



A very warm welcome to all our new members and many thanks for a bumper February. We totally underestimated how popular the shopping baskets would be so apologies for those of you still waiting, but we hope to have despatched all outstanding orders before you receive this issue. Some manufacturers catalogues will be sent out very soon if not already included...so lots of new jigsaws to look forward to.

## THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

### Ravensburger celebrates 125th anniversary!

2008 sees puzzle and games manufacturer Ravensburger celebrating 125 years in the toy & jigsaw business.

Founded in 1883 by young bookseller Otto Robert Maier, the company started as a publishing house and soon moved onto developing games and puzzles. Based in the picturesque town of Ravensburg, located in southern Germany near Lake Constance, Otto Maier's company has since grown into the international trademark known as Ravensburger.

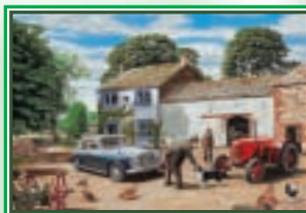
Ravensburger now offers a huge range of games, crafts and jigsaws suitable for all ages and levels of skill. They continue to manufacture many of the games and all of the jigsaw puzzles in their own factories, which are based in Germany (Ravensburg) and in the Czech Republic. They also have subsidiaries worldwide, including the UK (located in Bicester, Oxfordshire), France, Holland, Italy, Spain and the USA.

The instantly recognisable Ravensburger "blue triangle" logo has been used on products since 1974, and stands as a guarantee of quality. The company's 1700 employees are all committed to maintaining Ravensburger's reputation for quality, and this is reflected in every aspect of the company's work – product development, all stages of manufacturing, distribution, sales and customer service.

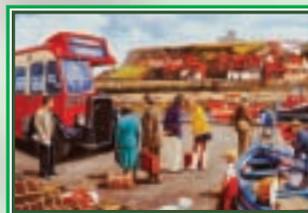
The UK "arm" of the company develops many of the jigsaw puzzles featured in our newsletter. We



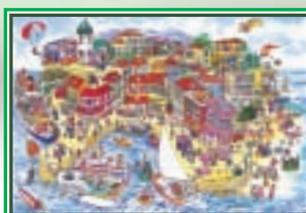
*Shouldn't Happen to a Gardener - 1000pc*



*Greeting the Vet - 500pc*



*Happy Days Whitby - 1000pc*



*Holiday Park-Mirror Image - 1000pc*



*Thornton Dale Cottage - 1000pc*

work closely with them to communicate your views and wishes, so if you are keen to see any particular type of designs on a puzzle, let us know and we'll pass the information on!

"And the winner is..." Each year Ravensburger gives their customers the chance to vote for 'The best Ravensburger Puzzle' and a chance to win your own copy. If you would like to participate and have access to a computer, you can register your vote at [www.puzzle-of-the-year.com](http://www.puzzle-of-the-year.com). or send in your vote by post and we'll pass them on

The "Ravensburger Puzzle of the Year 2008", as voted for by you, will be announced in August 2008. Each winning Puzzle club entry will receive their own copy after the announcement.

The puzzles featured on this page were the winners for 2007.

### 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.**

I thought other Puzzle Club readers might be interested to hear how I use the puzzles I buy from your Club. I now have about 80 or 90 puzzles and I run a Jigsaw Club. It works like a library except that members pay a small amount of money (at present 60p for up to 1000 piece and £1.20 for 1000 or more) to borrow the jigsaws. This goes into a big fat pink piggy bank. We also put a small amount into the same piggy bank for tea and coffee. We meet once a month at my house and have tea/coffee and a long chat! Then members choose what jigsaws they want to borrow for the month. The money all goes to Charity. Last year we raised £120 for our local Alzheimer's branch, despite not meeting for 4 months because my Husband was very ill. This year we are collecting for our local Children's Hospice. It means that all my jigsaws are not just sitting in a cupboard - they are actually helping someone. My members are delighted because they get new and different jigsaws to do very cheaply. I was delighted to join your Puzzle Club as I am disabled and find it quite difficult trailing the shops for new jigsaws and then having to carry them home. This way I can choose new jigsaws in comfort and have them delivered to my home! Great!

