



Please forgive the lateness of your last Newsletter - Issue 25. We were caught up in the dreadful postal strike and are still suffering the consequences. We have also had long delays with you receiving parcels. Hopefully this has now been resolved. Everything ordered has been dispatched.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

Northumbrian Jigsaws

In 1986 Michael Goonan first started to sell a small quantity of his framed pictures to shops in Northumberland and the Lake District, he never dreamt that this interest in photography would develop into an extremely full time occupation as a landscape photographer/publisher. 20 Years on and Scenic Photos of Northumberland produce a wide variety of Scenic Picture Gifts featuring some of the UK's Finest Landscapes. Scenic Picture Gifts feature photography by Michael Goonan and include well known Northumbrian places of interest.

ABOUT NORTHUMBERLAND AND THE NORTH EAST

North-East England is one of the nine official regions of England and comprises the combined area of Northumberland, County Durham, Tyne and wear and a small part of North Yorkshire. Recently voted the most tranquil county in England, the region is noted for the richness of its natural beauty. Northumberland National Park and the region's coastline. It also has great historic importance, the evidence of which is seen in Northumberland's Castles and the two World Heritage Sites of Durham Cathedral and Hadrian's Wall.

THE JIGSAWS

Scenic Photos of Northumberland produce a range of 12 High Quality 1000pc Jigsaws featuring Photography by Michael Goonan, of which we have chosen six to preview in this issue

THE GATESHEAD MILLENNIUM BRIDGE

This 850 tonne innovative "blinking eye" bridge was built on the Tyne and was transported and positioned by the giant Asian Hercules 11, one of the worlds largest floating cranes in November 2000. The bridge is a pedestrian and cycle bridge spanning the River Tyne in North East England, connecting Gateshead on the south bank and Newcastle on the north.

DURHAM AND DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Durham a city that can trace its origins back a 1000 years to the arrival of a religious community seeking a permanent resting place for the body of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne.

Durham Cathedral is the greatest Norman building in England, perhaps even in Europe. It is cherished not only for its architecture but also for its incomparable setting.

THE NORTH EAST

Features a montage of Bamburgh Castle, Durham Cathedral, and Angel of the North, Hadrian's Wall, and Gateshead Millennium Bridge & Sage Music Centre. Some of the most recognizable Icons of the North East of England.

THE TYNE BRIDGE

The Tyne Bridge is a bridge over the River Tyne in North East

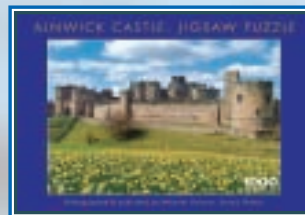
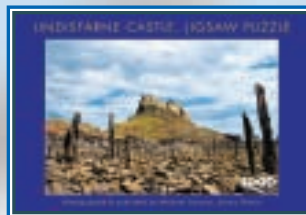
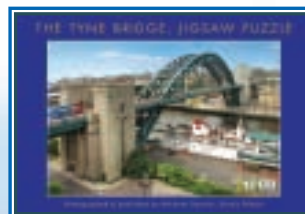
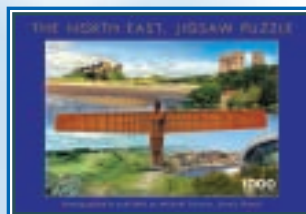
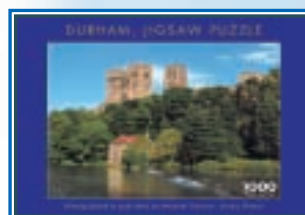
England, linking Newcastle upon Tyne and Gateshead. It was designed by the engineering firm Mott, Hay and Anderson, who later designed the Forth Road Bridge

LINDISFARNE CASTLE








The castle is located in what was once the very volatile border area between England and Scotland. Not only did the English and Scots fight, but the area was frequently attacked by Vikings. The castle was built in 1550, around the time that Lindisfarne Priory went out of use, and stones from the priory were used as building material.

ALNWICK CASTLE

Alnwick Castle is a castle and stately home in Alnwick, Northumberland, the residence of the Duke of Northumberland, built immediately following the Norman Conquest, and renovated and remodelled a number of times.



READ ABOUT

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NEWS & VIEWS

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

Have you ever had a day when everything you do goes wrong? It started at 5.30am. The dog woke me (not my husband) demanding to go out.Missed the bottom stair and ended up in a heap. Spent almost the whole day in casualty, fitted with this lump of clay to hold my ankle together- arrived home to find a note to say the post office had a parcel. Persuaded hubby to go out and retrieve the parcel, which then couldn't be found- Hobbled precariously about trying to get a meal together and decided the effort was too much and we ordered a take-away. Duly delivered my husband told me to go and sit down and HE would see to dinner- a clatter of broken crockery revealed a big flaw in this procedure- so I decided to forgo a meal, opened a tin of soup cutting my finger on the lid and burnt the toast. With a great need for some stress free relaxation I got out my puzzleboard and a jigsaw, bought by my daughter in the local charity shop and started finding the edge pieces- there were three.Time for bed and a good book I think, but how will I make the dreaded stairs! Finally settled, with a glass of water and a couple of paracetamol and a really good book, I got through to the next day. The postman brought my missing parcel, which was a Puzzle club exclusive. Thank you!! I shall sit in my chair all day and console myself with this beautiful puzzle.

