



How are we doing!! At the end of September we will celebrate twelve months of our New Puzzle Club and we're delighted with the numerous comments and compliments, we've received thus far. We're building very nicely, thanks to your efforts and look forward to bringing in lots of new manufacturers to add to our already extensive list in the near future. Increasing your choices and keeping you in touch. Many thanks for helping us to grow.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

June 2006

Amongst the many events and celebrations coming up for June are three of some note, that you're sure to be aware of.

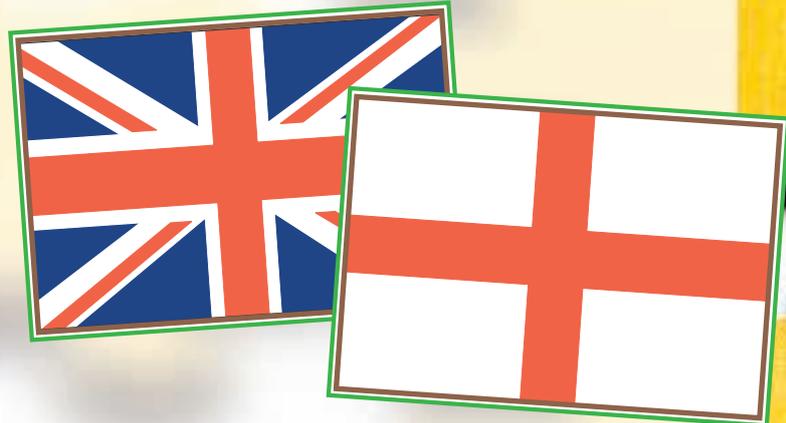
The Queens Official 80th birthday event takes place on 17th June. Have you ever wondered why her Official Birthday isn't marked in April? I'm sure many of you will know this, but for those of us that didn't, King Edward VII started this tradition. Having been born in November, it was felt that, the finer weather associated with May or June would be more convivial to mark a birthday celebration of the monarchy. Subsequent Monarchs had birthdays which fell at convenient times of the year, but the tradition was revived by the Queens father, King George V1, who was born in mid-December.

The Queen continues this tradition, which is always marked in the same way with the Trooping of the Colour ceremony and a fly-past over Buckingham Palace. There are many exciting events taking place this year, including an exhibition of photographs of Her Majesty which commenced in April at Windsor Castle and will continue through to 11th March 2007 and for the fashion lovers, an exhibition of evening dresses and personal jewellery taking place at Buckingham Palace from July 26th – September 24th.

Although there is a book of Photographs being sold in most good bookshops, there is only one Jigsaw that I have found, which we have featured in our previews. If you know of any others, do let us know!

Royal Ascot returns to its Berkshire home in June, after extensive work to renovate the Grandstand and course. The Royal Meeting, with all its sophistication, glamour and elegance commences on Tuesday 20th with the Official opening of the Racecourse and finishes on Saturday 24th June. The new Grandstand offers a wealth of premier hospitality facilities, including the Parade Ring restaurant and the Panoramic Restaurant with stunning views of both the track and Windsor Forest.

The most publicised event, at present commences on the 9th June with the host Team Germany, playing Costa Rica in the



very first match for the World Cup taking place in Munich. We (England that is) don't get to play until match 19 on the 15th June and depending on the results, I suspect we will still be enjoying or avoiding the televised matches through to the final, which takes place on 9th July in Berlin. We last won in 1966 against the host nation so it would be great if 40 years on (was it really that long) we could repeat this success!! Ravensburger have come up with two great jigsaw challenges to celebrate/commemorate this great event in our calendar...Fifa World cup win of 1966 Puzzleball featuring the England team of days gone and Adidas Match Ball 2006- both are 540 pieces and set to become collectors pieces for the future. We have featured both, plus a unique magnetic stand in our preview section this month.

So quite an eventful month. Whether you're lucky enough to be attending or enjoying the spectacle from your living rooms, we'd love to hear your views and stories associated with these events.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

As children, we were encouraged by my Father to do jigsaws and on completion we were given 3 old pence. At that time Woolworth was selling Jigsaws, I don't recall how many pieces, for 6d each (2.5p). They had a series depicting scenes from Snow White, around six in all and we collected and completed the series many many times.

I also remember, during the War, Pond's did tokens on their pots of face cream and if you collected 10 tokens you could send for a puzzle featuring one of the many Film stars / Celebrities who used their products. There were several – Moira Shearer & Kay Francis amongst them... I don't remember how many there were in total and wondered if anyone else recalls these?

Thank you so much for this contribution. I'm sure there were lot's of promotional type jigsaws available and would love to here from anyone who can recall other similar offers or recall the rest of the 'Ponds' series. This lady asked for us NOT to publish her name so we won't. However, Mrs..... if you would like to get in touch with us we will arrange to send you a puzzle of your choice from our ranges as a thank you.

