



A warm welcome to our New Members who have joined us during April, swelling our ranks and creating a very good base to help us move forward. We're into our eighth month and our club is now receiving some really nice comments. Many thanks to the member who took the time to write to a 'Woman's magazine' recently recommending the Club. It's nice to know that you're enjoying your membership - its makes us very happy

## THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

### Missing pieces

**Although quite a rare occurrence, it can be extremely frustrating to get the end of a large piece count jigsaw and find that there are pieces/ a piece missing. The usual procedure of searching the work area then begins. Check the Hoover, lift the puzzle board. Is it down the side of the chair? Under the table? Having had a thorough search of all-even remote places, do we concede that it must have been missing from the beginning, or has been accidentally thrown away or even eaten by the favourite pet?**

Whatever the thought, it's still irritating getting to the end and not being able to place those final pieces. Whilst the quality of jigsaws has improved immensely due to the modern cutting techniques, it has its own unique problems. It seems that automation occasionally leaves a piece or two behind and with the thousands of jigsaws produced, who knows whose box those pieces will turn up in. Do they end up with a little pile at the end of a working day? And if so what happens next? Although most jigsaws are cut on the same machine, there can be a difference of just a micro millimetre between cuts. This in turn means that even if the Manufacturer is able to find your missing piece, it probably won't fit so the easiest way of dealing with this unusual problem is to replace the whole puzzle!!

I was therefore delighted to find that EDUCA who have just become one of our recommended Manufacturers, have a replacement piece/s service, which was introduced in 1996 and has satisfied over 60,000 puzzle passionate people with this unique worldwide service.

Educa produces an exciting and extensive range, including many large piece count Jigsaws, which are quite hard to come by in most general ranges so for those of you that like a much bigger challenge, the possibilities are not quite so limited. Educa include free FIX PUZZLE™ with all 500-3000pc jigsaws, so if you would like to, you can glue and hang your finished picture AND a 1000pc jigsaw is actually a 1000piece jigsaw. The range, which includes designs by many famous and not so well known artists, neon, panoramic, and a selection of 'The



smallest 1000piece jigsaw in the World' measuring just 46cm x

30cm, is made in Educa's

own manufacturing plant in Spain. The quality and fit is very good –certainly comparable with the quality we promote. We hope to be able to bring you a wide selection of these puzzles in the future, but our initial price list, will only include those designs that are currently available. Catalogues will be sent out during June so as a taster we have specifically targeted this range in our previews & Club selections.



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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Best of the Bunch!

I love the jigsaw puzzle club and all the items included especially the letters. I have a wooden stand rather like a draughtsman's board on which to do my puzzles. My husband made it along with two huge boards to take up to 2500 pieces on which to do my puzzles, as I am partially disabled with spine problems. He is doing a jigsaw at the moment which is a real 'lulu'. The picture on the box is of an Italian cathedral with a walkway and folks in the foreground. Problem is that when he began it he found the picture had been printed wrongly, so that the left of the jigsaw is on the right and the right on the left. He's been up until all hours with it. I'm doing Gibson's 'The Confectionery', which is lovely. I collect all types of jigsaws and have about 14 Victorian ones. I did once write to Ravensburger asking them to think about doing a Victorian Christmas scene in a busy kitchen as I think that would make a good subject.

**Mrs Linda-Jane Murray-Mendis - Mansfield.**

*Sounds as if the transparency used during production was reversed!! Could be a new trend for Manufacturers to use. I hope Mr Murray-Mendis has completed the task now and is pleased with the result. I think he probably deserves to receive the jigsaw for 'Best of the Bunch' for effort, however, since you wrote the letter... a Jigsaw of your choice will be sent to you with our thanks. Just let us know which you would like. All our Manufacturers receive copies of our newsletters, so perhaps one of them will take note of this nice idea for a Christmas puzzle.*

*Can anyone help one of our new members? She is looking for a jigsaw to do with hospitals, -i.e. casualty department-operating theatre wards or anything like this. Carol Williams is a nurse and this is for her mother who is now housebound. The only one I know of is a Jan Van Haasteren called 'Get well soon.' If you know of any others, please let us know and we'll pass the info on.*

I tried to purchase the Club selections through your internet site, but discovered, firstly that some of the previews you have shown in the magazine are not on the site and that as a gold member, when payment is taken it doesn't reflect the 10% discount. As I prefer to use the internet for my purchases, can you advise how I get my discount and when you'll have your complete range featured.

