







Welcome to all our new and existing members. We're all set for the coming months with many new ranges becoming available for you. New catalogues and price lists will be sent out as soon as we receive them and we'll keep you up to date with all the current trends in our jigsaw puzzle world.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

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After many requests we have put together another selection of quality Irish themed Jigsaws (two available in both 500 & 1000pc) in celebration of St Patricks Day. Each with its own unique story and painted by artist Rachel Arbuckle.

MAEVE

Maeve was one of the great female figures in Irish legends. She was wealthy, powerful, desirable and a formidable opponent in battle. She was said to have run faster than horses, worn live animals and birds on her shoulders and slept with numerous Irish kings, discarding them as they failed to satisfy her. One morning Maeve was lying in bed with her current husband, Ailill. By Celtic tradition, whichever of the couple brought greater wealth to a union became the ruler of the household. So Ailill and Maeve began comparing their possessions. They matched each other torc for torc and cloak for cloak until finally Ailill mentioned his magical great white bull which used to be in Maeve's herd, but had defected to Ailill's side of the fence, considering it unseemly to belong to a woman. The only beast in Ireland to match Ailill's bull was the Brown Bull of Cooley. Maeve vowed to take possession of the animal, and when her offer to buy it was turned down she gathered her armies and set out to invade Ulster and steal it. The result was the Táin Bó Cuailnge, the Cattle Raid of Cooley, a lengthy battle in which many legendary heroes were slain. In the end Maeve did indeed win her bull, but it and Ailill's bull flung themselves upon each other, tore each other to bits and died, leaving Maeve and Ailill's wealth equal after all.



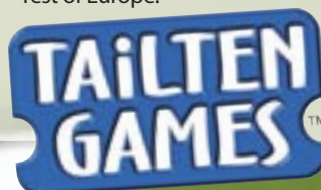
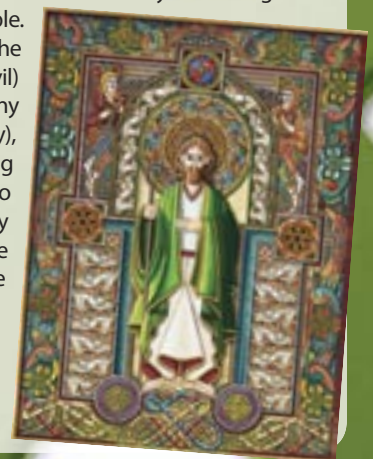
St. BRENDAN the NAVIGATOR

St. Brendan was born in 486 AD and founded a monastery at Clonfert, County Galway. Brendan travelled widely; he was said to have set sail with a handful of monks on a perilous seven-year quest across the Atlantic in a boat of wood and ox hide. En route, legend tells us that they were raised up on the backs of "sea monsters" (whales), they passed by "crystal columns that rose up to the sky" (icebergs) and they were pelted with "flaming, foul-smelling rocks" (from a volcano). Eventually, the intrepid voyagers arrived at a beautiful land they called the "Promised Land of the Saints", an island which became a standard feature on maps for the next millennium. It is widely believed that St. Brendan the Navigator and his monks had in fact arrived in America almost 1,000 years before Christopher Columbus.



ST. PATRICK

Patrick, who became the patron saint of Ireland, was born into a Roman ruling family in 390 AD Britain. At the age of 14 he was enslaved by a gang of Irish raiders and spent the next 6 years as a shepherd on a mountain top in County Armagh. A vision of ships persuaded him to escape. He later studied for the priesthood, was made a bishop, and returned to Ireland as a missionary in 432 AD. Many Celtic kings were converted with all of their people. Many legends are told of that time; he banished all snakes (a symbol of evil) from Ireland. The painting uses many other symbols: the shamrock (the Trinity), the harp, peacocks and angels (a calling from God). The conversion of Ireland to Christianity by St. Patrick did not destroy the original culture or cause a single martyrdom; a situation unknown in the rest of Europe.



NEWS & VIEWS

Readers Letters

Our Star Letter

In spite of the awful weather, what an excellent service you supply and what good value for money - eight boxes containing 10 puzzles delivered to my door for £3.50 carriage. Also the puzzles are very competitively priced compared to the shops where there is only a limited supply anyway. The order was placed Tuesday afternoon and arrived on Friday morning. I would be very interested to know the history of the club, how it came into being and when. How you manage to stock such a vast array of jigsaws is also very intriguing. I imagine an enormous warehouse...? Does Jig get lost? I don't know how many members have tried 'Jigthings' items. The Jigsafe is very useful and as I don't like breaking up many of my puzzles, I have two 1000pc Jigstores & a 1500pc Jigsort Friends are fascinated to see these kept puzzles. It was good to talk to you on Tuesday. Keep up the good work.

Ann Buckley - Cannock

Many thanks for your comments. We have had a tremendous amount of success with the unique accessories designed by 'Jigthings' The Jigsafe is particularly good for sorting and storing your puzzle pieces and if you're stuck for space, the Jigstore can keep 10 made-up jigsaws safe in just a small space. As for us, we will tell you all about the club history etc in a later issue this year.

I have just received issue 41 and always enjoy reading your leaflet. If it is at all possible, could we have a few more 1500pc jigsaws shown occasionally as I find it hard to get information on this size and it's now my favourite size.

Whilst writing, I have at least 30 1000pc jigsaws for sale at a price of £1.50 each-all complete. It is just so pricey to send these through the post, so I wondered if anyone living in my area would be interested. I live in Lowestoft (Oulton Broads) and my telephone no. is 01502 586967.

