



It's so nice to see the sunshine at last, small buds appearing on the trees, bluetits checking out their potential new homes and daffodils in full bloom in the garden. British summer time at last and hopefully some better weather looming.

A warm welcome to all

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

We are delighted to be able to bring you a selection of quality jigsaws manufactured by Falcon /Jumbo adding yet another major manufacturer to our already extensive list.

Until recently we have not been able to show images of this great range, so although we have strived to fulfil our members requests for Falcon/Jumbo products, we will now be able to keep you totally up to date with their range, including the images for our many 'Wasgij' collectors

Falcon puzzles have been manufactured since 1976. The Falcon range has continued to expand and flourish. All of the Falcon puzzles are produced and manufactured in their own factory in Holland. Their range of adult cardboard puzzles includes many traditional and innovative subjects and the quality of the puzzles is excellent. Using precision printing and cutting techniques, it brings together beautifully finished high quality Fine Art images and popular collections - from richly detailed cottages and nostalgic countryside scenes to striking one-off images. It all starts with the selection of the imagery. Not every attractive picture makes a good jigsaw. With the greatest possible care, Falcon chose only the most suitable illustrations for their puzzles. In addition, they use only top quality cardboard, so that each piece retains its optimal shape and fits seamlessly in the jigsaw time after time. They die cut each jigsaw piece carefully, so when the jigsaw is completed, it looks like a poster. Today's Falcon puzzles are designed and crafted with

the same passion for excellence. They celebrate Falcon's distinctive brand values of heritage and innovation. This new packaging really brings back the heritage with the packaging in racing green and gold, strong brand messages, new categorization, additional piece counts and more product information. Making jigsaws has always been, and will always remain, their passion - and they are very proud of that! They wish you hours and hours of jigsaw enjoyment.

This year the Falcon range are launching a new range of puzzles from Country Living. All the photographic images on the puzzles can be found within the Magazines. The Country Living Magazine attracts people with their romantic dream of living in the countryside. United by a love of rural living and a strong desire for a better quality of life, they are discerning but prepared to invest in a range of products that combine quality, craftsmanship and lasting value. These beautiful puzzles really capture the essence of Country Living. We have included available jigsaws within our preview pages and will revisit the range as new images become available.

Whilst we have limited the initial range, we will be making the whole of Falcon's extensive range available in the very near future.



Wasgij Mystery 5 - Sunday Lunch



Wasgij Destiny 9 - Super Models




Nostalgic Brands



Coronation Street

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NEWS & VIEWS

Readers Letters

Our Star Letter

I don't know whether you know about Picturemaps Jigsaws. I bought one from a Charity shop - "Life in a Medieval Abbey". It was great fun to do: it was a cross section of an Abbey and in each cell there was a mouse somewhere. The monks all had smiley faces and the activities were many and various. It was almost done in cartoon style. The puzzle was complete (lucky me) and was 750 pieces of good quality. Later I found a similar puzzle by Picturemaps in another Charity shop but this time there were 91 pieces missing. The subject was Stonehenge and explained how it was built in a series of cameos. The men were again in caricature style and most amusing and very informative. I contacted Picturemaps on 01424 433792 and spoke to a Pete Smith. Apparently Stonehenge puzzle was no longer available but they had the puzzle in a plastic bag but no box. (I had returned the incomplete puzzle to the Charity shop for a refund - the box went too). Picturemaps sent me the puzzle for no charge. I made it and it was complete. (750 pieces). I went back to the Charity shop to buy the box back but they had thrown it into the skip. It had been raining for about 4 days non-stop. The skip was outside. I found an old chair and climbed into the skip and searched among all the debris of the Staff lunches, the oddments of junk that wouldn't sell soggy cardboard but I did not find the box - soggy that it would be. Anyway I wrote and thanked Pete Smith for the puzzle and told him it was complete. (He had not been sure it would be) and told him about my adventures in the skip. By return of post came an empty Stonehenge box and a lovely cartoon, in the style of the puzzles, of me on a chair halfway down a skip in the rain and a little mouse looking over the edge. Apparently the Picturemaps Staff had been very impressed! with my efforts that they searched the premises for a Stonehenge box. The puzzle pictures are drawn by Pete Smith and his depictions are truly wonderful. I asked him where I could buy his puzzles and he told me his outlets were mainly English Heritage, as his subjects are historical. I have spent a lot of money going to English Heritage sites but have never seen one of his puzzles. The address of Picturemaps is 18 Tackleway, Hastings, East Sussex. TN34 3DE. Is there any hope that The Official Jigsaw Puzzle club could stock these Picturemaps Puzzles?

