



# THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

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## Important information

See 'Dates for your Diary' for details of the Ramsbottom Jigsaw Festival 4-6th September 2014

**The second British Jigsaw Championship was held in Newmarket on 13th July and a new champion was crowned. Sarah Mills from Taverham in Norfolk completed the 1000 piece puzzle in a breath taking time of 1 hour and 58 minutes.**

Sarah was delighted by her win, 'My father heard about the competition last year on the radio and suggested I enter. I used to do puzzles a lot until I became a Mum; small puzzles pieces and babies are not a good combination!' When asked for the secret of her success Sarah explained 'Instead of doing the edge first, I used colour blocks to help to help match the pieces as much as the picture on the box - the hardest part of the puzzle was completing the arch. Sarah wins a cheque for £100, this years trophy and gets to keep her competition puzzle.

Last years champion Emma Jenkinson from Cheltenham in Gloucestershire came in second this year completing the puzzle in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Emma described the winning time this year as 'Phenomenal' and whilst she was sad not to have won Emma was delighted that her time was a considerable improvement on last year.

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Third prize was taken by Maggie Kirtleys from Hook in Hampshire who finished in 3 hours and 15 minutes. Maggie is an experienced puzzler and her achievements include 4th place in the 24 hour puzzle competition held each year in Belgium which attracts teams from all over Europe.

There was also a pairs competition which unfortunately only had 1 entry - Susanne Seyb and her husband from London worked valiantly for 5 hours on the 1500 piece puzzle but were unable to finish before the end.

The competition puzzles were supplied by event sponsor Coiled Spring Games and their representative Rachael Wyatt was there to support the event. Rachael said, 'I am delighted to be a part of the puzzle festival and to support St Mary's in their fundraising. Jigsaw puzzles are a passion of mine and it's good to see so many people taking part. I hope we can get more competitors next year.'

The 1000 piece puzzle used in the competition was Schmidt's Renato Casaro's 100 years of film and the 1500 piece Schmidt's Gumpert's Swarming machine, both of which will be available to purchase from a future newsletter or through our website shortly.

## NEW RAVENSBURGER RELEASES

Available for immediate delivery

### What if? No 7 - The Portrait - 1000pc

Leonardo Da Vinci is always busy, painting portraits of the rich, famous and beautiful. He is happy to take on new work, but there are days when he just wants to go home and have a glass of vino. So WHAT IF Leonardo never actually painted the Mona Lisa? Would he still have become the world's most famous artist? The picture on this pack shows Leonardo busy at work in Florence. The puzzle inside the box shows the outcome many years later.

**What if? No 8 - The Racehorse - 1000pc** Jim Luckless has had a windfall and decides to spend it on a racehorse. He is sure that Contraflow, bred at Patrick Wheeler-Deeley's racing stables, will make him a fortune. But WHAT IF Contraflow had a very special talent? And WHAT IF things took an unexpected turn? The picture on this pack shows Jim buying his racehorse. The puzzle inside the box shows what happened after that.

### What if? No 9 - Santa and Rudolph - 1000pc

Christmas Eve is a very busy night for Santa, as he drives the sleigh, scrambles down chimneys and delivers presents across the world. Rudolph reckons Santa has an easy time of it, eating mince pies and drinking sherry, whilst all he gets is a raw carrot. So WHAT IF Rudolph and Santa swapped jobs? And WHAT IF Rudolph really got stuck into his new role? The picture on this pack shows Rudolph's usual situation. The puzzle inside the box shows what COULD HAPPEN if he changed jobs.

## NEW JUMBO / FALCON RELEASES

Available for delivery mid-late september

**'Halloween'** is the title of this spookily delightful 1000 piece Falcon de luxe jigsaw puzzle by Tony Ryan that is part of the Falcon Nostalgia Collection. This highly detailed Halloween themed 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle magically captures the old fashioned joys of the 31st October and how families enjoyed this festive 'holiday' in their local villages. You will be able to piece together children who are being chaperoned by their parents dressed in spooky costumes as witches, ghosts, zombies and more as they walk around the village and enjoying the themed games on offer and knocking on their neighbours doors and saying 'trick or treat?'