Several of our members responded to Mrs Linda-Jane Murray Mendis's request for a puzzle depicting a Victorian Christmas Scene of a busy Victorian kitchen scene. There were apparently two produced. A 2000pc by Hestair and Mandolin also produced one. These are now out of print, but, hopefully will be reproduced at a later stage.

Due to the many requests for all sorts of information, we will be including a 'Members query section' in the next newsletters, so if you want to participate, do please let us have your questions and we'll try to get you the answers!

I wonder if there is a 'Jigsaw Gene'. In my family only my Mum and myself were addicts, however my Dad became hooked when, one night, unable to sleep, he got out of bed to make a drink. He sat at the table where Mum had a puzzle partly done, fitted one piece and realised (an hour later) he had completed it. Now my elder sister is starting to join in so we are gradually teaching her our 'tricks of the trade' and starting her off on our easier puzzles.

Pamela Pritchard – Great Barr.

Jlf there is a 'Gene' he/she works in mysterious ways and I think he/she is nocturnal since we all seem to get so involved that time stands still for us until sometimes the early hours!! Thought you might share your tips of the trade though.....Does everyone use the method of finding all the straight edges first, or do you start on something of intense colour? Do you sort your pieces into sections? Do you hide the picture? How do you complete yours?

Can anyone help me find a Jigsaw depicting a Lancaster Bomber with ghost images of the pilots surrounding it and an old man and child in the foreground and can you tell me who produced it?

Mrs Atkinson – Tamworth.

Did try to find out about this one. Perhaps the Members will be able to help. Will let you know in the next newsletter.

The 'Accessories' feature that I know you've been waiting for, will be covered in our very next newsletter due out beginning of July. So look out for lot's of tips and help in next months issue!

We are pleased to include 'Educa's' 2006 brochure and a price list showing available Jigsaws. Due to the fact that this and the 'Clementoni' ranges are imported, there will be some product that we are unable to supply. If you have a particular request, then please let us know and we will try to bring this in on a future order. Please bear in mind that these product ranges can take up to eight weeks from order to delivery. We have also chosen two beautiful puzzles from Trefyl and will give you more information about this company later in the year.

I received my members packs today along with the many inserts and must say that I was really pleased with all so far. I have joined as a Bronze member, as I wanted to put my 'toe in the water' and find out a little more about you, but if things continue as they are would consider being a Gold member next year. I have a couple of questions.

You state that a Gold member receives 10% discount. Is this on all jigsaws or just the one's on offer in the newsletter. Is the postage on each item or on the total order? And lastly how long will I wait for my puzzles to arrive. Do they always take 28 days? I have been very pleased with the speed in which you handled my enquiry and look forward to receiving the monthly newsletters. Thank you.

Mrs Davis – Petersfield.

Hopefully, you will continue to enjoy the 'Club' and the many jigsaws we can offer. We have had many requests for upgrades during the few months that we've been running the club. We will be offering all our Bronze members the opportunity to upgrade on renewal, however, if you don't want to wait, we can upgrade you at any time. Gold members receive 10% discount on ALL RANGES AND ACCESSORIES OFFERED, so if you are a real 'puzzle enthusiast', this can be a great benefit. Postage is £3.50 whether you purchase one jigsaw or several and where we include different price lists/order forms, these are combined so whatever the range postage is added only once. As far as delivery is concerned, we aim to process every order within 24 hours of receipt, but occasionally, if we are waiting for a delivery, or are out of stock of a Jigsaw this can take a little longer. (But rarely more than 14 days)

WINNING WAYS

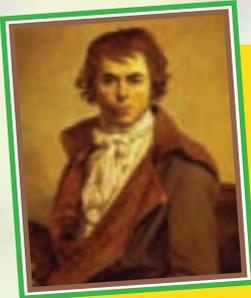
Our Issue 8 winner is Mrs I Trood who gave us the correct answer to our questions re: Educa, and wins a 1000pc jigsaw of her choice.

And our Winning Ways question for Issue 9:

Can anyone tell me where Trefyl Puzzles are produced?

Answers by 30th June please.

(Just a reminder! 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 months to register your choice.)



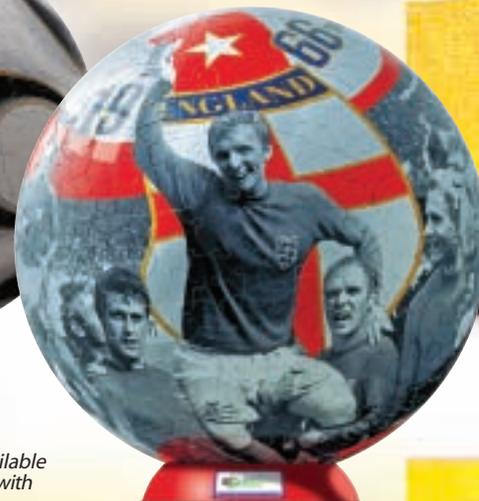
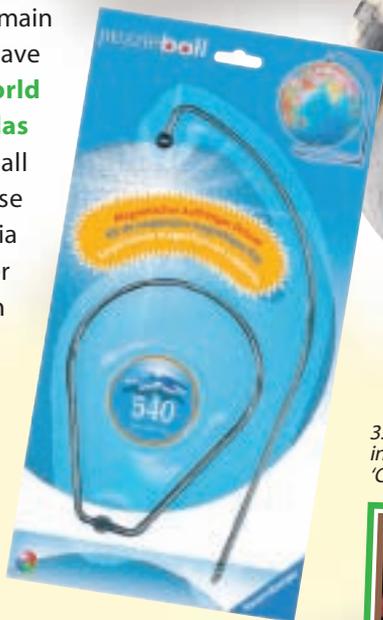
MEET THE ARTISTS and ILLUSTRATORS

