

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to join the BPS Publishing Group

I am a member of the BPS and understand the Publishing Group Rules.

I enclose my cheque / Postal Order for UK £10 made out to "BPS Publishing Group".

I have my first set of prints ready for the next bundle.

Name _____ BPS Number _____

Address for Mailing _____

_____ Post Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____

Please send your form and payment to the Chairman, Rachel Marsh:

Moorend, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon, EX21 5RN

Please send your first set of prints ready for the next bundle to the Mailer, Jean Watson:

19 Hillbrow Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH6 5NT

BPS PUBLISHING GROUP RULES

1. All members of the British Printing Society are eligible to join the Publishing Group.
2. An annual supplementary subscription of £10 shall be payable by all PG members except those referred to in Rule 5 below. The subscription shall be paid to the PG Mailer by 30 April.
3. Members of the Group should contribute at least two items per year to the PG bundles. The Group's continued existence depends on the active participation of its members and those who do not contribute may not be eligible for renewal of membership of the Group.
4. A Committee consisting of a PG Chairman, PG Councillor, PG Mailer and PG Treasurer shall be responsible to the Executive Council for the proper running of the Group. These officers shall be elected by the members of the Publishing Group at the AGM.
5. All Executive Officers of the BPS are ex-officio members of the Publishing Group and are exempt from obligations under Rules 2, 3 and 4.
6. Every two months the PG Mailer shall send to each member of the Group a bundle containing such publications as he/she has received since the dispatch of the preceding PG bundle.
7. Members of the Group must notify changes of address to the PG Mailer in addition to their official notification to the Society.

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Councillor: Win Armand Smith winasmith@yahoo.com

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HOW TO JOIN THE BRITISH PRINTING SOCIETY PUBLISHING GROUP

The Publishing Group (PG) enables its members to share/publish their printed work via PG bundles, which are mailed out every two months. These printed items may be postcards, poems, coasters, small booklets, series of cards, small posters, calendars, quotes... The majority of members are letterpress printers but there are examples of digital, litho and even photocopy prints in the bundles. We welcome new members. What will you print?

WHY JOIN THE PG?

For fun and friendship! The opening chapter of John Ryder's book *Printing for Pleasure* (which could almost be the PG Handbook) advocates printing for pleasure over "profit-making drudgery" with the words: "far better to use your equipment as an instrument of design, to give your designs freely and to take friendship in return." Sharing our printing provides inspiration and the opportunity to learn new techniques from other members. Experimentation is actively encouraged.

PG FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Am I good enough to join the PG?

Yes! And if you are new to printing, then the PG will help by putting you in touch with experienced printers.

2. Do I need to contribute to every bundle?

No. The minimum requirement is to contribute to two bundles a year, though most people print more than this. And the more you print, of course, the more you gain from being a member.

3. What are the bundle deadlines?

15 January, 15 March, 15 May, 15 July, 15 September, 15 November.
We also contribute to the PG Annual.

4. What size should my contribution be?

Anything up to a maximum size of A5, or folded to A5. The exception is the mid-March bundle, which includes anything up to A4 (or folded to A4), giving members an opportunity to 'go large'.

5. How many items do I need to produce?

Currently 45 copies for each bundle contribution.

6. How much does it cost to join?

The annual subscription is £10 to cover mailing costs. You must be a member of the BPS before you can join the PG.

7. When will I need to renew?

After paying to join, the subscription renewal is due by 30 April of each year.

8. Anything else I should know about the bundle contributions?

Don't forget to print your name / press name on the back of your bundle item, and maybe include a colophon.

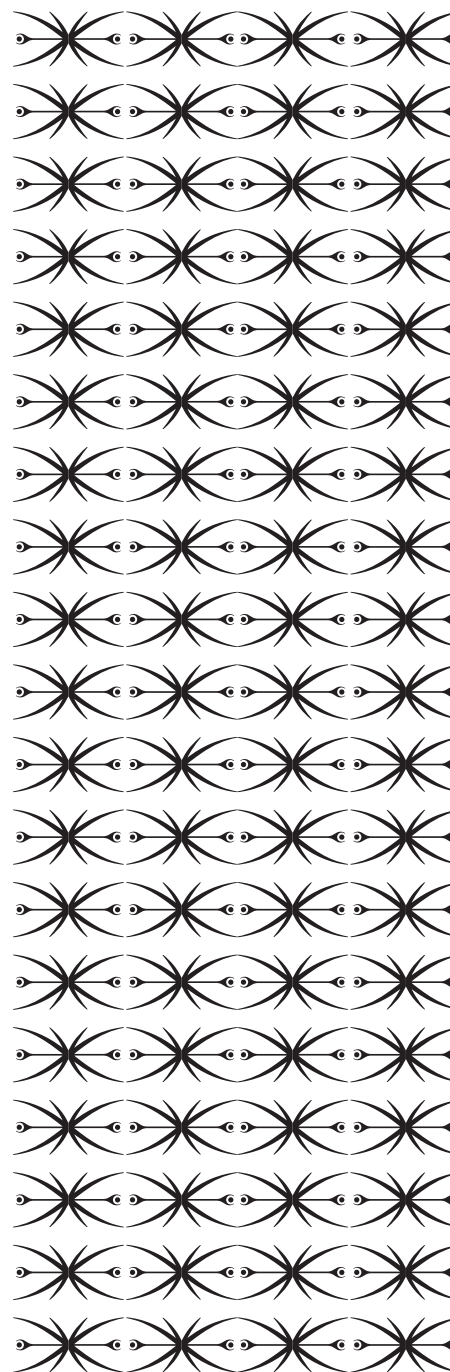
Although we welcome eclecticism, items promoting a religious or political viewpoint are discouraged, and maybe excluded from a bundle.

9. Where should I send my bundle contributions?

Send them to the PG Mailer, Jean Watson at 19 Hillbrow Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH6 5NT. She sends the bundles out to all the members.

10. I have more questions not covered by this leaflet!

Get in touch with the PG Chairman, Rachel Marsh via semplepress@gmail.com or call 07887 510099 and she'll be happy to help. You can also contact the PG Mailer, Jean Watson via jean.hillbrow@gmail.com and she will be able to send you a sample PG bundle.



PG MATTERS

In addition to contributing to the bundles, members can print page(s) for the Publishing Group Annual *Small Printing*. The deadline for contributions is 31 October and the bound annual is sent out to participating members in December. Some extra copies are also sold to raise funds for the group. Members vote to choose the theme for the year – which is often very broadly interpreted, but the theme is optional and all contributions are welcome.

The Publishing Group holds its AGM during the BPS convention. The PG officers are elected by the members present at the meeting. The officers are: PG chairman (co-ordinates the group), PG Councillor (liaises with the BPS Executive Committee), PG Mailer (sends out the bundles), and PG Treasurer. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

There are two annual Publishing Group Awards. The PG Cup is awarded for the best publication during the previous year, and the PG Award is given for the best single leaf piece of print. These awards are judged by PG members in a vote, and are presented at the Annual Convention of the BPS.

HOW TO JOIN

Print your first contribution to the PG Bundle (currently 45 items) then send it to the PG Mailer, Jean Watson.

Then send your completed membership form (overleaf) along with a cheque or postal order for £10 to the PG Chairman, Rachel Marsh.

Welcome to the Print Gang!