**'By the Fireplace'** is the title of this warm hearted 1000 piece Falcon de luxe jigsaw puzzle by Alison Griffin that is part of the Falcon Nostalgia Collection. This highly detailed nostalgic puzzle peacefully captures the warmth that is

being given off by the brightly burning fireplace and enjoyed by the border collie who is laying across the rug on the floor as his owner sits quietly on his favourite armchair reading the paper. We hope that you will agree that this image is truly delightful and is sure to give puzzlers a sense of soothing enjoyment as they build the puzzle piece by piece.

**'Santa's Christmas Present'** is the title of this Falcon de Luxe Christmas 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle by Simon Treadwell that includes a FREE 500 piece jigsaw puzzle 2015 calendar - so now you can piece together a jigsaw puzzle and use it to keep track of your dates.

The image of the 1000 piece Christmas puzzle features Santa Claus driving his new classic car - a Christmas present that we are assuming Mrs Claus brought for him to help him deliver all his presents. The image is extremely festive as you can see from the snow falling gently down the street as Santa drives past decorated trees and street lights that have wreaths hung from them to get this neighbourhood in the Christmas spirit. And there is plenty of detail to enjoy piecing together in Santa's new car with all the brightly coloured presents stacked high.

**'Through the Cottage Window'** is the title of this beautiful 500 piece Falcon de Luxe jigsaw puzzle by Sarah Adams that is part of the Falcon Cottages collection and the second 500 piece puzzle in the 'Through the...' series of jigsaw puzzles that have been produced. The puzzle image captures a warm summers day being enjoyed by our adorable cats that are sat on the window ledge of a cottage peering out at the brightly lit village outside. The bright and vibrant colours used to create this 500 piece jigsaw puzzle image will give puzzlers a sense of heart warming joy and a passion for these four cats, even if you are not a cat fan, which puzzlers will notice as they lay down each piece of the jigsaw puzzle.

**'Summer Fun'** is the title of this beautifully painted 500 piece Falcon de Luxe jigsaw puzzle that is part of the Falcon Fine Art collection. The puzzle portrays a family of young children - the eldest sister, the younger brother and the two youngest daughters, who are taking a playful walking along the beach with their two loveable pets - a beautiful brown and white St. Bernard and a small Jack Russell who is white with a black spot of his chest. The soft and gentle tones of this that have been used, bring this image to life with a sense of happiness for their day on the piece with their pets that puzzlers will notice as they lay down each piece of the jigsaw puzzle.

# READERS LETTERS

Back in June one of our members, Mrs Floyd, was interested to hear if anyone had any vintage puzzles. Thank you for your responses.

Would you have any records of the Master Craftsmen 'Gold box' puzzles (no picture) many years ago (1950's?). They were a real challenge, and unfortunately we have been unable to date them.

## Margaret Clarke, Newtown Abbey

*It has proven very difficult to date these puzzles. Master Craftsman puzzles are rare. When Hayter & Co (who made the Victory Gold Box series from 1920 – 1970) ceased production, one of their established cutters set up in business under the "Master Craftsman" brand name and they produced puzzles in a gold box with no picture up until 1988. If you have any other information on the box we may be able to narrow the date a little more.*

I have 3 very old puzzles which I guess date from the 1920/30's. They are all wooden ones. The two oldest made by Chad Valley, both approx. 150 pieces. A smaller one about 80 pieces, made by G J Hayter. I have no way of verifying the dates but the 2 larger ones were my grandmother's and the smaller one my father's. The smaller one is of a railway engine 'Silver Link'. One of the 150 piece ones is a Cunard Liner, but a very old design. The oldest one is a G.W.R (Great Western Railway) with 3 badges on the box. However the picture has worn away and gives no indication of the actual picture. I would like to attempt it again but the pieces are rather awkward for arthritic fingers! I also had 2 card puzzles of my father's which I gave to a local museum a few years ago. 'The Laughing Cavalier' and 'Horses'. They were in large flat boxes allowing them to be made in the box. I remember them from the 1950's.