Jacques-Louis David was born into the family of a wealthy Parisian merchant on August 30th 1748. When the boy was about 10 years old his father Louis-Maurice died after a pistol duel and his Uncles took care of his upbringing. His desire to become an Artist was supported by his close relations, who became his models in the early years. At the age of 26, after several years of study, and four years of taking part, he won the 'Prix de Rome award with his painting of 'Antiochus and Stratonice'. David enthusiastically greeted the French Revolution and from 1789 he actively participated in political life. He was arrested twice and narrowly escaped with his life. Resuming his artistic career, and after completing his most prominent work 'The Intervention of the Sabine Women', he met Napoleon with whom he was totally captivated and went on to produce many paintings devoted to his new hero and his relatives.

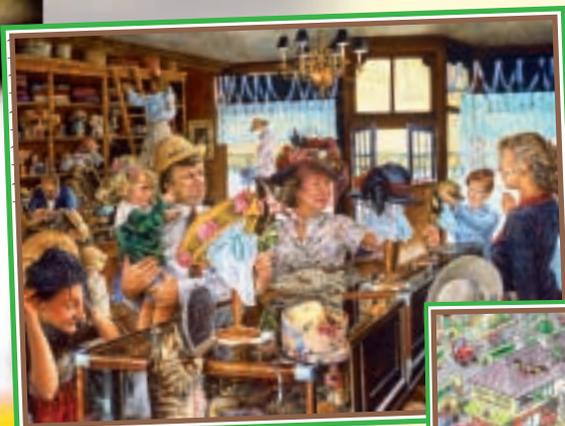
We are pleased to offer one of his famous works, made into a 1000pc jigsaw from the Clementoni Museum Collection- and available from the Official Puzzle Club at a very special price. (See Our Puzzle Club selections).

PREVIEWS

As promised to celebrate our main topics in this issue we have featured the **2006 Fifa World Cup puzzleball & The Adidas World Cup match ball** for all our Football fans. For those collectors of Royal memorabilia we have a beautiful laser cut jigsaw from Wentworth Wooden Jigsaws (Please allow 28 days for delivery) and to celebrate the re-opening of Ascot we have chosen fashion! With the Milliners. AND TWO new Mirror Image's Jigsaws available mid-July.



3304 - Many Happy Returns-available in sizes 250pc-1500pc complete with 'Corgi' shaped Whimsies



Garden Centre- 1000pc Mirror Image available July

G833 - The Milliners -1000pc



Theme Park-1000pc Mirror Image



OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

In our quest for sunshine and travel, we have chosen this beautiful tranquil scene of The Grand Canal, Venice. 1000pc Jigsaw from Trefyl. Available at £8.99.



The Grand Canal (10105)



A real taste of summer from Trefyl, A Summer Pantry-1000pc. Available at £8.99.

Clementoni (31416)

Summer Pantry (10158)



And added to this- A very special offer: If you purchase the two jigsaws on offer this month, you can also purchase 'The Coronation of Emperor Napoleon 1 by David at £4.99- normally £9.99.

To order The Grand Canal and /or Summer Pantry or any of the other products available, complete the Order form below and send with your remittance payable to: (no payments taken until despatch)

The Official UK Puzzle Club, PO Box 3351, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2WE

Please send me:

	Price	Quantity	Value	Name
The Grand Canal- Venice	£8.99			_____
Summer Pantry	£8.99			Address _____
Coronation of Emperor Napoleon	£4.99/£9.99			_____
Fifa World Cup 1966 Puzzleball	£19.99			_____
Adidas Match Ball 2006-Puzzleball	£19.99			_____
Deluxe Magnetic Puzzleball Stand	£3.99			_____
Many Happy Returns-250piece	£22.95			_____
Many Happy Returns-500piece	£41.95			_____
Many Happy Returns-1000pc <small>(Please allow 28 days for delivery for Many Happy returns -made to order)</small>	£82.95			Postcode _____
The Milliners-1000pc	£10.99			Telephone _____
Garden Centre-Mirror Image (July)	£8.99			Email _____
Theme Park - Mirror Image (July)	£8.99			Membership No. _____
Postage and Packing			£3.50	
Gold members deduct 10% from above prices			Total Value:	

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

Please debit £ _____ from my: MASTERCARD SWITCH VISA

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