



Gosh that came around quickly. Immersed in sending out all our new members packs and taking telephone calls, I almost got carried away. However, the Calendar glared at me and gave me the necessary reminder that it was time for your next Puzzle Club News!

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

A 'PUZZLING' TALE

Just a few weeks left to organise Christmas! Decorate the tree, make the cake, keep feeding the pudding Brandy, prepare the shopping list, write the Christmas cards, make and freeze whatever can be made in advance, and send invitations out. Oops!! Almost forgot to make a list of presents, wrapping paper and gift tags/bags and all the rest that goes toward making the season of goodwill such a great time of year. There are thirteen of us this year and our Christmas's are usually 'Puzzling' ones. Everyone joins in and we choose at least three different jigsaws, which are all wrapped and placed under the tree. The very first is for the little one's aged between 4 and 7 years old and will occupy the floor area of the conservatory- and for 2005 we have chosen a 60-piece Ravensburger 'Winnie the Pooh'. This will give them hours of fun, whilst I struggle with the 10-kilo Turkey, bake the ham, make the stuffing and prepare the vegetables. No doubt the puzzle will be completed, broken up and then started again, whilst all this is going on.

The older children are in for a real treat with a 200 piece 'Beano Christmas Puzzle' by Gibson's -complete with a brand new puzzle board capable of housing a 1000 piece puzzle when they arrive for their jigsaw challenge next year.

And not forgetting us adults- well I had great difficulty with this! What to choose from the many Christmas Limited Editions available this year, so we have three - all 1000 pieces, Jigsaw Galleries-'Santa's Arrival', very traditional with Santa dominating the scene, Ravensburger's 'A Country Christmas' by Roy Trower, (we still have

a few of these available from The Official Puzzle Club and a numbered Limited Edition Christmas puzzle from Gibson's 'Christmas Holidays' by Trevor Mitchell, which is one of our Official Puzzle Club selections for this month.

It's a great pastime, which everyone enjoys and keeps us fully occupied throughout the few days we get to spend together. With the wealth of presents that are given and received it is amazing that the Jigsaw Puzzle still excites everyone so much.

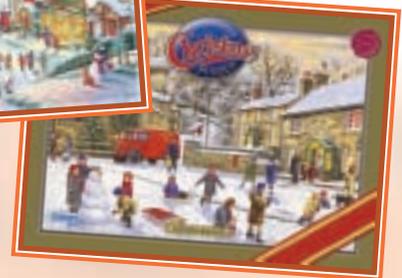
Jigsaw Gallery - Xmas



Ravensburger - Country Christmas



Christmas Holidays



Beano Christmas 2005



Winnie the Pooh - 60pc

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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

I'm a pensioner and have been doing puzzles for more than 60 years and now use them for relaxation and physiotherapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis. Much more interesting than TV. My collection has grown and in spite of regularly sending them to a Jigsaw Pen-pal, I still have over 600 and need to pack 3 or 4 in each box. Unfortunately, this means I cannot see all the pictures and when I want to re-do an old one, and often can't find it. Unless I win the lottery, I cannot afford a bigger place to house my jigsaws, so will have to continue giving a few away to make space for the new ones I want. I'm looking forward to seeing the pictures chosen for the Limited Edition Xmas jigsaws. I've had to become more selective about types of puzzle now and collect series, such as Thomas Kinkade, Souvenir pictures of places visited and cat puzzles. Some Limited Editions if I like the picture, Then I try to obtain unusual puzzles i.e.: luminous, metallic, mirror, those with irregular shaped pieces and 3d puzzles on foam back paper... Too many varieties to list in full. I love a challenge and a different puzzle is just that. As a cat lover, my twin 13 year olds are 'Jigsaw' and 'Puzzle' The younger two Topsy & Tweeny. Tweeny loves pink and often tries to steal a piece of pink sky when I'm doing a jigsaw. The Older cats have learned to watch and mostly leave the puzzle alone, but all like sleeping either on or in the puzzle boxes. I take about 8 hours to complete a 1000 piece and an evening for a 500piece. I always collect enough new puzzles for one a day from Christmas Eve to New Years Day. Sometimes some are left to do later, but holiday TV is never very good and there's

HELP US GROW

Thanks to you all for introducing friends and relatives. Vouchers will be sent out in the next few days. If you know of any like-minded friends, that would like to become part of our Club, do let us have their details. When they join, you too will receive a voucher to spend on one of our specially selected Jigsaws. How about sending a Christmas gift membership or special puzzle club selection jigsaw to a friend or relative? We will despatch in time for Christmas and include a note/card from you. Just let us know the name, address and your message.

We'll do the rest!

a limit to book reading too! Until now my pen pal has dealt with one company that I didn't and she chose their puzzles for me, but I now have a collection of their pictures, so we'll have to be more careful.

Mrs M Holt- Cardiff.

That's a huge collection, and a great letter. Thank you! And I think not having a picture to follow must be a great challenge. You should now have your limited edition and I hope you've enjoyed it. Have enclosed an s.a.e. for you to choose your puzzle prize. Congratulations on being our very first 'Best of the Bunch' letter writer.

Who will take the title for Issue 2?

I have a collection of approximately 400 jigsaws, which have been collected over the years by my daughters and myself. We would be very interested in swapping/exchanging with any jigsaw loving people like us.

Mr Staples - Taunton.

This could be good, especially for some of those elusive jigsaws that are out of print. Perhaps we should start a 'HAVE YOU GOT THIS' corner. If anyone is interested in Mr Staples offer -just let us know and we'll put you in touch.

What a Puzzle!

