



Wow! Did you do us proud in June? Kept us busy right to the last! We were expecting a slight downturn as you all made tracks to your gardens and holidays, but were taken by surprise by your avid love of puzzling! Lots of new members too! Welcome to you all.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

TREVOR MITCHELL & PETER WEBSTER

Nostalgia has always been one of the most popular subjects for jigsaws and we're extremely lucky to have such a wealth of excellent artists whose works have been transformed into beautiful scenic jigsaws for us to enjoy. This month we are featuring some of the works from two such artists... One very well known to us Trevor Mitchell and the other, Peter Webster – a very recent introduction to our world.

Nostalgic art is the name artist **Trevor Mitchell** chose for his website, yet it's more of a fascination with the past, rather than personal recollection that provides his main inspiration, as many of his paintings depict a time before he was born (in 1959).

As he explains; *'I've always enjoyed looking at old photographs and reading about what life was like for the generations preceding my own. From an artist's point of view, I find so much of the past very paintable – the transport, farming methods and the generally less uniform, less car-cluttered appearance of the urban and rural landscape. I'd give anything for a time machine, but as I can't have one the next best thing is to immerse myself recreating the past on canvas – I aim to paint pictures your imagination can step into and go for a walk back in time.'*

Three of Trevor's paintings featured on the Unsung Heroes jigsaw collection were commissioned by Danbury Mint for a series of Collector Plates called Farming Through the War Years. He recalls; *'My brief was to paint twelve scenes in all, each featuring the Women's Land Army, Fordson tractors and World War 2 aircraft. It became quite a challenge in the end, thinking of a different narrative and setting for each picture.'*

Four of these images have been made into 500pc jigsaws by JR and we've combined them into a pack for you covering the 1940s-Post war. If you would like to see more of Trevor's work visit

www.nostalgicart.co.uk

Peter Webster was born in London and had a successful career in the finance industry. About twenty years ago, he purchased a sketch book and some pencils and started to sketch local scenes. He discovered a talent that up to then he was unaware of.

Drawing in a local churchyard he was asked whether he had any pictures of the church that they could sell in order to raise funds. All the pictures sold, and led to requests for more local scenes. Some five years later Peter had to take early retirement through ill health and decided to try and make a new career as a professional artist.

"I made the decision that in order to do well in this very competitive market, I would specialise in a subject that I knew well. I had been interested in steam trains since a young lad and that was the obvious way to go. I also decided that I would paint the sort of picture that a wife would not mind being hung in the sitting room". He has since received many commissions, including the painting of a series of collectors' plates for the Danbury Mint entitled "Country Railway". Some of Peters works are now available as Jigsaws which we have included in this issue and hope to see many more in the future. More can be viewed at

www.peterwebsterarts.co.uk



A well Earned Break



Over Here










Hay Making 1940



The Post War Major

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NEWS & VIEWS

Our winning letter

I wonder what the ratio is between male & female puzzlers. Far more of the latter I would imagine. I say this because your last missive previewed puzzles with 'Flower Fairies' pictures, which don't appeal to me as a man! Nostalgia seems to be a prevalent influence on many puzzles. I wonder why? Why are trains always steam trains? Can't one of the companies do a series of modern diesel or electric trains? My personal preference is for photographs - not paintings of scenery, buildings, lakes or seaside and room interiors. I do appreciate the service which the Puzzle Club gives to its members. Being able to order puzzles by post via you is a great benefit.

Mr B W H Taylor-Chalfont St Giles.

We do try to cover as much subject matter as possible and pass all comments on. Our membership ratio is indeed mostly female although 30% of our members are male. With the wealth of jigsaws available within our manufacturers catalogues, I think you'll agree we cater for you all! Just occasionally though, we have been known to be a bit 'girlie! Hope you will enjoy choosing a free jigsaw from our vast range.

We love getting your newsletter and are glad that we're not the only ones addicted to the 'hobby'. We are keen caravanners and are never too worried about the weather as it means we can legitimately stay inside-heads down, fingers scrabbling, not believing how quickly time flies. We sit either side of the table, but my husband always does the top half and I do the bottom. We have kept them all so that when he retires and we can no longer afford to buy so many, he decided that we can do them again, but reverse the roles. Me top, him bottom...

I am not looking forward to it. I can think of nothing worse than looking at them upside down!

Jan Purdie-Hythe

Have you tried a circular one? These can easily be turned so you can enjoy all of the puzzle... or you could have a large mirror so you can see both top and bottom, depending on where you're sitting. Hope retirement doesn't come too quickly, so you've time to set a few ground rules!

With so many lovely comments about 'our club' we would like to thank you all for the great support you've given us in the last two and a half years. We'd also like to hear about anything we can do to improve our service and offers. Do write in and let us know if we're missing something! If there is a subject of interest or anything that you'd like to share with all our members.

Margaret

WINNING WAYS

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Congratulations to Mr Mercer from Great Grimsby who managed to detail 259 words from 'Amazing Africa'. All neatly written! Your two jigsaws will be sent out very soon. **Winners for issue 33 will be announced in our August Newsletter**

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

Try as I might I can't get Madam to open a swop/second hand jigsaw corner. She says it's too complicated and too difficult to administer but she's allowed me to print some of your requests! So here goes with a few.

Mrs Cheffins from Wakefield is moving to a smaller house and would like to swop or sell some of her collection of 50 fine art jigsaws. Do contact me for her telephone details if you are interested.

Mrs Anthony has many and varied jigsaws to sell or swop. 500 - 2000pcs, some shaped all completed from new.

May suit someone in the Bournemouth area. She can be contacted on 01202 298063

And Mr Green from Harlow needs help to find a circular Waddingtons jigsaw showing the Coronation of the Queen. He has one from the series, but not the other which shows members of the commonwealth. If you can help and you're willing to part with it, do give me a ring and I'll put you in touch.

Postage seems to be confusing! However many puzzles you order, on however many sheets... The postage/packaging charge is just £3.50 per order (not per puzzle).

With twelve trouble-free days ahead, (office closed-26th June - 8th July) I'm off to enjoy the Jacuzzi - I've secured four extendable arms to my puzzle board so it reaches the edges and a holder for my glass of wine. Haven't quite worked out how to fit the phone yet, so if you can't get me...

...leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Have you a good idea of 'puzzling' in the great outdoors?

*Bye for now
Jig.*

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 34 Entries by 31th July please.

Win a fabulous limited edition print by Trevor Mitchell called Hay Making 1940 as shown on the front page of the newsletter. Simply name another of his works that is available as a jigsaw.

PREVIEWS

**Classic Deluxe 2008 500pc
Jigsaws by Peter Harrison**



4021 - A Saint at Radley - 500pc



4022 - Winchcombe Station - 500pc



4023- Whilst the Sun Shines -500pc

JR- Range-750pc Jigsaws(61cm x 46cm)



The Haywain by Constable



The Cornfield by Constable

**AND A TASTER FROM THE
OTTER HOUSE COLLECTION**
1000pc Square jigsaws
Many more in the next issue



Sheepdog Trials (58cm x 58cm)



Bill & Ben (58cm x 58cm)

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Summer Saturday by Peter Webster-a 1000pc Jigsaw from Classic Deluxe 2008 collection –available at £8.99

3031- Summer Saturday



Leaving Coombe Junction by Peter Webster
a 1000pc jigsaw available at £8.99

Morning Service by Peter Webster - a 1000pc
Jigsaw from Classic Deluxe 2008 collection
– available at £8.99

3033-Morning Service



3032 Leaving Coombe Junction

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