Mrs. K Gentry - Lowestoft

We do try and cover most sizes in the newsletter previews, but since 1000pc jigsaws are the most popular size, they tend to get the lions share. However, we have two for you this month and please remember that whichever catalogues we send to you, the whole range is available for purchase through the Club. Please refer to the price list/order form sent out with each order, or request a new one and we'll send it to you.

I had cause to contact the club recently to query a price. Margaret must have been off and got to speak to Jig, who I believed to be a mythical character. I didn't realise that you would take orders and cc details over the phone! Made life so easy - just sat and waited for my Jigsaws to arrive. Such a great variety. Thank you and many thanks to a very efficient and knowledgeable Jig for all his help.

Anna Rolfe - Coventry

Too much praise Anna... Jig loves to receive fan mail and I had to retrieve this from his in-box. We try to ensure that whichever way you want to order we can oblige. Very rarely you may get our answer service. Do leave a message. We will always get back to you.

WINNING WAYS

Issue 40

We were really surprised that our top selling Jigsaw in Issue 40 was a 2 x 500pc-Harbourside, closely followed by a 4 x 500pc Jigsaw-Postman's Round. Well done to everyone who guessed correctly. Our winning entry (having been drawn by Jig) is Mrs J P Lee-Enfield. Well done! Please let us know which Jigsaw you would like as your prize.

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 42

Here's an easy one! **How many words can you find containing the letters JIG?**

Jig is having a go too! Answers by 31st March please to win a fascinating unusual, collector, 'jiggers' Prize. No clues. Have to wait for next issue!!

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

Hi it's just me! Got left in charge, but not for long. Have been chasing those Wasgijs that you're all waiting for! Hope by the time this issue arrives they will be with you. Sorry for delay!

Goodness knows where we'll store everything she's ordered at Gift Fair and Toy Fair. I guess my room will go... to accommodate Falcon/Jumbo and many others planned. More about this next month.

Clementoni will be in in March so look forward to their catalogue with your April newsletter.

*Most catalogue items and products featured in our newsletters **ARE AVAILABLE** to purchase. If you haven't got a price/list order form-please let ME know.*

Just a question-suggested by a member. Why don't we round everything up to the nearest £1.00 and we'll donate all the extra pennies to charity?

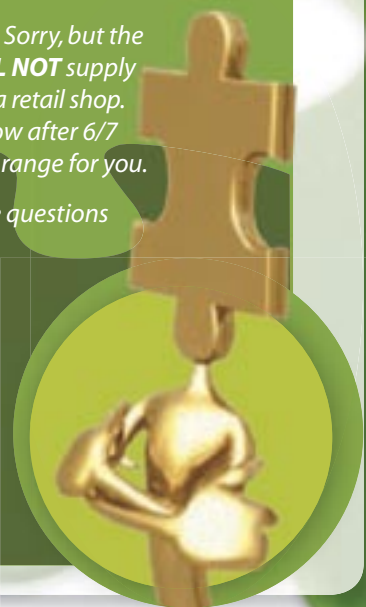
We think it's a great idea. Make adding up easier too! Let us know what you think!

*For all you House of Puzzle Fans. Sorry, but the Manufacturer of this range **WILL NOT** supply the Club, because we don't have a retail shop. I think Margaret has given up now after 6/7 attempts at trying to secure this range for you.*

Happy puzzling and keep up the questions

Here to help

Jig



PREVIEWS

AVAILABLE NOW!

Whats New in the Jigsaw World?

A real challenge from Tailten Games
by world renowned artist Rachel Arbuckle.



Carpet Page - 1000pc

Chosen for Mothers Day-22nd March



Crazy Cats Allotment - 500pc



Along the Esplanade - 500pc



Salzburg - 1000pc



Europe Map - 1000pc



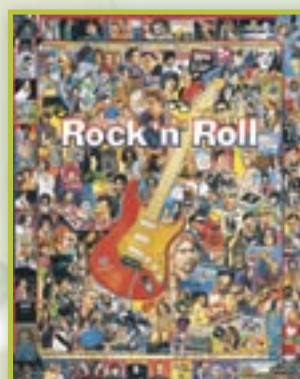
Sunflower Bouquet - 1500pc



Sleeping Kittens - 1500pc



Blue Moon - 1000pc (24"x30")



Rock n Roll - 1000pc (24" x 30")



Café Ravello - 1000pc

OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Bringing you a taste of Ireland

In true Celtic style- Enjoy this legend through the eyes of Artist **Rachel Arbuckle**
Queen Maeve from **Tailten Games** - £12.99



Available in both **1000 & 500pc** sizes - **St Patrick patron Saint of Ireland** by **Rachel Arbuckle** from **Tailten Games Collection** - £12.99



St Brendon the Navigator by Artist **Rachel Arbuckle**. Available in 1000 & 500pcs £12.99



To order **St Patrick** and/or **Queen Maeve** and/or **St Brendon** 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	Price	Quantity	Value
TG309 St Patrick - 1000pc	12.99		
TG403 St Patrick - 500pc	8.99		
TG312 Queen Maeve - 1000pc	12.99		
TG308 St. Brendon - 1000pc	12.99		
TG402 St Brendon - 500pc	8.99		
15940 European Map - 1000pc	9.99		
15639 Salzburg	9.99		
14625 Crazy Cats Allotment - 500pc	6.99		
14631 Along the Esplanade	6.99		
16247 Sunflower Bouquet - 1500pc	14.99		
16338 Sleeping Kittens	14.99		
TG311 Carpet Page - 1000pc	12.99		
WM317 Rock n Roll - 1000pc	11.99		
WM155 Blue Moon - 1000pc	11.99		
E13796 Café Ravello - 1000pc (Limited)	9.99		
Postage & Packing			£3.50

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