Where can it be this little piece, is it still upon my fleece
I've looked under the chair, it's only the dog, Do I move
him, No, I do not dare. Is it on the floor near the door?

Oh I'm foxed- Silly me, it's still in the box!

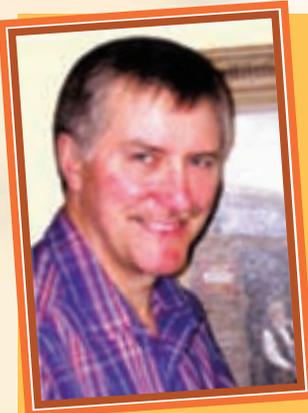
Mrs C Newbury - Mansfield Woodhouse.

This made me smile! I hope it makes you smile too! We hear some strange tails about 'the missing piece'. Where did yours turn up?

Thank you for sending me details about the new puzzle club. I have been doing jigsaws for over 50 years and my preferred puzzle sizes are 1500, 2000 and 3000 pieces. Would it be possible for you to include the larger puzzles occasionally in your featured puzzles, as I am sure there are others who, like me, enjoy a bigger challenge than 1000 piece size?

Mrs P Meadows - Southport.

We plan to make these additional larger sizes available through the club, from various Manufacturers in the near future, but the most popular size appears to be 1000 pieces, which is where we tend to focus. However, this is your club, so if we can get a view from other members, we could feature the larger sizes in the future. Would be interested in your thoughts.



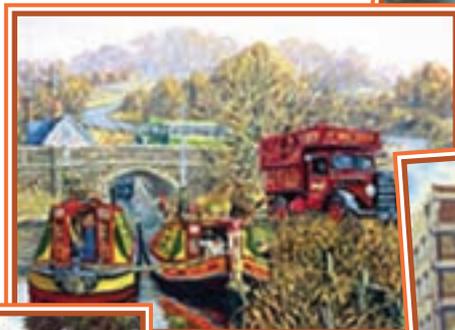
MEET THE ARTISTS and ILLUSTRATORS

Kevin Walsh was born in Castleford in the West Riding of Yorkshire and studied illustration at the Wakefield College of Art. He developed an early reputation initially for his aircraft paintings, but in recent years has become increasingly known for a much wider variety of subjects. He travels miles to research his paintings, which include landscapes, city life and 'bygone' transport. He also spends countless hours sketching before committing the final composition to canvas. Accurate technical and historical detail, combined with the ability to

capture warmth and atmosphere of his subject, are the hallmarks of this remarkable accomplished Artist. Whilst his original Oil Paintings are possibly beyond our reach, he has many followers in our Jigsaw world and there are quite a few great jigsaws available, showing images of his extensive collection.

WHATS NEW?

Just a taster of some of the latest titles, which will be in the shops this autumn from Gibson's extensive range. All 1000 pieces



CHILDRENS CORNER

For our young computer lovers we've acquired an intriguing CD-ROM Jigsaw collection called Children's Fairy Collection click Jigsaws. There are 4 digital jigsaws all of which can be tackled as 24pc, 54pc 84pc or 112pc puzzles giving hours of fun to all the family and you don't need particular computer skills to have a go.

Click Jigsaws are available from the Puzzle Club at £14.99 + £3.50 p&p



WINNING WAYS

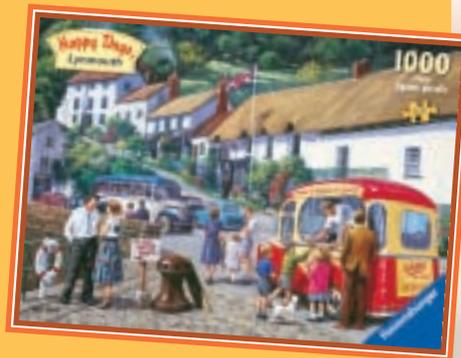
Great response to our last Competition spot. Our winner is **Margaret Holt** from **Cardiff** who amused us with her witty answer: "I Love puzzles because they keep my hands occupied and stop me nibbling." Can we market this idea as a new slimming aid?? Have enclosed your voucher for a free puzzle of your choice from our featured jigsaws.

We thought we'd make it very easy for you this time round. To win a featured Jigsaw of your choice just answer the following. What did Kevin Walsh study at Wakefield College of Art? Answers by 30th November please.

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

'Christmas' Holidays by Trevor Mitchell. Each puzzle contains an authenticated, serial numbered certificate. This 1000piece Limited Edition, from Gibson's range depicts A typical Christmas Village scene.

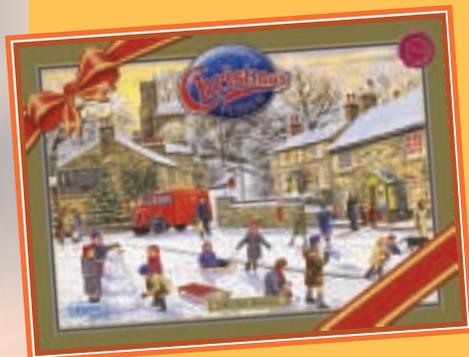
Available at £12.99 + £3.50 p&p



Happy Days - 1000pc.

'Happy Days Lynmouth' by Kevin Walsh. 1000 pieces of Summer Holiday memories to brighten up those winter evenings

Available at £8.99 + £3.50 p&p



'Christmas' Holidays - 1000pc Limited Edition

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To order 'Christmas Holidays' by Trevor Mitchell and /or 'Happy Days Lynmouth' by Kevin Walsh or any of the other products available, complete the Order form below and send with your remittance to:

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Children's CD-Rom Click Jigsaw	£14.99			Membership No. _____
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