



Congratulations to Jig on his first ever newsletter. I think he did really well, but don't want the power to go to his head. A very warm welcome to our existing and new members. We are well past our target of 3000 which we wanted to reach before the start of 2009. Many thanks to everyone who helped us achieve this and a happy new year (albeit a little late) from me.

# THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

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## Trevor Mitchell Art translated into some of our favourite jigsaws.

I'm happy to say 2008 was a busy year for me and I'm looking forward to seeing so many of my paintings reproduced as good quality jigsaw puzzles this year. I was delighted that my painting of Chirk Aqueduct for Ravensburger's Canalside Memories won their 2008 Puzzle of The Year competition and I would like to thank everyone who voted for it.

Looking back on last year, the commissions I most enjoyed painting were the five Welsh scenes for Ravensburger's Holiday Favourites montage, and the four pictures I painted for Gibsons' 4 x 500 piece The Postman's Round. The Holiday Favourites commission was a nice opportunity to do some landscape painting. I particularly enjoyed doing the picture of Llandudno because I remember going there as a small boy with my parents and riding on the cable hauled tramway up the Great Orm. The view across the bay is stunning and I was pleased to be able to include some period figures and vehicles for added interest.

In contrast, Gibson's The Postman's Round is set in an imaginary location and composing the pictures was almost like writing a story. I've tried to convey the impression to the puzzler that they are following a postman around a beautiful village. In the first puzzle, he sets off from the post office, chatting to the van driver who has brought the mail. In another puzzle he is delivering letters to the village blacksmith and in the next he's arriving on his bicycle at a farm, before completing his round in the market square in the fourth puzzle. Look for the common features in each of the four pictures which make it apparent you are looking at the same village, but from a different view point, in each puzzle. Trying to achieve this and finding so many things of interest to put in each picture made this the most absorbing and enjoyable series I have done. I hope many members will feel the same!

I have just finished another pair of puzzle artworks of which I am equally proud. They are to be a 2 x 500 piece for Ravensburger called Are You Being Served, which will be available this summer. I hope everyone who enjoyed recreating the interior and exterior of my corner shop in Open All Hours will have just as much fun inside and outside my department

store! The pictures are set in October 1969, as a newspaper placard outside the store announces Concorde's first supersonic flight. Illustrating the 60s vehicles and fashions and researching the toys of that period, for the picture of the Toy Department, was a most enjoyable trip down memory lane and I hope it will be for others.

I'm looking forward to capturing more fond memories on canvas this year, and I hope my pictures will give Puzzle Club members as much pleasure in piecing them together as they give me in painting them.

**Trevor Mitchell - [www.nostalgicart.co.uk](http://www.nostalgicart.co.uk)**

**Trevor has offered our club members the opportunity of purchasing The original artwork (oil on canvas) for Llamberis Lake Railway, Great Orm-available at £395 each, Year in the Garden - set of four priced at £795, Open all Hours-set of 2 originals at £395 and Chirk Aqueduct & Viaduct -£650. These are also available as prints. If you would like to acquire these beautiful paintings, please contact Margaret for further information or visit [www.jigsaw-puzzle-club.co.uk](http://www.jigsaw-puzzle-club.co.uk)**



Canalside Memories - 1000pc



Postmans Round  
4x 1000pc



A New Thatch - 1000pc



Open all Hours  
2x 1000pc



# NEWS & VIEWS

## Readers Letters

### Our Star Letter

I would just like to say a big thank you for the excellent service I recently received from you. I had been trying everywhere to buy the Gibsons 2008 Christmas puzzle as I have been collecting these each year. I was beginning to think that I'd missed it when I remembered that I belonged to the Puzzle Club. So I found my newsletter and phoned and ordered two Xmas puzzles on 23rd December. I thought they would arrive after Christmas, but much to my amazement they arrived Christmas Eve morning. Sadly my mum had just passed away, so this really helped to make my Christmas. This was the first time I have ever ordered through the club, but will certainly use it again in the future. Many thanks from one very happy customer.

*Helen Bourne - Huntingdon*

**Thank you for taking the time to write in Helen and don't forget to claim your free jigsaw. We're delighted that Royal Mail didn't let us down. Watch out for our '2009' Christmas previews - We'll put together a reserve list and send them out as soon as they are available.**

Where have all the puzzle-shops gone? I trawled the high street this year and a few garden centres, hoping to put together my Christmas list of most wanted jigsaws, but there was little or no selection of the latest jigsaws you've featured in the newsletters. So as a last resort (although I do prefer to see the jigsaws themselves) I passed copies of my newsletters to my family and friends and was lucky enough to get all the ones I wanted. Thank you Jig!