Sylvia Smith – Huddersfield.

I think the puzzle that arrived was Paris 11 so hopefully the bright picture brought a little sunshine too! Hopefully your prize will give you pleasure too and a quick relaxing recovery.

Thank you for registering me for your puzzle club. I have loved jigsaws since a child who had dislocation of both hips, spent the first six years in hospital in plaster up to my waist, confined to bed. Nurses used to give me small puzzles to pass the time. I now try to get my grand children into puzzles as it's a great hobby.

They are such a great learning tool as well as being very therapeutic. We hope that next year we can include a small children's section of good quality jigsaws into our extensive range. We're delighted to hear that you're enjoying the club.

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

Hello all! What a lot we've got! New suppliers, lots of offers, brand new jigsaws and dreary days to stop us from feeling guilty about our puzzling. Winter is officially here so let's indulge.

Mr Brian Staples lives in Cotford St Luke, Taunton and has approximately 200 jigsaws which he would be more than willing to offload to an avid 'jigsaw fan. If this appeals to you, do call and I'll put you in touch.

Graham Thomson's 2007 Christmas Jigsaw is now available from the club.

Lot's of you have asked for 'unique' jigsaw puzzles and we've now found a company who can provide 750pc jigsaws from good quality scanned photo's piccies etc. If you want information please let us know. 750 pieces is the largest we can do at the moment.

If you want to send someone a jigsaw or membership as a Christmas gift, just let us know and we'll send a little card with your greeting.

Oops! I'm in trouble again. Sent an annual renewal form to a Silver member. Very sorry- was a genuine mistake.

Any questions?? I'm here to help.

**Happy Puzzling
Jig**



WINNING WAYS

It was amazing to hear about your collections. Everything from Old vehicles, fairies, scenic, chocolate box pictures, to fantasy jigsaws. So many large and interesting collections. Our winner is Andrew Walker who collects mainly nostalgic vehicles and motorcycle jigsaws. Please let us know whether you would like a 500 or a 1000pc Jigframe as your prize.

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 26!

How many words can you make out of Jigsaw Puzzle...

Our winner will receive a 1000pc Puzzlekaddy.

PREVIEWS

More fabulous brand new jigsaws from our manufacturers for autumn 2007.



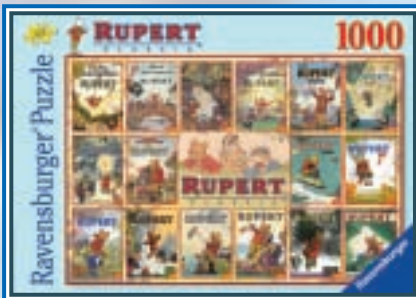
15532 – Stockholm-1000pc



14571 – Colours of the Sea-500pc



15384 – Flower Fairies-1000pc



15662 – Rupert Bear-1000pc



14561 – In the Jungle-500pc



15679 – Age of Steam-1000pc

& two Kevin Walsh favourites from 2006...



The Station



Window Shopping

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

New from Ravensburgers Collection- 1000pc Jigsaw featuring The Albert Dock. Available at £8.99.

15678 – Albert Dock-1000pc



Complete this beautiful nostalgic scene and then see how many bears you can spot hidden in the picture. 1000pc available at £9.99.

Colourful classic Thatched cottage and garden. 1000pc from Ravensburger's Autumn collection at £9.99.

15858 – Rose Cottage-1000pc



15715 – City of Bears-1000pc



To order **Albert Dock** and/or **City of Bears** and/or **Rose Cottage** 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).

Please send me:

	Price	Quantity	Value
Albert Dock-1000pc		£8.99	
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Rose Cottage-1000pc		£9.99	
3026 The Station-1000pc		£8.99	
3025 Window Shopping-1000pc		£8.99	
15532 Stockholm-1000pc		£8.99	
15679 Age of Steam-1000pc		£8.99	
15384 Flower Faries-1000pc		£8.99	
15662 Rupert Bear -1000pc		£9.99	
14561 In the Jungle-500pc		£6.99	
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Gateshead Millenium Bridge-1000pc		£11.99	
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I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ _____ made payable to THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB.

Please debit my credit/debit card for £ _____ from my: MASTERCARD VISA MAESTRO/SOLO

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