**Mr A Randall - Oxford.**

*Just to update you....! We have been so busy with new members' introductory packs and orders from the catalogue ranges; we have had no time to work on the internet site. We are predominately 'phone/letter based club, giving everyone*

*the opportunity to order puzzles with no hassle. However, we have just taken on an IT company to update the site on a regular basis in order to give our Computer literate members an easier option. The site should be vastly improved by the end of May and Gold member discounts will be allocated on site. For the moment we are assigning credits against future orders for all overpayments.*

Having just finished my Junior Puzzleball, I thought I would send you my picture and say how much I enjoyed putting it together. My mum and I had a competition to see who would finish their puzzleball's first and I won! Will there be any new Puzzleball's be available soon?

**Drew Spendlove - Kings Langley.**

*Well done Drew... (but hope you didn't upset Mum!). We have several NEW puzzleball's coming in and we'll be telling you about them in the next newsletter. Look out for 'Adidas Match Ball' and 'England 1966 World Cup win' and perhaps we'll get Mum working on 'Historic World Map'. However, you'll be equal this time round because they will be 540pcs!!!*



## NEWS FROM THE PUZZLE CLUB

Don't normally take space away from the reader's letters section, but with so much to tell you, needs must.

1. Firstly the promised article on accessories has been put on hold until June, and stocks will now not be available until July.
2. Clementoni catalogues are now available along with a selective price list of those products currently available.
3. We have also enclosed as promised a brochure featuring a selection from 'The Wentworth Wooden Jigsaw Company Ltd'. This is only a small part of their range which will be featured with new brochures during the year. We also owe this company an apology for printing their logo and Company name incorrectly on the last brochure.
4. I shall be away from June 3rd for 14 nights. The phones will be manned but no despatches will be made during that time. Please leave a message for me and I shall contact you as soon as I get back. Hopefully, this won't cause any problems.
5. Unfortunately Ravensburger Puzzlestore is not available at present. We will update you as soon as we have further information
6. Finally, due to many requests for back issues we are including a leaflet featuring all Club editions to date.





# MEET THE ARTISTS and ILLUSTRATORS

Born in Altai, one of Russia's most remote and off-beaten track towns, Viktor Shvaiko grew up surrounded by the beauty of the wilderness. His natural inclination for fine arts drove him to find a way into the Novosibirsk Artistic School, one of the two best art schools in the former Soviet Union.

Having attained technical excellence, Viktor's main focus became the beautiful Altai Landscapes. Unable to get a visa to a western country under the stifling Russian bureaucracy, he was permitted to travel to Yugoslavia. During the confusion of the civil war, he fled to Italy, with his painting strapped to his back. Having arrived virtually penniless he survived by selling his paintings on the streets of Rome, building a following for himself. His success enabled him to save enough money to return to a more liberalised Russia and he was able to obtain passage to America. Arriving with little money and less English, Viktor again was able to survive by selling his work. It was here he developed his penchant for painting the little cafes and other intimate places that have become his trademark today .

## WINNING WAYS

Thanks for the excellent response to our monthly 'Winning Ways' section. So many correct answers. We'll have to make it a little more difficult! The winner of a custom made Wentworth Wooden jigsaw puzzle is Christine Davies. Christine do let us have your good quality photo for reproduction of this unique prize and choose between 140-500pcs, and we'll set the wheels in motion. Congratulations!

**And for issue 8. Where are Educa Puzzles produced and how many pieces does their largest puzzle have?**

Answers by 31st May please.

*(Since we have been quite lapse in sending out vouchers-our winners will not receive a voucher in future but can choose any 1000pc puzzle of their choice from any of our extensive ranges. Just let us know which you would like. You have 12 month's to register your choice.)*

## PREVIEWS

Look out for two new Mirror Image jigsaws from Ravensburger being launched in July alongside Airport & Holiday Village featured in Issue 7 and launched in April. By all accounts this has been well received. The concept is simple- the solution a little more difficult. The finished picture is A MIRROR IMAGE of the box picture!! To be previewed in Issue 9. We'll also be previewing the **2006 Fifa World Cup puzzleball** for all our Football fans. A great piece of History featuring the 1966 World Cup Team... more next month.

And as a taster here are a few of the Educa Range available now. Catalogues will be included with our June issue:

10113 - Tower Bridge-Neon series 1000pc



13050 - Da Vinci's World-1000pc



11789 - Sea Cloud-1500pc



13028 - You are Here-1000pc



12016 - Sunlit stroll-1500pc



# OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Peaceful Café scene called 'La Palette' by Viktor Shvaiko a 1000pc jigsaw from our latest range by Educa. Available at £9.99.



La Palette by Viktor Shvaiko (13063)



Sky Roads (13027)

Fly High with Sky Roads -a painting by Royce made into a 1000pc Jigsaw and available at £9.99.

**If you would like to place an order for any of the products we have, please simply fill in the order form on the back page OR YOU CAN NOW CONTACT US ON LINE @ [www.jigsaw-puzzle-club.co.uk](http://www.jigsaw-puzzle-club.co.uk) or by telephone: 0118 978 9599.**

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