



A very warm welcome and many thanks for your patience during our two week closure in July. Pleased to know we were missed! Back on track now and looking forward to our autumn season.

THE OFFICIAL UK PUZZLE CLUB

News from Ravensburger How did the “Country Cottage Collection” evolve?

Product Manager Sarah Stevens explained “I’ve been sourcing jigsaw puzzle images for over 20 years, and was finding it increasingly difficult to find really good large format transparencies of picturesque country cottages. I knew from our consumer research that the subject was as popular as ever, so I wanted to create a new way of representing beautiful country cottages and gardens in our range. I’d worked closely with Howard Robinson before, and knew his illustrations were always beautifully detailed and colorful and he works really well from a written brief. Once I’d given Howard the written brief, we chatted through some ideas and Howard created some rough visuals for me to look at. I gave him my feedback on his ideas and from these he created “Rose Cottage”, which set the style for the series. We’ve had very good reactions to the puzzles, so I hope the series will continue for many years to come. I’m sure most people have their own ideas about idyllic country cottages, so there’s plenty for us to work on!” Sarah would be interested to know what your ideal country cottage and garden would look like, so please send us your thoughts on this and we’ll pass them on. You never know, you might see your ideas translated onto the next Ravensburger “Country Cottage” jigsaw puzzle!

Rose Cottage - No 1 of the series



Rose Cottage, an ancient timber framed thatched cottage, nestles in the beautiful British countryside. Roses wind their way around the doorways, and the garden is packed with beautiful flowers including foxgloves, lupins, geraniums and clematis.

Tulip Cottage - No 2 of the series



Tulip Cottage is a picturesque country retreat, tucked out of the way in a quiet village. The cottage’s honey-coloured walls are bathed in soft spring sunshine, and the garden plants and wildlife are all bursting into action. The scene is ablaze with springtime colour – how many different plants and birds can you spot?








Howard Robinson biography



Howard Robinson was born in the north-east of England in 1959. He received his formal art training in Brighton, after which he returned to his native County Durham to enjoy the open countryside. Howard has worked as an illustrator for over 20 years, winning awards both at home and internationally.

He is interested in all forms of wildlife and plants, and this is reflected in his highly detailed and realistic illustration style. Howard’s work can be found on numerous products including jigsaws, t-shirts, fine china, stationery, record sleeves and book jackets. His images can even be spotted as part of background sets for TV programmes and Hollywood movies. In addition to his work as an artist, Howard is an expert on certain rare birds, and has recently returned from an international lecture tour of zoos and wildlife parks.

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NEWS & VIEWS

Our winning letter

Having been with you from the start, I thought you might be interested in the 'Jigsaw Parties' we used to have. A group of us loved jigsaws, but rarely had time or space to complete a 2000+ pc jigsaw. We decided to get together for an evening to try to complete one. We used baby sitters (or partners) to look after the children and arranged a quick snack. In those days it was a chip shop meal or something we prepared. Now it could be a takeaway or a pizza. We would decide in advance whether to sort edge pieces whilst children were at school- but no 'puzzling' to be done until we were altogether. We'd then sit around a large dining table and each have a small board for pieces to be sorted by colour. As the evening progressed we'd select whichever board of colour was needed on our part of the table. A pleasant evening enjoyed by all at little expense. Sometimes we finished the puzzle, but if not the wives would try to complete it while the children were at school. We took it in turns to act as host and provide the puzzles. Between sessions, most borrowed my jigsaws, so my house was like a jigsaw library. I also had a collection of children's jigsaws which were very popular when the children were off school. Those still young enough to be in cots - slept, however the school age children made the most of somebody else to read stories, play games etc. They enjoyed their 'parents' night out' as much as we did. I always have a puzzle on my board and can't resist buying new ones. Your club has given me so much pleasure.

Margaret Holt-Cardiff.

What an interesting way to get together for an evening or two. Might even work for the children during their school holidays. Thanks for taking the time to tell us your story (slightly revamped to fit!)

A Puzzlers Lament.

With steady hand and co-ordinating eye
I complete another puzzle with a sigh
Missing one piece, I look around
Could it have fallen on the ground?
I seek it here, I seek it there
That darned piece isn't anywhere.
But wait, now what is that I spy
Adorning a paw of my cat nearby?
Eureka! My missing piece at last.
Now I can finish my puzzle fast.
I rescue the piece and stare in dismay,
Merlin has tasted it, it won't fit anyway!
Blue eyes accuse-didn't I know?
He was only helping because I was so slow!

Jeannie Judd-Martock.

Well done Jeannie - You win a personalised Wentworth jigsaw. Will it be a picture of Merlin? Do let me have a photo of your choice and we'll get your jigsaw made.

So much talent! Thanks to all that put pen to paper to furnish us with your poems. We'll publish a few more during the next few newsletters

JIG'S CORNER QUESTIONS, INFORMATION & MORE

Well, peace is over! The boss returns and its back to the grind. Non-stop now until the end of the year.

Big mistake. Apologies needed. The 3 jigsaws featured in our preview pages in issue 34, were created by Peter Webster and not Peter Harrison as stated. Sorry Peter- Hope we get to see more of your great art in the future.

Q. Does anyone produce a board suitable for a panoramic jigsaw?

A. Not come across one yet, but we'll certainly let you know if we do.

Following the last info from 'The Falcon Puzzle Club' we understand that you will need a computer in future to keep in touch with their club. Just a note to let you know that whilst we don't promote their products, most are all available through us. Next Wasgij - Christmas 4 will be in in August. If you're not on the reserve list, then just order in the normal manner.

Gibson LE (£12.99) & Ravensburger LE Christmas puzzles (£10.99) will be sent out shortly.

Bit soon!! Me thinks! AND there's a few more coming up in the next couple of months.

Happy August, Jig.



WINNING WAYS

Issue 33

Congratulations to Jeannie Judd, whose poem was selected as our winning entry for Issue 33. Winners for issue 34 will be announced in our September Newsletter

AND OUR WINNING WAYS COMPETITION FOR ISSUE 35

Entries by 31st August please.

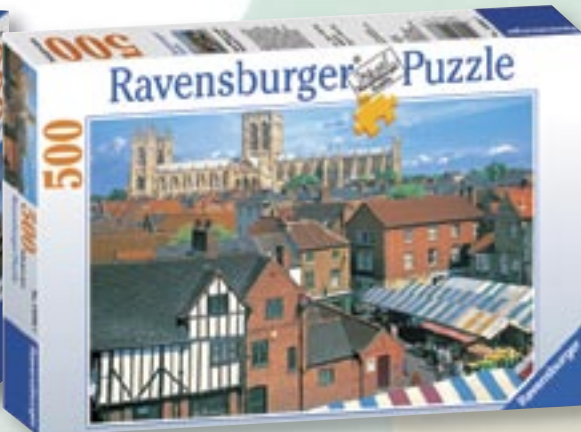
Ravensburger celebrated a milestone anniversary this year. Can you tell us how many years it celebrated?

PREVIEWS

Ravensburger new Autumn collection



14585 - Leeds Castle, Kent 500pc



14586 - York Minster 500pc



15767 - Timber framed Cottage 1000pc



15766 - The Packet House 1000pc



15822 - Historic UK Map 1000pc



15816 - Household Favorites 1000pc

and a Taste of Summer from the Otter House Collection 1000ps jigsaws



Summer Fete 1000pc Square jigsaw



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One of the worlds most beautiful scenes - Banff National Park from Clementoni's collection
1000pc Jigsaw available at £9.99

39014 - Banff National Park



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39013 - Aztec Queen



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