



A very warm welcome to all our members- new and not so new! We've lots to tell you about in this issue, including new ranges coming soon and new range catalogues coming out in the next two months.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

What's new and coming soon!

Each month we set ourselves a challenge to bring our members new jigsaws and ideas from the world's best known and most interesting companies. We listen and act where we can to introduce new ranges, adding to our extensive list, although in some instances, we have been unable to bring you the right jigsaws at reasonable prices.

Last month we added 'Heye' to our range which proved to be very popular. Since Heye do not produce a UK brochure we will produce a leaflet ourselves later in the year. The latest range is on our website and available through the club

Toy Fair and Gift Fair also gave us an insight into latest trends and great ideas –coming soon (again by popular request) The Edge. Jigsaws with 100% edge pieces! Murder mysteries and Crossword Jigsaws- Puzzles with no edge pieces –and scenic montages of the world's most beautiful sites and scenes.

We picked out 'Amazing Africa' for you based on the best-selling book by travel writer Patricia Schultz '1000 places to see before you die'. The Jigsaw showcases 36 of Africa's most amazing places. A great visual or reminder of some of the world

most exciting, scenic places

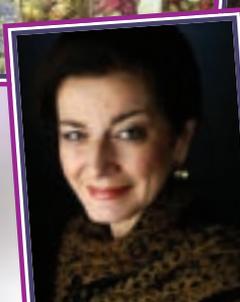
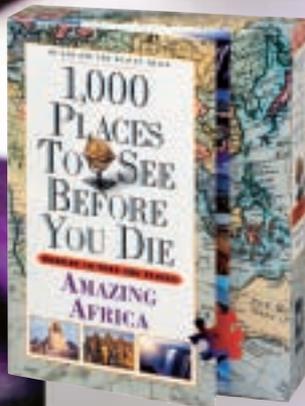
There are two more in this series, which we'll save for later and we're giving no clues!! Just a picture of the box containing a few surprises and lots of enjoyment.

Added to this we are previewing a much requested range of 'Flower Fairies' from Susan Prescott's extensive range along with two superb Jigsaws from the Susan Prescott Great Artists collection. Susan has many interesting titles, which we will feature in future issues of our newsletter.

The Flower Fairies collection has been produced by Susan for a number of years, with new additions added from time to time. The collection is based on the artistic talents

of Cicely Mary Barker who was born in 1895 in Croydon. She suffered from epilepsy as a child and remained physically delicate for most of her life. She was unable to go to school, so she was educated at home and spent much of her time on her own, reading and drawing.

In 1908, when Cicely was 13, her father enrolled her at Croydon Art Society, where they both exhibited work. In 1911, when she was 15 her father submitted some of her work to Raphael Tuck, the stationery printer, who bought four of her pictures for greeting cards. From this time onwards, she was able to sell her work to magazines, postcard and greeting card manufacturers, and later to book publishers.



Flower Fairy Alphabet

Cicely Mary Barker

Patricia Shultz

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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

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.

I was most interested to see from one of your recent newsletters that an estimated 5.5 million jigsaws are sold each year in the UK. When a large majority of those jigsaws are completed more than once, thanks to passing on to friends, jigsaw exchanges, charity shops and E-Bay, it makes me realise what a huge interest there is in doing jigsaws. It seems that jigsaws are nothing like as popular here in France. When I mentioned my jigsaw hobby to French contacts, they are amazed that I can do the jigsaws, take a photo and then take them apart to make way for the next one! I know of one shop locally that sells Nathan jigsaws and occasionally the big supermarkets have a very small collection. We do not have charity shops in the towns, but there are a few large charity shops such as Emmaus where I may find the odd jigsaw, also a large brocante (French version of a car boot sale) may yield one jigsaw. My French friends who visit are always interested to see the latest jigsaw and enjoy the variety of different picture subjects. Occasionally I make up a spectacular jigsaw that I am loathe to break up, so I have a piece of glass cut to just over the size of a 1000pc jigsaw so that I can enjoy looking at it on my coffee table-protected until I complete the next spectacular one.

Yvonne Newell – Merlimont-France.

What an interesting thought. We wonder where else in the world people have this great hobby to enjoy? Thanks for sharing this one with us. I'm sure our members will be both surprised and interested and maybe able to answer this conundrum.

