



What a terrible few weather weeks we've had! Hopefully you've all escaped the dreadful floods and kept in the warm. We just hope that whatever has transpired over this period you're on the way to resolution! The warehouse suffered a flood too – so we're hoping that we can replenish everything quickly, so as not to cause any delays.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

Jigit 2007

We were invited to attend the 4th Annual National Jigsaw Puzzle Championships held at the traditional venue of MANOR NURSERY, RUNCTON, Chichester. It was a real eye-opener for us to see how efficiently and quickly a team of two could assemble a 1000pc Gibson Games/ Mike Jupp cartoon Jigsaw puzzle. The air was electric as 15 teams (there were two sessions –one starting at 9.30am and the next at 1.30pm) competed for the fastest time and was fascinating to watch.

Clock set - The wrap was removed and box opened after which there appeared to be two differing strategies. Some teams concentrated on completing the outside edge and separating out the main colour areas before starting to put the puzzle together and others, after separating edges and colours, divided top and bottom- one starting on top section and the other on the bottom section.

After just 45 minutes, the puzzles began to take shape with several main sections in place. At this stage of our observation, we were itching to join in, so hands in pockets, we decided to leave the competition area to partake in a cup of excellent coffee in the cafe.

We returned 30 minutes later and were surprised to note the progress –the race was on to reach the end and we were about to see the previous record for the completion of a **GIBSONS GAMES/MIKE JUPP 1000 piece Cartoon Jigsaw Puzzle SMASHED** by the winners of the very first Jig-it competition which was held at Manor Nursery in 2004...

Richard & Sue Dusart of Barnham.

Richard & Sue received a JIG-it plate, and **£100** cash!

Last year's record time of 1 hour 51 minutes, set by SANDY & KARIN WHITTINGHAM of Fishbourne, was blown away in the staggering time of **1 hour 33 minutes!** Just brilliant!

Sandy and Karin came third this year with a time of **1 hour 50 minutes** winning **£25**, and a runners-up Jig-it plate.

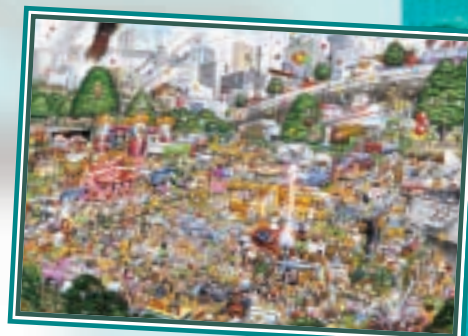
2nd place were Lynne Halcombe and Clair Fitzwilliam with another great time of **1 hour 38 minutes** winning themselves **£75**, and 2nd place JIG-it plate.

What incredible fantastic times! Will it be beaten next year? "It would take me longer than that to open the box!!!!!" said Mike Jupp as he presented the prizes.








The jigsaw chosen for this years 'Jigit' competition was donated by Gibsons and is the latest in their 'I Love... series' **'I LOVE CARBOOT SALES'**.

Everyone went home with at least something, whether it was a prize, a puzzle or back-ache! And are looking forward to next year's event, details of which will be published soon.

And for the future! After four successful 'Jigit' years, Mike is hoping to expand the competition to incorporate more regions of the UK, with the ultimate goal of a NATIONAL 'JIGIT' competition in the future.



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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

(Just a reminder that the letter published in this section qualifies the writer to a free 1000pc jigsaw of their choice – Just let us know which you would like)

In relation to 'lost' pieces. I have had similar experiences to two other puzzlers. Not so long ago, I hunted high and low for a missing piece. It came to light a few days later when sorting the washing! Not only do I say "don't wear turn-ups- but watch your cuffs". I had a piece caught up in a turned up cuff. Cuffs have also accounted for knocking pieces about on my board- a lovely one purchased from Jigthings. Due to aging eyesight problems, I am now restricted to 1000pcs or less. This is a very lightweight board with an edge to prevent pieces sliding off. Used in conjunction with a folding card table, the board can be easily lifted to give access to all sides and corners. A while back I discovered my dog had suddenly started chewing something-he hadn't been given anything-Yes you've guessed it! My cuff had presumably had knocked a piece on the floor. It was just about salvageable!!

Ann Buckley -Cannock.

So easily done! Even one of the 'Jigit' entrants managed to drop a piece on the floor during the competition. Frustrating when it takes a few days to find, but great satisfaction when you can slot in that last piece. When jiggling avoid turn-ups, cuffs and pini's with pockets!

And more...