**Christine Steer - Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex.**

***What a great idea! I'm sure many other members have stories about their jigsaws and we'd love to hear about them. Well done. One more for that jigsaw pile! Do let us know what you would like.***

I do so look forward to receiving the Puzzle Club Newsletter. I have only been a member since August '07 and now wonder how I managed without all your up to date news articles and new puzzle reviews. Before joining, I had to be content with trailing around charity shops, but the sources were drying up and I no longer have the stamina to do a lot of walking. Since becoming a member I am now never without a puzzle on the go. I did receive one as a present I'm glad to say. My main problem is that I can only comfortably accommodate 500pc puzzles as well as fitting everything else into my small flat. Thanks to the club, I can have a continuous supply and choices are so difficult to make as I love them all. Many thanks for keeping an elderly lady busy and enthusiastic.

**Brenda Cartwright - Leigh on Sea.**

***making a difference. I hope you'll enjoy the many new catalogues we will be sending out in the next couple of months.***

Wow!! How's that for service. Renior arrived this morning. Forgot to let you know- the Christmas Jigsaw that I ordered (Christmas Market) was thoroughly enjoyed. So much so that I fixed it together, got a frame made for it and hung it above my fireplace as part of my festive decorations. Any very nice it looked too – got lots of

compliments. Has now been carefully stored away to be reused (I hope) for many Christmas's to come. Impressive service- many thanks.

**Pat McDonald - Sunderland.**

***We try to turn all orders around within a few days, but failed miserably during February, by grossly underestimating the popularity of ALL of the jigsaws in Issue 29....Hopefully everyone has now received the puzzles ordered.***

## JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS & INFORMATION & MORE

**Q. Why do box sizes vary so much? Some are much bigger than necessary to hold the no. of pieces for the puzzle-lots of fresh air!!**

**A. The box cover is often the attraction to the puzzle inside, so the bigger the box, the better the reproduction of the picture....But when you have to pack all the various sizes it can be a nightmare! What do you think to a plastic bag with a small picture?**

**Q. I was surprised to read that you intend to stock King puzzles. I have found that they are not very good quality: - thin, poor fitting pieces, but cheap.**

**A. Would we do that to you! King has produced a new deluxe range of good quality puzzles along with their 'not so good quality....We will only be stocking their better quality.**

**'Old Farmfield' our original limited edition is now almost sold out so if this is on your wish list you really need to order it soon.**

***Not too many questions for me this last month, so been relegated to the picking department. Made a few mistakes too. Hoping that I can get back to my desk job soon so please keep those letters coming!!!***

**Have a great 'puzzling' March**

**Jig**



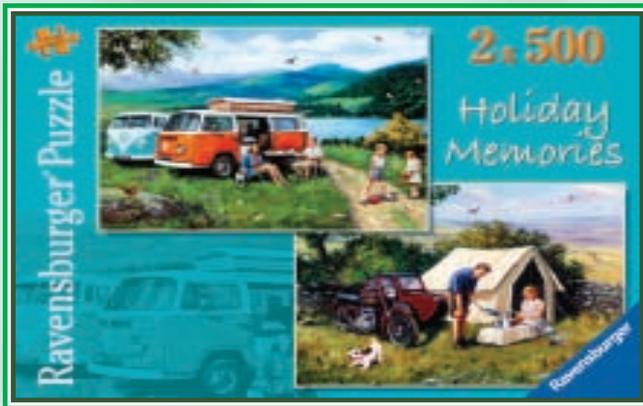
## WINNING WAYS

**AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 30 - Entries by 31st March please.**

**Which Artist created The 'Happy Days' series and how many have been made into Jigsaws so far?? Our winner will receive the whole collection.**

