



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS and many thanks for all your Christmas and New Year greetings. We have an exciting time ahead with lots more selections and great puzzle ideas for 2006. Watch this space!

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

LASER CUT JIGSAWS AND MUCH MORE

Just before the Christmas break I visited the workshops of Robert Longstaff who will be celebrating 30 years in business this year and was amazed by the extensive range of wooden laser cut puzzles and brain teasers he produces. Situated in the Oxfordshire countryside, Robert specialises in manufacturing exceptional quality laser cut wooden jigsaws, a technology we will cover more extensively in a future issue. Initially, I was surprised by the sizes which range from 140pcs-560pcs, but after further investigation, realised that with the variety of shaped pieces and as an option, a double sided jigsaws (same picture both sides) these would be as challenging and take more time to complete than a traditional 1000pc Jigsaw.

One in particular- a circular jigsaw, cut in circles of interlocking jigsaw pieces gave my 'limited picture box' jigsaw mentality a real fright. It looked great in its frame already completed, but once the pieces were in a pile on my Jigsaw mat, would I ever have the ability to complete the challenge? Me! I think I shall just leave it for a future brain teasing session.

Each of these puzzles are complete with a wooden frame and there is also a framing kit available for 100, 140 & 280 piece jigsaws and jigsaw prices range from £15.00 - £50.00.

Robert also produces a complete range of Compact-puzzles and brainteasers for advanced 'puzzlers'. Great for travel and easy to pack, but I don't think I can get past level one and I believe there are 10 levels, which could apparently take a life time to solve. Prices range from £8.00-£10.00

And for the children, great learning tools and the added bonus of being able to replace one lost piece will keep these precious jigsaws going for many generations to come. The complete range is available from Robert Long staff's



workshops, but we have selected a few as part of our stock range. If you would like to see the entire range visit www.longstaff.co.uk but we will be featuring a good selection throughout 2006.

We can also arrange for your GOOD quality photo memories to be custom made into unique jigsaws in a variety of sizes, as unique gifts for friends and family or even yourselves. Prices for this service range from £30.00-£75.00

Interesting Facts: Robert Longstaff is listed in the Guinness book of records as the producers of the world's largest puzzle-187,000 pieces as well as producing the smallest. Postage stamp size, cut into 48pieces!

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NEWS & VIEWS

Best of the Bunch!

I am in my eighties and find it difficult nowadays to get out to the shops to buy Jigsaws, which have been my favourite hobby since I was a child. When I received your invitation to join a new puzzle club, I sent in the application form straight away. Imagine my delight when two days later, I received my Jigsaw and lot's of lovely catalogues. I made a cup of tea and sat down to look at the information and newsletters and then made a list of all the jigsaws I would like. The list was so long it would probably take me the next twenty years to complete them all, so I'm narrowing my choices and will be ordering them in batches of six. I am so pleased I joined and really happy with the service you are providing and look forward to receiving my first six jigsaws. Goodness only knows where I shall put them. Despite sending many to the local charity shop, I still have upwards of 400, each wrapped in plastic to protect them and in the loft-courtesy of my son, who tells me we are rapidly running out of space. I have one that is a great treasure to me, which my father made from wood in his workshop-cut into around 400pcs. of various shapes. He collected together family photos (no colour in those days) and created a montage the likes of which I have never seen before. Thank you for the club. I am looking forward to the next newsletter.

Mrs May Green from Cirencester.

What a nice story. I wonder if any of our fellow members have a piece of history like yours. Thanks for sharing this with us. We will be sending out a Voucher as a thank you.

Reading newsletter no 3. about Sylvia Hall's tapestry frame table reminded me of when I saw, on the first Queen Mary liner, a stand with a type of framed school blackboard fitted at an angle to hold a jigsaw. It was in the main lounge for

HELP US GROW

Just a reminder. Receive a free jigsaw when you introduce a new member. If you know of any like-minded friends, that would like to become part of our Club, do let us have their details. When they join, you will receive a voucher to spend on one of our specially selected Jigsaws. Great gift idea for birthdays, special occasions, anniversaries, mothers day or just because! So why not send a gift membership or special puzzle club selection jigsaw to a friend or relative? Just let us know the name, address and your message. We'll do the rest!

