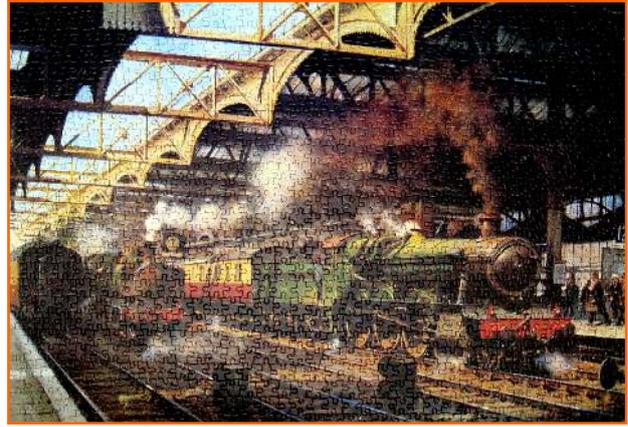


Cuneo's Puzzles

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Dissectologist = (Noun) A person who enjoys jigsaw puzzle assembly. (Chamber's Dictionary)

As a member of the Cuneo Society and a founder of The Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists (BCD), Chris Wheeler prompted me to write something of those pictures by Terence Cuneo which have been used for jigsaws. The BCD was founded in 1985 and is a society for lovers of jigsaws which holds "get-togethers" four or five times a year – mostly in village halls – and also issues quarterly journals as does our society.

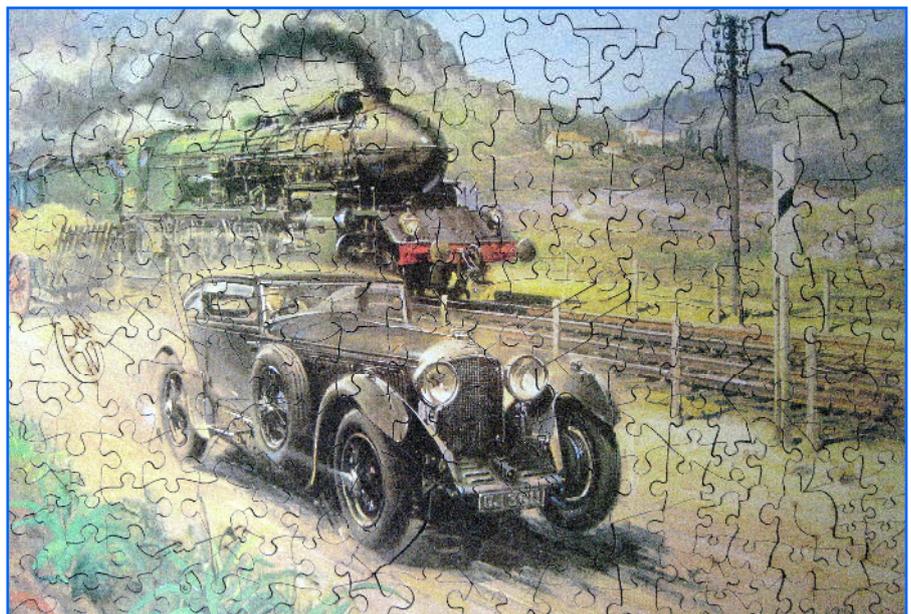
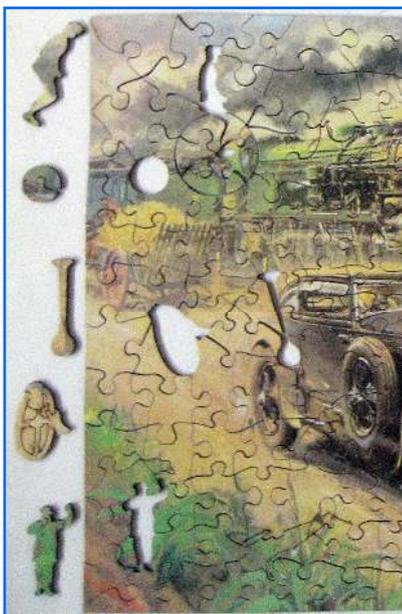


Early puzzles were usually without a guide picture, just given a title and were cut from solid wood and non-interlocking since the tool, the jigsaw, had yet to be invented. These 'jigsaws' were known as dissected puzzles and hence the title 'dissectologists' was invented.