*Maeve Saunders - Colchester*

**There certainly didn't seem to be lots of choice out there this year, but we do maintain good stock levels of all the Major manufacturer's jigsaws at all times - not just during the Christmas season. We also try to keep you informed of all new & innovative new jigsaws. We're here to help and grateful that you found us a help in your dilemma!**

Just received issue 40 and was interested to see the Top 10 for 2008. What a nostalgic lot we are it seems. I enjoy puzzles of Country Cottages (I Live in one myself) and like many others, like to do my puzzles seasonally! Most puzzles I get are recycled through the local hospice shop. I always put the contact slip in them, so hopefully you get more members. The Newsletters are always an enjoyable read - Keep up the good work.

*Christine Bond-Abbotts Langley.*

**We do appreciate your comments (Particularly the nice ones) and would also value your comments on where you think we can improve things for you - so please feel free to write in or telephone with your thoughts - good or BAD.**

## WINNING WAYS

### Issue 39

Well done Susan Tate - Bristol, whose list included five jigsaws from our top ten.

Your prize will be sent out to you very soon. Congratulations. Our winner for issue 40 will be announced in the next newsletter

### AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 41

We've featured several of Trevor's works of art in this newsletter. Can anyone give us the name of other works that have been used for our jigsaw enjoyment?

**Our winner will receive one of Trevor's limited edition prints.**

## JIG'S CORNER

### QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

*Happy happy me! The Boss says she got lots of good comments about my efforts in producing Issue 40 and with any luck, might get to do it again. Great Stuff!*

*Due out this month. Just waiting on delivery. Wasgij Mystery 5 & Destiny 9. These will be despatched post-haste on receipt.*

*Gibson's latest catalogue is included. Some great new stuff for you to peruse. As soon as we receive the other Manufacturers catalogues they'll be sent out! Usually*

*between end Feb and March. Anything not catalogued will be featured in our preview sections.*

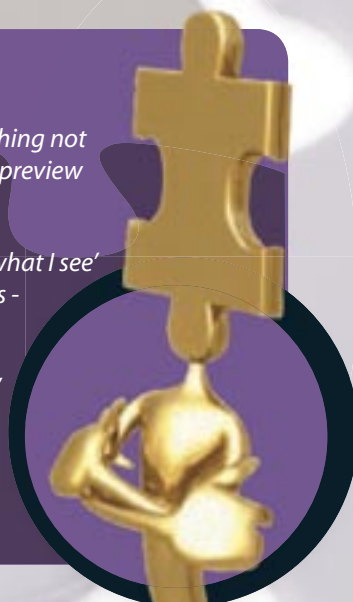
*Look out for Ceaco - 'Can you see what I see' & St Patrick's Day special selections - coming very soon!*

*Sorry about white print on price list, Quite forgot to amend.*

*No questions??*

*Don't forget me. I need your letters*

*Jig*



# PREVIEWS

ALL BRAND NEW FOR 2009

(please allow a little extra time for delivery)

## Ravensburger 2009 1000pc Jigsaws



Crazy Cats in Garden - 1000pc



Disney World Map - 1000pc



Great British Allotment - 1000pc



Tomatoe Potpourri - 1000pc



Seasonal Serenity - 2 x 500

## Gibsons 2009 Collection

To add to your collection of 'Shopping Baskets'  
- a brand new range called Sweet Memories



1940s Sweet Memories - 1000pc



1950s Sweet Memories - 1000pc



1960s Sweet Memories - 1000pc



1970s Sweet Memories - 1000pc



National Trust-Heritage 1  
1000pc



National Trust-Heritage 2  
1000pc

# OFFICIAL PUZZLE CLUB SELECTED JIGSAWS

Bringing you a taste of Scenic, Humour & Nostalgia.

## Holiday Favourites -1000pc

Wonderful scenes of Wales by Trevor Mitchell 1000pc Jigsaw called Holiday Favourites from Ravensburger 2009 collection. Requested by our members and available at **£9.99-1000pc**



## Great British Barbeque -1000pc

Great Fun and a taste of summer. Enjoy The Great British BBQ by Dick Bogie from Gibsons 2009 Collection-1000pc jigsaw available at **£10.99**



## Meeting the Neighbours - 1000pc

A nostalgic view of days gone- Meeting the Neighbours by Michael Herring-1000pc Jigsaw from Gibsons collection. Available at **£10.99**

To order **Holiday Favourites** and/or **Great British Barbeque** and/or **Meeting the Neighbours** 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)

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G7005-Great British BBQ-1000pc	<b>10.99</b>		
G6018-Meeting the Neighbours-1000pc	<b>10.99</b>		
15931-Crazy Cats-1000pc	<b>9.99</b>		
15785-Disney World Map-1000pc	<b>11.99</b>		
15938-Great British Allotment-1000pc	<b>9.99</b>		
15834-Tomatoe Potpourri-1000pc	<b>9.99</b>		
14054-Seasonal Serenity-2 x 500pc	<b>9.99</b>		
Sweet Memories-1000pc 1940s -1950s			
1960s -1970s (please mark choice)	<b>10.99</b>		
G364-Heritage 1-1000pc	<b>10.99</b>		
G365-Heritage 2-1000pc	<b>10.99</b>		
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<b>Postage &amp; Packing</b>			<b>£3.50</b>
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