WINNING WAYS

Well done to all our competition entrants. It was pleasing to see how many of you had kept or remembered issue 1's Artist. Our winner for the Issue 3 teaser is Mr R Stone from Wymondham. Your Voucher will be on its way to you shortly. Congratulations.

Who'll be drawn out of the hat for issue 4? How many words can you make from 'The Official UK Puzzle Club'? Good luck!

passengers to complete a wooden jigsaw whilst crossing the Atlantic. I wonder how many pieces were lost when the ship rolled in heavy seas.

Fred Wakeford - Bognor Regis

Not quite as lucky nowadays. The only place to find a jigsaw on board is usually in the library on a flat table and often incomplete (even without the roll!) I'm sure there must be a few unusual jigsaw 'caf_' areas around the country. Do let us know if you have found an unusual spot or jigsaw solution on your travels.

Thank you so much for your welcome letter and newsletters. It's great to know that there are so many other people of all ages who are also avid jigsaw fans, and I'm not the sad-sorry-obsessive person some would think. I must admit to being very traditional in my taste, but pleased to see that you cater for everyone. I'm badly disabled and housebound so jigsaws are one of the things I can still enjoy and this is growing as the TV is off more than on as it is so bad these days.

Mrs. Root - Manchester

Jigsaw's are such good therapy and while away many happy hours. A little music, a glass of wine and before you know it, its tomorrow! How many times have we thought 'just one more piece before I go to bed'? We're certainly not alone and certainly not sad. Just small pieces in the great big jigsaw fan club.

We really enjoy receiving your letters and stories... Please remember that this is your club and we are here to give you topics, previews and ideas about what would like to know about. We will also do our best to find you unusual and traditional jigsaws and will be increasing our portfolio of manufacturers this year. Whatever you're looking for, we'll do our best to help and as well as our listed companies, together with Jigsaw Gallery, we can supply most puzzles from children through to adult from most major manufacturers... and our Gold members now benefit from their 10% discount on all orders through the Official Puzzle Club.



MEET THE ARTISTS and ILLUSTRATORS

Terry Harrison didn't consider Art as a serious option as a school boy in Norfolk, but with the encouragement of a new art teacher, after moving south in 1965 to Farnborough, he took O-Level and A-Level Art at the age of 16. As with most budding Artists, having to work for a living, he used evenings and weekends to perfect his painting techniques and develop his own style. Demand for his paintings became such that in 1984 he gave up his 'day job' to paint full time. Inspired by Constable and Turner, Terry's favourite subject is of traditional landscapes using watercolours or acrylic. In 1996 he received the prestigious Fine Art Guild award for 'Best up and coming Artist'. Today, he has his own fine art publishing company, he tutors in a very entertaining style and has achieved one of the greatest ambitions most Artists aspire to by opening 'The Terry Harrison Gallery' in Cove, Hampshire.

EXCITING NEW JIGSAWS COMING TO THE SHOPS FOR 2006

Just a few of the most appealing jigsaws coming soon from Ravensburger and Gibson's in the new year - Topical & Traditional.



1) R15289 Tutankhamen 1000pc 2) R15103 Lord of the Rings Trilogy 1000pc 3) R14460 Narnia 500pc 4) G840-Brixham Harbour 1000pc 5 & 6) G869 - Courage & The Good Life-2 x 1000pc Jigsaws in one box 7-10) G888- Passage of Time- 4 x 500pc jigsaws

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

The Village Postman by Kevin Walsh from Ravensburger. Serene village scene. Part of their new range for 2006. 1000pc Jigsaw @ £8.99



The Village Postman



G839 - Lunchtime Stopover

Lunchtime Stopover by Terry Harrison from Gibson's 2006 range. Beautiful Canal and River boat scene. 1000 Piece Jigsaw @ £10.99

To place an order for any of the products we have available please simply fill in the order form on the back page. OR YOU CAN NOW CONTACT US ON LINE @ www.jigsaw-puzzle-club.co.uk or by telephone: 0118 978 9599.

If you prefer not to cut up your newsletter, simply send your request by letter, but please remember to include your name and membership number or postcode.

To order 'The Village Postman' by Kevin Walsh and / or 'Lunchtime Stopover' by Terry Harrison or any of the other products available, complete the Order form below and send with your remittance to:

The Official UK Puzzle Club, PO Box 3351, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 2WE

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