## Ann Buckley, Cannock

*Your dates are probably quite accurate as we know that Chad Valley produced the G.W.R puzzles between 1924 and 1939. There is very limited information regarding the latter ones.*

# JIG'S CORNER

It's good to have Mark and Juliet back from their holidays, they've had a great time with their family and I've had a great rest too – once the stock take was completed...! Ooops - Apologies for the misprint with a mix up of a couple of pictures in last month's newsletter, which some of you kindly pointed out - I must try harder to check details! Unfortunately we haven't managed to get hold of the British Jigsaw Championship competition puzzles this month, but do hope to have them in stock soon, along with some other great new puzzles by the German manufacturer Schmidt. Don't forget to check out the sale of Christmas stock this month – they will make excellent Christmas presents and think how great it would be to have some gifts under your belt in September...

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Jigsaw Festivals

**A great chance to mix with like-minded puzzle enthusiasts and view completed puzzles which can be purchased at a good price with the proceeds going to worthwhile causes.**

**Thursday 4 Sept 11am - 6pm**

**Friday 5 Sept & Saturday 6 Sept 10am - 5pm**

**St Paul's Church, Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9BP**

**Admission £2. Accompanied children under 16 free**

**For more information email:**

**stpaulramsbottom@aol.com or call 07870 951251.**

**Monday 27th October to Saturday 1st November 2014**

**Bitterne United Reformed Church (above Iceland),**

**Bitterne Precinct, Southampton, SO18 5EF.**

**10.00am to 4.00pm daily**

**Late night Thursday till 7.00pm**

**Admission £1.50 to include free drink**

**For more information call 023 80431067.**

**Happy puzzling!**

**Jig**



# WINNING WAYS

## Winner ISSUE 106

**Issue 106 - thank you again for all your entries – Lots of great entries for the word quiz with 3 excellent entries of around 1000 words...**

**Congratulations to Mrs Ginny Goodall from Leigh for getting 1224 words. Well done! Your jigsaw prize is on its way.**

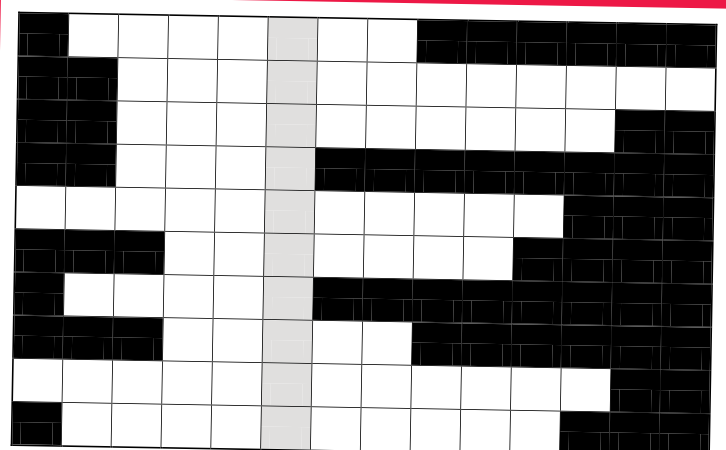
## Competition for issue 108

This month we have another word game – sent in by one of our members. Can you fill in the names of some popular jigsaw manufacturers across and it will reveal another one down the centre – please tell us the name of this manufacturer.

Please send your entries by 30th September 2014 and don't forget to let us know which puzzle up to 1000 pieces you would like. GOOD LUCK!

## FUN FACT

Some wooden jigsaws included pieces that were cut into intricate recognisable shapes like animals or household goods. These shapes were called 'Whimsies'.





## NEW for Christmas



**G6146 Calling the Sleigh**  
1000pc (also available in  
2000pc G8006) £14.00 / £22.00



**FJ11068 Santa's Christmas Present** (free 500 pc Calendar puzzle) 1000 £13.00



**G7044 Santa's Midnight Magic** 1000 £14.00



**R10545 Disney Christmas Eve - XXL** 100 £8.00



**G3070 Magical Paint**  
500 £9.00

## NEW from Jumbo Falcon



**FJ11067 By the Fireplace**  
1000pc £13.00



**FJ11066 Summer Fun**  
500pc £8.50



**FJ11064 Through the Cottage Window** 500pc £8.50

## NEW Ravensburger What if?



**R19437 What if? No 7 The Portrait** 1000pc £13.00



**R19438 What if? No 8 The Racehorse** 1000pc £13.00

## SUMMER SALE Limited Availability



lovely gift for a toddler

**R05379 The Night Before Christmas Shaped Puzzle** 32pc £7.00



**R19345 The Santa Express - 2013 Limited Edition** 1000pc £11.00



**R19346 Snowman & Snowdog** 1000pc £11.00



1/3 OFF!

