



Many thanks to all our members who remembered our 4th birthday and sent their best wishes. As we face our fifth year we are looking to continue to grow our club steadily and offer as much variety as we can. If you have likeminded friends or relations who would like to join us we'll give you an introduction bonus for £10.00 to spend on a future purchase from the club, when they join.

## THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

### Innovation Brings Celtic Myths to Life

Innovative Irish company Tailten Games & Puzzles Ltd. have revitalised the ancient Irish myths of Fionn and the Fianna, Diarmuid agus Gráinne and Cúchulainn with a range of the most beautiful jigsaw puzzles you will ever find, featuring the original artwork of Irish artists Jim Fitzpatrick and Rachel Arbuckle.

It all began with Murray Heasman, a gifted craftsman, designer and innovator. At the age of thirteen he wrote to Airfix, the model aircraft makers, to suggest they produce a range of model birds. They did just that, and thus began Murray's future career in the toy industry. He actually started out as a cartographic surveyor in the Ordnance Survey where he perfected his skills as a technical draftsman. After a few years, he turned his craft to carving, and then whilst trying to find a short strap to hold his mandolin, developed a way to carve and paint elaborate leather Celtic knotwork mandolin and guitar straps. He was even commissioned to make one for legendary guitarist Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin; this was a seminal moment – the realisation that there was perhaps more in this Celtic knotwork than first imagined – it changed his life!

Six years ago he formed Tailten Games in order to combine his interests in strategic games and Celtic mythology with his craft skills to produce Tara, a strategic board game inspired by the ancient legends

of Ireland's Celtic heritage. He commissioned Rachel Arbuckle, one of Ireland's finest Celtic artists, to paint the playing board and was so impressed with her work that he also commissioned two paintings for jigsaw puzzles; Courting Peacocks and St. Brendan the Navigator. These were such a huge success that the range kept on growing, so the works of Jim Fitzpatrick, one of the most celebrated and internationally known artists of his generation, best known for the Che Guevara image and his mythological Irish art, were later added to the range.

The success of Tailten Games & Puzzles Ltd. to date has been bestowed with a number of international awards including Winner of Best Abstract Strategy Game from Games Magazine (USA) and Spiele für Zwei - Wiener Spiele Akademie (Austria). The company has been recognised in Ireland with wins at Showcase Ireland, the International Craft, Gift, Fashion and Interiors Fair, and the Autumn Gift Fair. Artwork is continually being created for future puzzles – so look forward for more to come!

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# NEWS & VIEWS

## Readers Letters

### Our Star Letter

I am an old lady who loves doing jigsaws. I like them with colour and interesting pieces. Can you tell me if you do 'Gibsons larger pc jigsaws? I used to belong to the Falcon club, but they went on the WWW - What ever they call it - these new fangled ideas - I can't manage them.

I would like a 'Jig brooch', when you get them and will be ordering some Xmas puzzles. I hope you can understand this letter as I don't get about much but doing puzzles, knitting, and patchwork is my limit... and feeding and watching birds. I would like to upgrade my membership to gold if this is possible.

**Sylvia Dixon - Folkestone**

**You and many others have difficulty with the worldwide web, which is why the club is mainly phone/letter based. We stock all of Gibsons range including 250pc & 500pc larger pc jigsaws and an upgrade to the next level Silver or Gold can be actioned at any time. The fee for an upgrade to silver is £25.00 which includes a free 1000pc jigsaw and no more annual fees and for Gold- £50.00 which entitles you to 2 x 1000pc jigsaws- no additional membership fees and 10% discount on all club purchases (excluding postage).**

## JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

*What can I say! The 'Jigpin' has been a great success and I'm just such a happy chappie! Thanks to all MY FANS. Is there anything else you would like featuring me?*

*Just to let you know that we are really happy to talk to you on the phone to clear up any questions you might have and take your orders. If you prefer to send in by mail that's fine too!*

*I put a proposal to madam about having a brochure of all the puzzles that are not catalogued. But apparently this could be quite costly. I suggested that you'd be willing to pay say a nominal amount for this info! -just once a year. Probably be around £2.00*

*Be interested in your feedback on this?*

*And just a short reminder that we stock ALL our Major manufacturers products, whether in the newsletter or not. One stop shop! Postage for each order is just £3.50 (no restriction on quantity) not on each jigsaw.*

*Our charity pot is filling up nicely. Thanks for all the extra pennies! Who would you like to see as our nominated charity next year?*

*That's me done until next month!  
Going to grab a piece of birthday cake now*

*Jig.*

Never let it be said that our Jigsaw Club is lacking in ideas-old or new. The latest one (Issue 47) - a Christmas club for presents, extra puzzles etc. It seems a good idea BUT has anyone turned this around and thought of it from Margaret's point of view. (There are always two sides to every question). She will have to set up a bank account of some kind - then there is the extra paperwork, even with a modern computer - of each individual sending his/her 'club' remittance.

Then there would be extra forms to print and provide extra postage for Margaret to send them when required. Will people want to pay for all this extra work?

Would it not be easier for members to acquire a 'piggy/jigbank' and just put their moneys to one side? Family could also then contribute.

This Club is a specialist Jigsaw facility for people to have easy access to puzzles from various firms and in my opinion they have enough to do without any additional work!

