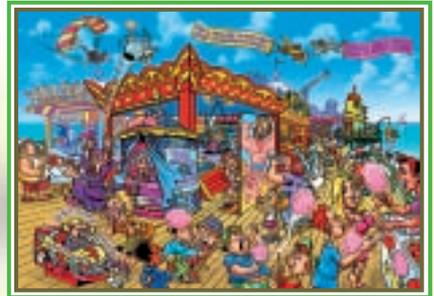
A new concept in jigsaw puzzles Generation Gap Puzzles feature a unique mix of both large and small pieces to enable puzzlers of mixed ability to work together to complete the image. Each contains approx. 146 large and 456 small pieces arranged in alternate rows throughout the puzzle. For the first time the whole family can be absorbed from start to finish. There are three images from cartoon illustrator Paul Cemmick. Paul has worked on three award winning TV shows Spitting Image, Tony Robinson's Maid Marion and her Merry Men and, more recently, he was one of the main artists on the animated satire show 2DTV. He is currently producing comic strips for the BBC and is designing the revamp of Emu. Priced at £8.99 each, they could well encourage our children and grandchildren to become puzzlers of the future



Welcome Home



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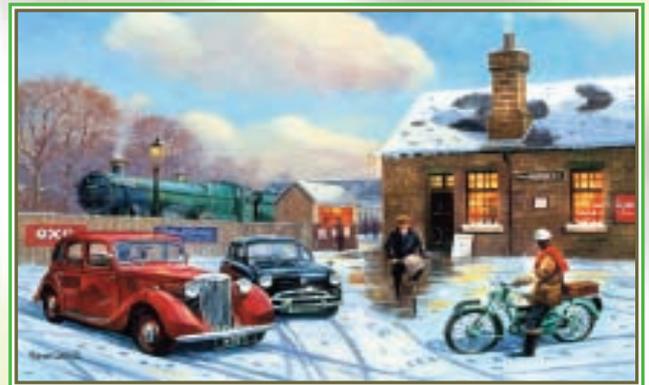


End of Pier Show

## BRAND NEW 1000pc JIGSAWS FOR AUTUMN 2007 & AVAILABLE NOW



G449 – At the Waters Edge by Howard Robinson



3030 – The Arrival by Kevin Walsh

## SPECIAL SELECTION

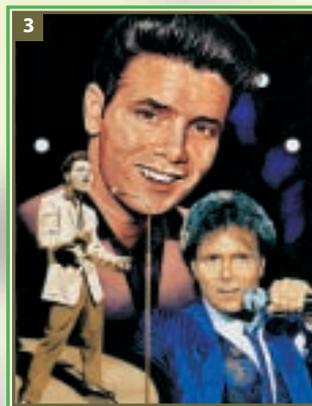
With any three jigsaws purchased from the jigsaws featured in this issue- your choice of our special selection at just £5.00 each. Just indicate your choice/s by including our reference number on the back page/or order form. Limited availability. All 1000pc:



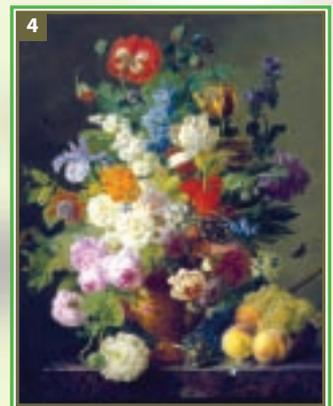
1 C31415 – Coronation of Napoleon  
5 G495 – Newquay



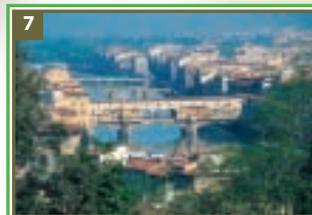
2 G492 – Out and About  
6 R15292 – Thornton Dale Cottage



3 KD2003 – The Young One  
7 R15252 – Ponte Vecchio



4 C31415 – Vase of Flowers-Van Dal  
8 R15283 – Lisa Jane-Little Elf



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