**FJ11033 The Eve Of Christmas** 1000pc £9.00



**G6133 Holiday Traditions - Thomas Kinkadee** 1000pc £12.00



great stocking filler & Xmas tree bauble

**R84276 Christmas Puzzleball** 54pc £4.00



1/3 OFF!

**FJ11016 Santa's Sleigh** 1000pc £9.00



1/3 OFF!

**FJ11034 Christmas Collection Vol 1** 3 x 1000 £17.00



1/3 OFF!

**FJ17307 Wasgij Christmas 9**  
A bright Christmas Night 1000pc £9.00



1/3 OFF!

**G2013 Breaking Up for Christmas**  
2013 Limited Edition 1000pc £9.00

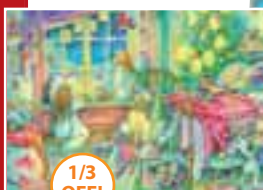


**PLG7050 Simpson's Family Christmas** 500pc £7.00



LAST FEW

**WAD2012 Waddingtons - 2012 Limited Edition** 1000pc £8.00



1/3 OFF!

**FJ10091 Christmas Wishes**  
2 x 1000 £15.00



**G5014 Christmas Eve**  
2 x 500pc £12.00



**G5029 Nannette's Cottage and Spirit of Christmas**  
-Thomas Kinkadee 2 x 500pc £12.00

# OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS



NEW

**FJ11062 Halloween**  
1000pc £13.00



SALE ITEM

**OC55841 Black Cats in the Kitchen Garden**  
1000pc £8.00



NEW

**R19439 What if? No 9 - Santa and Rudolph**  
1000pc £13.00

To order any of these specials and/ or any of the other products featured in this issue complete the Order form below and send with your remittance payable to: **The Puzzle Club Ltd**. For all unlisted items, please use remaining lines in price list or add a note to your order. (If you don't want to spoil your newsletter, simply put your request on paper) Please make cheques payable to: **The Puzzle Club Ltd** & send to **The Puzzle Club Ltd- 30 Adelaide Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 1LT** - For all unlisted items, please add a note in with your order

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FJ11033	The Eve Of Christmas	1000	9.00	
FJ11034	Christmas Collection Vol 1	3 x 1000	17.00	
FJ11062	Halloween	1000	13.00	
FJ11064	Through the Cottage Window	500	8.50	
FJ11066	Summer Fun	500	8.50	
FJ11067	By the Fireplace	1000	13.00	
FJ11068	Santa's Christmas Present (free 500 pc Calendar puzzle)	1000	13.00	
FJ17307	Wasgij - Christmas 9 - A bright Christmas Night	1000	9.00	
G2013	Breaking Up for Christmas - 2013 LE	1000	9.00	
G3070	Magical Paint	500	9.00	
G5014	Christmas Eve	2 x 500	12.00	
G5029	Nannette's Cottage and Spirit of Christmas -Thomas Kinkade	2 x 500	12.00	
G6133	Holiday Traditions - Thomas Kinkade	1000	12.00	
G6146	Calling the Sleigh	1000	14.00	
G7044	Santa's Midnight Magic	1000	14.00	
G8006	Calling the Sleigh	2000	22.00	
OC55841	Black Cats in the Kitchen Garden	1000	8.00	
PLG7050	Simpson's Family Christmas	500	7.00	
R05379	The Night Before Christmas Shaped Puzzle	32	7.00	
R10545	Disney Christmas Eve - XXL	100	8.00	
R19345	The Santa Express - 2013 Limited Edition	1000	11.00	
R19346	Snowman & Snowdog	1000	11.00	
R19437	What if? No 7 - The Portrait	1000	13.00	
R19438	What if? No 8 - The Racehorse	1000	13.00	
R19439	What if? No 9 - Santa and Rudolph	1000	13.00	
R84276	Christmas Puzzleball	54	4.00	
WAD2012	Waddingtons - 2012 Limited Edition	1000	8.00	

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