Valerie Hughes- Harpendon

What a great story! You deserve your free puzzle for such incredible efforts. Can't promise you an illustration... (.perhaps a picture of 'Lou') Will contact Peter and see what we can do. We are always looking for new companies with such good customer relations. Will keep you informed!

WINNING WAYS

Issue 41

Well done Jacqueline Howe-Doddington. That was quite a list! Congratulations. We will have your LE print sent out as soon as possible.

Look out for the 'jig' competition results in the next newsletter.

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 43

What nationality is world renowned artist Jan Van Haastereen?

Answers by 31st April please to win his latest two jigsaws. The Playground & The Kitchen

My son and I love to puzzle together – we could do with an extra picture of the puzzle.

They used to include these, but seem to have stopped. We very much like the 'James Christensen' Jigsaws. Are you expecting any more of them? Sometime ago you had a jigsaw with an illuminated bridge in Amsterdam. I come from Amsterdam and used to walk over the Bridge. I would really love to find it.

Catherine Tuck-Hemel Hempstead.

If anyone can help Catherine trace this jigsaw, please contact Jig who will pass on details.

We haven't seen any new James Christensen jigsaws this year-The newest being 'The Parables' but will keep an eye out for you.

JIG'S CORNER

QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

At last-they've arrived! Delivered at 12.00 and despatched before 3.30pm. She can be a hard taskmaster. "My Wasgij collectors have waited long enough" was all she said. If you didn't get yours please let ME know (I'll be in trouble if I missed you!

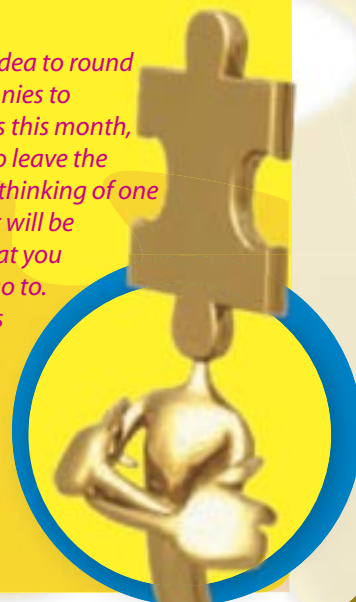
Clementoni are NOT producing a catalogue this year, but we will be putting together a leaflet. Hope to get it out with this newsletter, but might be later...I'll try my best.

We hold stocks of all of **RAVENSBURGER'S & GIBSONS** ranges as well as Clementoni, Hamilton Grovely, Crown & Andrews and many more, which are available through the club for all our members. Some members thought they could only order through the newsletter! NOT SO-we're here to help.

Lots of phone calls regarding the idea to round everything up and donate the pennies to charity! So we're going to start this this month, if you're unhappy Margaret says to leave the pennies off your payment. We are thinking of one of the many animal charities? But will be pleased to support any charity that you would prefer to see your pennies go to. Just let me know. Hope that covers all your recent questions.

Keep puzzling.

Jig



PREVIEWS

New Jigsaws – available now.
And many more coming soon.

1000pc deluxe jigsaws are **£9.00**
 JVH & Wasgij - **£10.00**
 1500pc deluxe jigsaws - **£13.00**
 500pc - **£7.00** / 2 x 500pc - **£10.00**
 1000pc Shaped Jigsaws - **£13.00**



FJ10905 Afternoon Tea - 500 pc



FJ10924 Ride in Country - 1000pc



FJ10960 London Bridge - 1000pc



FJ10922 Buckingham Palace - 1000pc



FJ10926 Country Village - 1500pc



FJ01698 Garden Getaway - 1000pc



FJ01591 Woodland Lodge (no image) & Artist's Corner 2 x 500pc



FJ10931 Christmas Shopping - 1000pc



FJ10911 Christmas Carriage - 1000pc



FJ01672 Shaped Butterfly - 1000pc



FJ01665 Shaped Angelic Swan - 1000pc



FJ13015 The Bakery - 1000pc



FJ13016 The Village Square - 1000pc



FJ01651 Shaped Ocean Fish - 1000pc

Preview New Jan Van Haasteren

Place on reserve to secure your copy.
 Delivery approx. 6 weeks



The Kitchen - 1000pc



The Playground - 1000pc

Whilst every effort will be made to ensure your choice is available, deliveries are not as frequent as our UK based factories so it may take a little longer to fulfil your order.

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Bringing you a taste of Ireland



Old Village Pub - from Falcons
2009 Deluxe range -1000pc jigsaw
available at £9.00



Country Life - Nostalgic image
from Falcon's 2009 Collection
available at £9.00



**A taste of sunny summer days
Floral Fantasy** - from Falcon's
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available at £9.00

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