# PREVIEWS

BRAND NEW PUZZLES FROM Ravensburger. Available now



14098-Holiday Memories- 2 x 500pc by Kevin Walsh



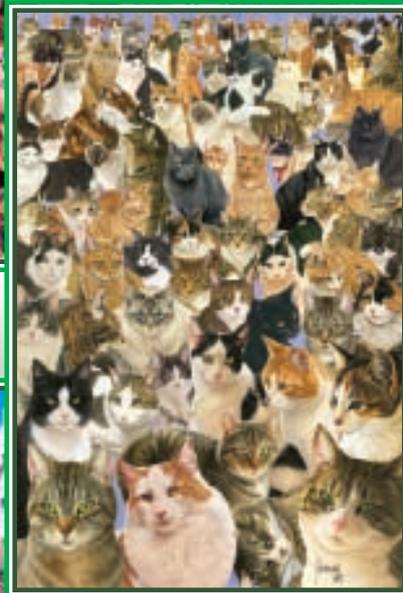
14097- Winnie the Pooh – 2 x 500pc



15632-Dogs Galore-1000pc

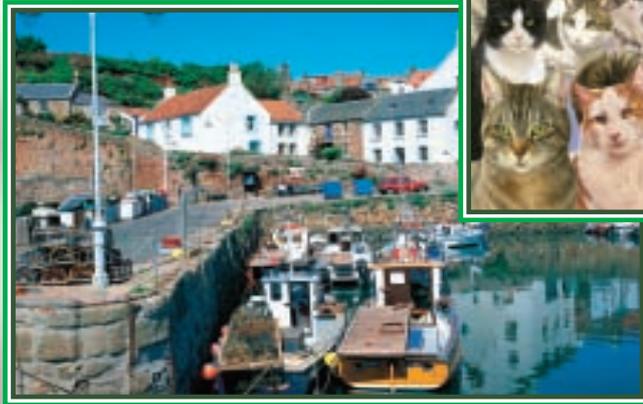
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15775-Crail Harbour-1000pc



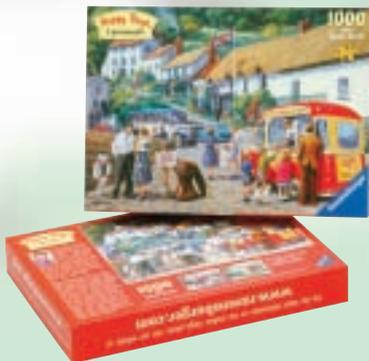
15771-Norfolk Sailing Boats-1000pc

15778-Mills & Boon-1000pc

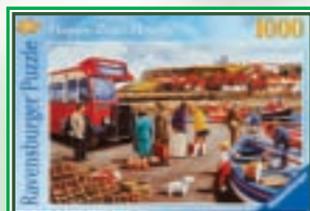


## Kevin Walsh-Happy Days Series

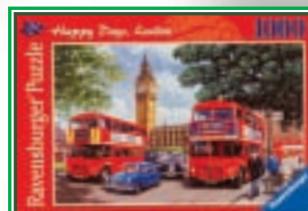
...and see over for the latest in this very popular series



Happy Days- Lynmouth-1000pc



Happy Days Whitby-1000pc



Happy Days London-1000pc

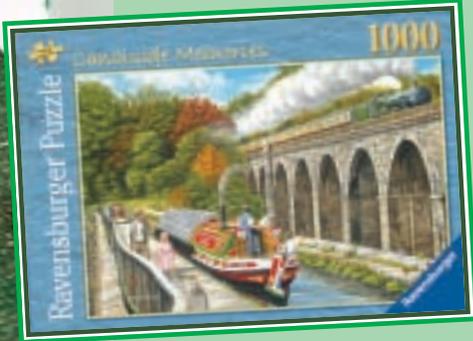
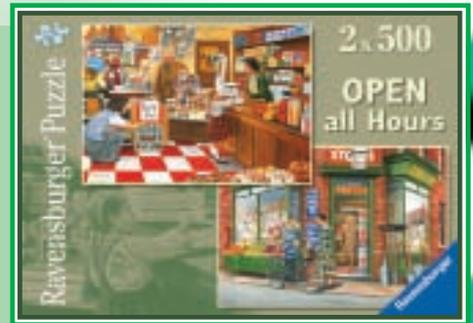


Happy Days Oxford-1000pc

# OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Take a step back in time and enjoy Open all Hours by Trevor Mitchell from Ravensburgers 2008 collection - 2 x 500pc jigsaws available at £9.99.

*Open all Hours*

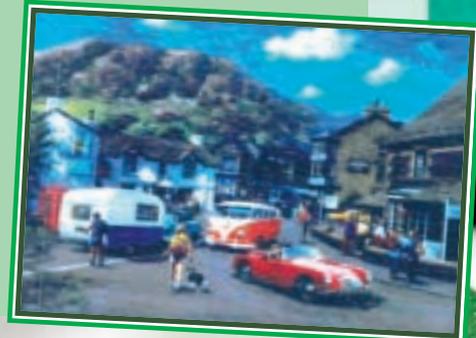


Canalside Memories by Trevor Mitchell –one of the latest Jigsaws from Ravensburger -1000pc available at £9.99.

Happy Days Lake District by Kevin Walsh featuring town of Coniston from Ravensburger- No 5 in this nostalgic series and available at £9.99.

*Canalside Memories*

*Happy Days Lake*



To order **Open all Hours** and/or **Canalside Memories** and/or **Happy Days-Lake District** 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: (Please use blank spaces for unlisted items)

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15779-Happy Days Lake District-1000pc	£9.99		
14098-Holiday Memories-2 x 500pc	£9.99		
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15522-Cats Galore-1000pc	£8.99		
15633-Dogs Galore-1000pc	£8.99		
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