After reading in a recent newsletter of one of your members enthusing over the new brochures, I have to express my disappointment that there were only three to choose from. As I am only interested in the Fine art ones, I assume I'm too fussy. They are few and far between now. Also I assume that the Educa puzzles you were going to try and trace for me have met with no success?

Miss P Couldridge – Plymouth.

We would have sent our Clementoni and Educa brochures, but they are yet to arrive, so don't give up on us too soon! Sorry we didn't get back to you on the jigsaws you requested. Still have them on pending file, but haven't been able to locate as yet.

Many thanks to Harold who after reading Pat Annesley's letter has sent the Club a small implement that helps those with difficulties to pick up jigsaw pieces. We hope to find the original source of this product and bring some in for those of you that would benefit. In the meantime we'll be sending this to Pat who I'm sure can give it a good home.

JIG'S CORNER

QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

Ann Buckley kindly sent us the following info. Heye also produce a range of 256 extra large piece jigsaws called BIGSAWS which are ideal for arthritic fingers and failing eyesight.

Q. There are lots of American manufactured jigsaws, who have superb ranges but I don't seem to be able to find them readily. Can you help?

A. We have a small range of Christmas Jigsaws coming in from White Mountain very soon, but despite many emails and phone calls, have been unsuccessful in getting the Big US to respond....We'll keep trying. Everything you ask for goes on MY priority list!

Just an aside- Gold members have their own price list with the 10% already deducted so please please don't deduct it again! The only time you need to deduct your 10% is from items ordered from the newsletter. We also have a few members who add £3.50 to each order (i.e.: from Newsletter & additional orders placed) its £3.50 for each order received even if you put five order forms in one envelope!

Sun's shining, so I'm off to lay in the park with my lunch.

Have a great '1000 places' jigsaw experience. I did.

Jig



WINNING WAYS

Far too easy – Jig's pick from the hat... Winning the whole series created to date is Mrs Linda Paterson from Dalbeattie

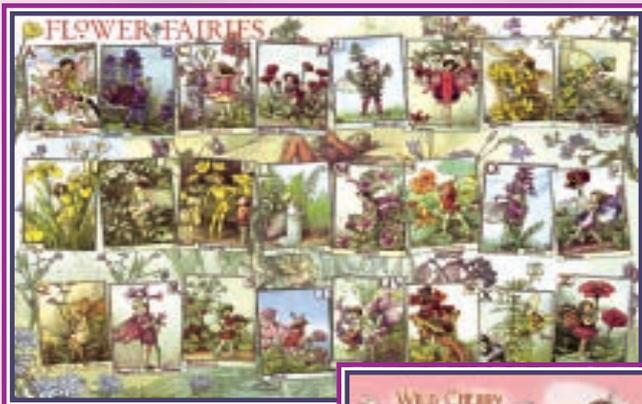
AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 32 - Entries by 31st May please.

Who can make the most words from AMAZING AFRICA?

Our winner will receive the next two in the series: Beaches & Cities.

PREVIEWS

Susan Prescott's Flower Fairies- all 1000pc



CC134 - Flower Fairy Alphabet



CC159 - Flower Fairies Four Seasons

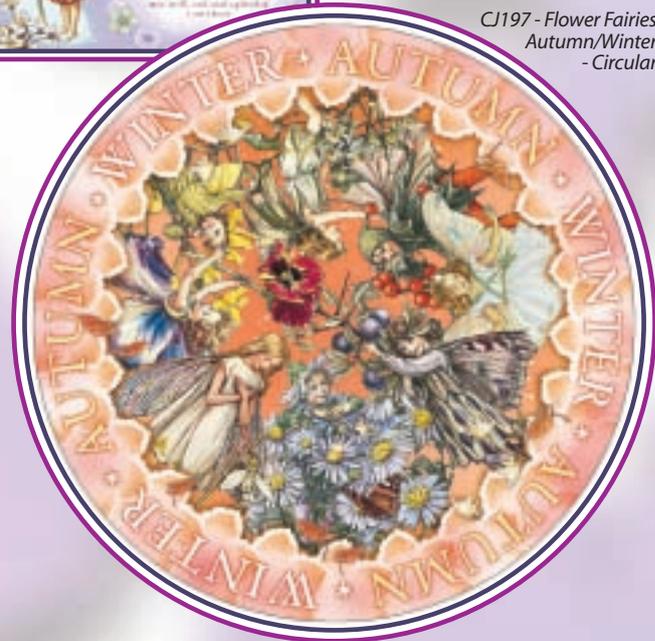


CJ197 - Flower Fairies Poems
(new for 2008)