Husband Bill, was a 'collector/squirrel' and assembled a variety of items mainly connected with playing cards and in the early days felt I too should collect something! Knowing I enjoyed jigsaws he purchased a lot at a local auction which amongst other things included some Chad Valley GWR wooden jigsaws and one older wooden puzzle which was an early map of Europe.

In an endeavour to discover more about old puzzles we met up with one of the couples who were also founders of BCD. Whilst I was puzzling, he was looking along their bookshelves and came across a copy of "The mouse & his Master" and there began our interest in all things Terence Cuneo. Over the years Bill enjoyed tracking down most of my puzzles although rarely joined me in doing them. He did like to hide a piece and then 'find' it in time to fit in the last piece.

One company readers may not be familiar with is Wentworth Jigsaw puzzles (*as shown below*). These include 'whimsy' pieces or shapes and apart from having produced six depicting TC's paintings, they are also known to the National Trust and many other organisations as well as issuing their own choices.



People fall into two main categories – those who love puzzles and those who cannot stand them! I find them therapeutic as I'm able to concentrate on a puzzle and exclude all the everyday problems. With modern cardboard jigsaws I follow the standard practice of doing the outside frame, colour-sorting the pieces and work from there. With the Wentworth puzzles and the older non-interlocking puzzles, it is often not easy or possible to do this and focusing on small groups which eventually fit together is a good idea. The art of jigsaws uses shape and colour and again, dependent upon the puzzle, either approach can be helpful.

A prized possession is an amateur produced, non-interlocking, wooden puzzle acquired courtesy of Society Vice President, Peter Collins. This puzzle, although of later production, followed the whimsy design.

Another jigsaw which I hold in my Cuneo collection, is not a Terence Cuneo painting, and was produced by Ravensburger. It comprises two x 500 puzzles which depict Tornado and Sir Nigel Gresley. Some members will recall our outing from London to York hauled by Tornado and for the return journey the train used the Sir Nigel Gresley. What a find in a charity shop only two months after that outing in 2009!

Other TC jigsaws exist and I also ask BCD members to let me know of any so that our society may be able to draw up a definitive list. But those we know about are listed below.

You can find out more about the Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists at www.thebcd.co.uk.

Known jigsaws of Terence Cuneo

<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Part Code/detail</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Part Code/detail</u>
	Gibsons			Waddingtons (continued)	
636	Under The Clock	G4032	500	Cheltenham Flyer,	Famous Trains -
1000	The Bar Car, Venice-Simplon on the Orient Express	G492	500	Royal Scot	29p Post Stamp Famous Trains -
	Dunlop		1000	Bentley at Le Mans,	31p Post Stamp 10328
320	Post Office Tower, London		1000	The Great Marquess,	10247
	Bulmers Woodpecker		1000	Snow Hill Station	10343
600	King George V			Wentworth	
	Arrow		150	Spirit of Brooklands	8308
320	M7 Locomotive outside shed at Stratford	No 2279	150	Bentley at Le Mans	8309
320	Night Scene at Crewe	No.2279	150	Jaguar at Pitstop	3628
320	Saltash Bridge	No 2279	150	Duchess of Hamilton	3722
1000	Spirit of the Derby		150	Cornish Riviera	3627
	Ian Allan		150	Bentley v Blue Train	4001
300	Trains			This England	
	Whitbread		1000	Railway Poster Collection – The Tay Bridge Dundee	
350	Queen Elizabeth & Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother watch a march past of dray horses		1000	Railway Poster Collection – Royal Albert Bridge	
350	Overlord			Victory	
	Venice Simplon-Orient Express Collection		80	The New Forth Road Bridge	TP2 7003
150	Simplon Express (handcut)			Chad Valley	
	Waddingtons		500	Britain in Winter	
500	Flying Scotsman	Famous Trains - 17p Post Stamp	500	Commer Van 1	
500	Golden Arrow	Famous Trains - 22p Post Stamp	500	Commer Van 2	
				Unknown Maker	
				Changing the Guard at Horse Guards Parade	