We are very keen 'Caravaners' and as the weather is so unpredictable, usually take a few jigsaws with us on our many breaks. Although there are lots of people who turn their noses up at our pastime, it's surprising how many 'happy campers' are pleased to join us for a glass of wine and a jiggling session. In the past twelve months we have completed –with lots of help, around eighty jigsaws. Is this a record of puzzling away from home?

Linda & Steven Cassmore - Billericay.

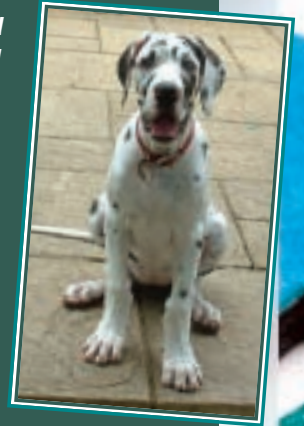
I would have loved to attend the Jigit competition but after years of driving have given up my car and don't like public transport much. If by chance there is a competition in my area I would be willing to get a bus or taxi. The brains still working, but the body lets me down! I've been a jigsaw fan from a very young age- I'm 89 now and think I could still pip these youngsters to the post!

Mr C H Walker - Ipswich

Jigit and the Official UK Puzzle club combined are looking to roll the competition out to other areas of the country. We're looking for those rare independent Garden Centres, who would enjoy the staging and publicity connected with a fun day out. If you know of a nice venue in your area, do let us know and if you think you would like to join in, let Jig know and he'll compile a list for future reference. Won't happen immediately, but we're working on it.

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

Told you about Lou last month. Hard to believe, but she had more mail than me. That not so little puppy has got her own fans, who phone & write asking how she is? Well- I'M fine- a little jealous really. One more photo and no more until she's one.



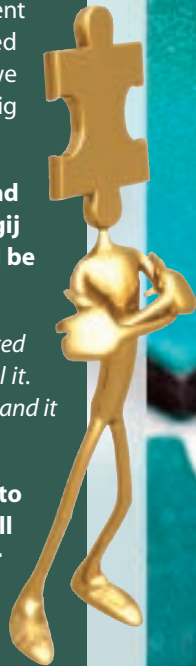
We got an interesting cutting from Margaret in Cardiff about Howard Robinson. As you know, he is the Artist along with Kevin Walsh, who created the image for our latest two jigsaws, Paris1 & Paris 11. He was commissioned by Laura Bush to paint a picture of their beloved Scottie Terriers as a present for the President Bush's 60th birthday. The President of the United States of America enjoys 'puzzling'Should we make him a complimentary member? Answers to Jig please!

Our jigsaws Paris 1& 11 will be in next week! And we've just had our delivery of Wasgij 14 & Wasgij Christmas 3. Graham Thompson's Christmas will be in during August.

Great tip: If you have a piece of jigsaw that's separated from its board, use a tiny dab of egg white to reseal it. Thanks to Mrs Moore from for that info. We've tried it and it works!

Looking for that sunshine somewhere – going to be away? Just let us know the dates and we'll make sure you receive your jigsaws on your return.

Happy holidays & Keep Puzzling-Jig.



WINNING WAYS

Many entrants –no incorrect answers. Our winning entry was Mrs B Mills from Cheshunt. Congratulations! Please let us know which 1000pc jigsaw you would like as your prize.

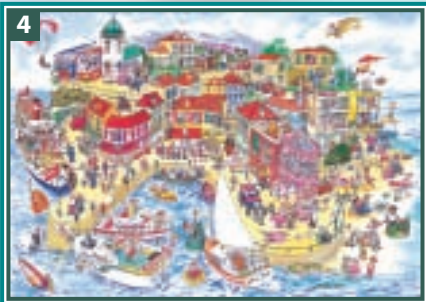
AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 23!

**Who did the original artwork for
Paris1 & Paris11?**

Answers by 21st August please.

PREVIEWS

The latest Mirror Image Jigsaw is now available bringing the total to six great comic images. Just complete the picture as if you are looking into a mirror. Just as a reminder we're previewing all three in this issue. (All 1000pc puzzles)



1 15524-Campsite Chaos
4 15254-Holiday Park

2 15410-Garden Centre
5 15256-Airport

3 15442-Theme Park
6 15733-Shopping Centre-New

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A Christmas Surprise



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And...for those of you that prefer a larger version, we've chosen a 1500pc Educa Jigsaw called 'Bearly Christmas' by Tom Browning and available at £11.99.

The Christmas Market

Bearly Christmas



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