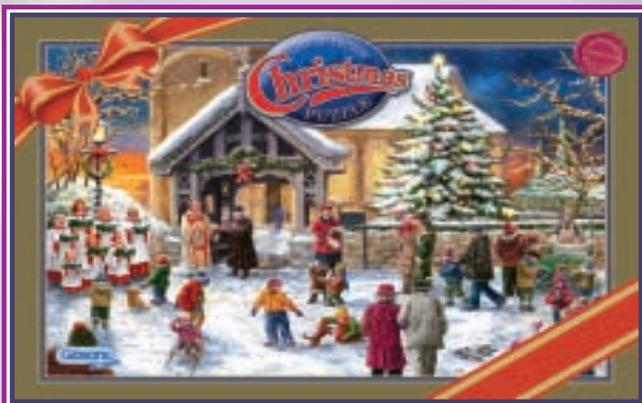
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Spring/Summer
- Circular



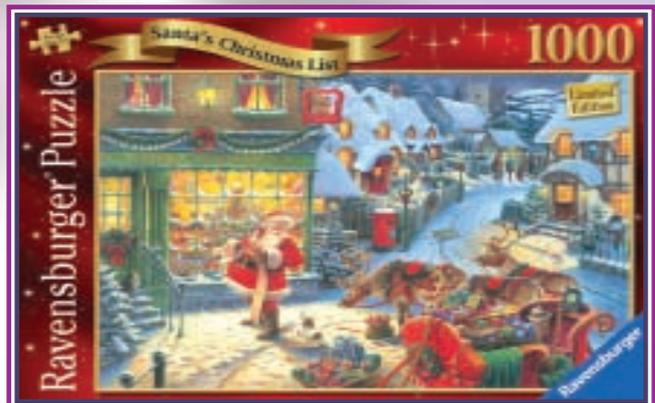
CJ197 - Flower Fairies
Autumn/Winter
- Circular



Reserve your 2008 Christmas Limited editions - available August (No need to send money for these. We will send them out with an invoice/note.)



G2008 - All Creatures Great and Small



R2008 - Ravensburger Christmas

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Beautiful Fine Art Jigsaw featuring three unusual Klimt images.
From Susan Prescott's collection and available at £10.99.

CJ198 - The Kiss-Klimt

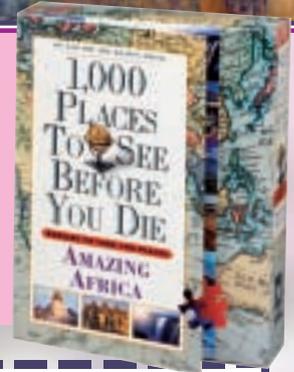


Four Seasons fine art jigsaw by Muchta from Susan Prescott's collection 1000pc Jigsaw available at £10.99.

First in this series: Amazing Africa-Beautiful montage of stunning pictures to take you places! Open the box to reveal the beauty. 1000pc Jigsaw-36 images-available at just £8.99.

CJ196 - Four Seasons-Muchta

Amazing Africa



To order **Four Seasons** and/or **The Kiss** and/or **Amazing Africa** or any of the other products featured in this issue 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 don't want to spoil your newsletter, simply put your request on paper).

Please send me: (Please use blank spaces for unlisted items)

	Price	Quantity	Value
CJ196-Four Seasons-1000pc Jigsaw	£10.99		
CJ198-The Kiss-1000pc Jigsaw	£10.99		
35223-AmazingAfrica-1000pc Jigsaw	£8.99		
CC134-Flower Fairy Alphabet-1000	£10.99		
CC159-Flower Fairy Four Seasons	£10.99		
CJ197-Flower Fairy Poems-1000pc	£10.99		
CC184-FF-Spring/Summer Circular	£10.99		
CC185-FF-Autumn/Winter Circular	£10.99		
G2008-Gibson Christmas	reserve		
R2008-Ravensburger Christmas	reserve		
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Postage and Packing			£3.50
Gold members deduct 10% from above prices		Total Value:	

Name _____

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I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ _____ made payable to THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB.

Please debit my credit/debit card for £ _____ from my: MASTERCARD VISA MAESTRO/SOLO

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