**Jacqueline - Sittingbourne**

**Whilst we have to agree, that something like this would be difficult to administer, due to the positive responses, we would be happy to HELP OUT - Perhaps this could be a project for 2010! To give us time to put a system in place. We will advise our decision in January. But like the idea of a 'Jigbank' If anyone is interested in this idea-let us know and we'll try and source a suitable Jiggie-bank for the purpose. PREORDER ONLY. and 10% discount on all club purchases (excluding postage).**

So glad I joined your club and am of course renewing. I look forward every month for the newsletters and the latest offerings. Waiting for the pin price.

**Susan-Nolan - Whitstable**

**Jig just wants to say how delighted he is with the uptake on his pin and the great comments received about the quality. Available at £10.00 +£1.50 p & p (50p going to our 2009 charity)**

## WINNING WAYS

### Issue 44

So many correct answers - Well done Mrs Diana Chichester from Braunston who would like Seaside Antics as her prize. Congratulations you should receive your Jigsaw shortly.

### AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 47

Rachel Arbuckle is one of Tailten's most popular artists. Who else has been commissioned by Tailten Games for his Celtic art?

### Answers by October 31st please

The winning entry can choose any jigsaw from the Tailten range.



# PREVIEWS

Lot's of new jigsaws for you this month from Tailten, Gibsons and Otter house. All in stock and available for immediate despatch. Just fill in the order form or put your request on paper and we'll get them off to you.

## Tailten Games



TG314 - Green Man - 1000pc @ £13.00



TG315 - Finn McCool - 1000pc @ £13.00



TG316 - Diarmuid & Garinnie - 1000pc @ £13.00



TG312 - Carpet Page - 1000pc @ £13.00



TG317 - Boann-1000pc @ £13.00



TG313 - Nuada-1000pc @ £13.00

## Otter House

Great new designs from the Otter House collection in square & Rectangular designs

Sizes: 1000pc Square: 58 x 58cm, 1000pc Rectangular: 68.5 x 49cm

ALL PRICED AT £10.00



56714 - Hay Making - Square



56716 - Shepherd's Cottage - Square



56717 - Kitchen Cats - Rect



56720 - Potting Shed - Rect



56713 - Cricket Green - Rect

## New from Gibsons



G3015 - Christmas Joys - 500pc - £8.00



56718 - Flower Garden - Square



56719 - Watching & Waiting - Square



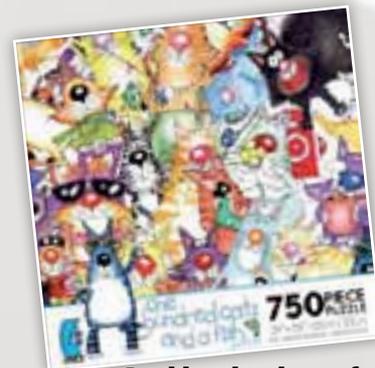
56712 - Winter Village - Square



G6029 - Back to Future - 1000pc £11.00



G6027 - Market Day - 1000pc - £11.00



And lastly - have fun with this one from Ceaco 100 cats & a Fish-750pc @ £8.00

# OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS



The Last Post - Colourful nostalgic scene by Derek Roberts from Gibsons Autumn Collection - 1000pc Jigsaw available at £11.00



Night Before Christmas from the Otter House collection - 1000pc Jigsaw available at £10.00



The Village Blacksmith - Nostalgic scene by artist Michael Herring from Gibsons Autumn collection. 1000pc Jigsaw available at £11.00

To order **Night before Christmas** and/or **Village Blacksmith** and/or **The Last Post** or any of the other products featured in this issue complete the Order form below and send with your remittance payable to: The Official UK Puzzle Club **The Official UK Puzzle Club, PO Box 3351, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2WE.** (If you don't want to spoil your newsletter, simply put your request on paper)

Code No/Description	Size	Price	Quantity	Value
56715-Night Before Christmas	1000	10.00		
G6030-Village Blacksmith	1000	11.00		
G6028-The Last Post	1000	11.00		
TG311/TG352/TG307/TG310/TG309/TG314 (Please circle your choice)	1000	13.00 (each)		
TG311/TG352/TG307/TG310/TG309 (Please circle your choice)	500	9.00 (each)		
Jig66-Jigpin	n/a	10.00		
56712-Winter Village	1000	10.00		
56713-Cricket Green	1000	10.00		
56714-Hay Making	1000	10.00		
56716-Shepherd's Cottage	1000	10.00		
56717-Kichen Cats	1000	10.00		
56718-Flower Garden	1000	10.00		
56719-Watching & Waiting	1000	10.00		
56720-Potting Shed	1000	10.00		
G3015-Christmas Joys	500	8.00		
G3016-Candy Corner	500	8.00		
G6027-Market Day	1000	11.00		
G6029-Back to Future	1000	11.00		
100 Cats & a Fish	750	8.00		
<b>Postage &amp; Packing</b>				<b>£3.50</b>
<i>Gold Members- Please deduct 10% from above prices, excl p&amp;p</i>				<b>Total Value</b>

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 Please debit my Credit/Debit card for £ \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type  Master Card  Visa  Maestro/Solo

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