At long last we can confirm that ‘High as a Kite’ and ‘Blind as a Bat’ have arrived – adding to our ‘****As a Newt’ and ‘Drunk as a Skunk’ and well worth the wait. Thank you for your patience - Our new members will not realise that these have been produced exclusively for The Puzzle Club by the extremely popular Artist Mike Jupp. There will only be 1000 of each of these jigsaws made, making these very collectable.

“Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

Benjamin Franklin

Margaret has asked me to write a few lines on how the ‘Rustic Revels’ collection came into existence.

I have always LOVED Natural History and I have always LOVED the English Pub.

Back in the 1970’s, I painted a series of animal cartoon illustrations for, ‘The Hare and Hounds’ Pub, in Marlowe, Bucks.

The first image was of an angry, tired whippet, looking over the hedge of a pub-garden, at a relaxed, tweed-jacketed hare that was drinking a frothy pint of ale. On the tankard was engraved ‘Hare Restorer’ (My artwork may have improved over the years, but my jokes haven’t!)

That inspired me to create my ‘Country Cliché’s images which I’ve been adding to over the years. A mixture of Pubs and animals had the inevitable result of relating images to well known phrases connected with animals and alcohol!

The dour, miserable, Temperent Puritans may look down their collective sad noses at these bucolic boozers, but I’ve had nothing but praise for not just the images, but for the quality of both print and packaging. That sounds like a pre-prepared advert, but anyone who knows me, knows I have no need to bull****!

I am VERY impressed by The Official UK Puzzle Club’s production of ‘Rustic Revels’. They were the very first complete Jigsaw Puzzle images that I have created using C.G.I. (I no longer use the traditional gouache and illustration board of the last Century to create works of er?..‘art’) Therefore I was somewhat hesitant to see what the printed result would be. IT IS SPECTACULAR!

Even the tiny furrowed eyebrow of a disapproving Nuthatch in ‘Blind as a Bat’ is clearly visible.

I am over Earth’s natural satellite with ‘Rustic Revels’ and I hope puzzlers everywhere, will be equally pleased!

Cheers from Bognor Regis,

Mike Jupp
Readers Letters

Our Star Letter

A little belatedly, I have just finished the puzzle ‘Great Events of the Bible’ purchased from the club before Christmas and feel I must write to congratulate the Club in marketing this lovely jigsaw. The Bible stories and scenes are so beautifully illustrated and the colours are so bright with helpful wording so clear. I have traced more than 80 stories depicted, which makes it the most enjoyable and fascinating puzzle I have completed in years. Thank you and carry on the good work.

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Very best wishes.

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Jig’s Corner

Questions, Information & More

It’s a puzzle. Despite Madam having a very bad flight back from her Birthday celebrations in the US (13 hour trip without the bits at both airports) - she’s come back with a smile and Cream Cakes for all. Whatever BA did we should be grateful. She’s usually like a bear with a sore head if anyone takes her valuable time!

Q: Is it OK to reserve Gibsons Xmas puzzle now, or will I wait until you give us the option?

A: We have got details in this newsletter, but there is no problem with reserving any of our jigsaws at anytime.

Q: Are there anymore catalogues coming out?

A: As we receive them, we will be sending them out to you. We are still planning our brochure to show some puzzles where the manufacturers haven’t got catalogues, but with a few new manufacturers coming on stream soon, we want to give you as many options as possible so could be June-September.

Coming soon-new jigsaws from Educa, Clementoni, Falcon, Classic Deluxe, Crown & Andrews, Schmidt…

Happy Puzzling

Jig

Winning Ways

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Mike Jupp has produced many fun pieces of art-work, which have been made into Jigsaws. Name just one other and receive a signed Mike Jupp Jigsaw of your choice signed by the Man himself!! Entries by 31st March please with details of your preferred choice.

Winning Ways Competition-Issue 52-Winner

Congratulation to Alison Bright - Ingatestone whose entry was selected by Helen and wins a 1000pc Jigsaw of her choice. Please advise which you would like
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G6038 - Nanette’s Cottage
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AND A BONUS! Buy all 4 Rustic revels featured on our front page & select one additional jigsaw from our best sellers list at just £5.00

And Lastly- an opportunity to preorder Gibsons & Ravensburger Christmas LE (Delivery July)

R2010-Santas Flying visit (coloured image - April)
To order **Milkmans Round** and/or **Out of Harms Way** and/or **The March** 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, PO Box 3351, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2WE. (If you don’t want to spoil your newsletter, simply put your request on paper)

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