

ENTRY FORM

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Titles (continue on separate sheet):

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Entries : (£4 per poem, 3 for £10, £2 per poem thereafter) NB two copies of each poem	£
Anthologies: (£4 per copy plus £1 p&p)	£
Membership subscription: (£18 per year, £24 overseas, £12 students)	£
Please indicate method of payment: Cheque/postal order to Ver Poets Bank Transfer to : 40-40-01 82410419	



Downshifting (2017) is Adrian Buckner's 3rd collection from Five Leaves Press, following *Contains Mild Peril* (2008) and *Bed Time Reading* (2011). He was Poet Laureate of Nottinghamshire from 1999-2001 and has edited *Poetry Nottingham* and *Assent*. He teaches Creative Writing at Derby University and previously at Nottingham University. His poems have appeared widely in the literary press including *London Magazine*, *Rialto*, *Critical Survey*, as well as several appearances in Ver Poets anthologies. The late U.A. Fanthorpe wrote of his poetry: "A Buckner poem moves, and moves unexpectedly. He does this not to be pyrotechnic, or modish, but because his subject is mankind, and about mankind it's not possible to have simple thoughts."

**VER POETS
OPEN
COMPETITION
2018**

Adjudicator – **Adrian Buckner**

FIRST PRIZE £600

SECOND PRIZE £300

THIRD PRIZE £100

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30TH 2018

Winning and selected poems published in the competition anthology

www.verpoets.co.uk

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Ver Poets Open Competition is for poems on any theme and in any form. It is open to anybody aged 16 or over.

There is no initial sifting process and Adrian Buckner will receive **all** entries. His decision is final.

To be eligible for the competition, poems must be **no more than 30 lines in length**. Each poem should be typed clearly, in English, on one side only of A4: one poem only per sheet, **TWO COPIES OF EACH POEM** please.

Competitors' names and addresses must not appear anywhere on the poems. Please write your contact details and the titles of all poems clearly on the entry form.

Competitors may submit any number of poems for a fee of **£4.00 per poem, 3 poems for £10, £2 per poem thereafter**. Payments may be made by bank transfer or cheques/postal orders (sterling only). It is not advisable to send cash in the post.

A donation will be made from the proceeds to Grove House who provide care and support to patients who have been diagnosed with cancer or other life limiting illnesses and their families.

Entries must be received no later than **April 30th 2018**.

Poems must be the original work of the competitor. They should not have been published, or accepted for publication, in print or online. They should not have won prizes in other competitions, be simultaneously entered for other competitions or be translations of other poets' work. No competitor may win more than one prize.

The copyright of all poems selected for the anthology will remain with the author but we reserve the right to publish the prizewinning poems on our website and in our newsletter. **Copies of the competition anthology, *The Ver Prize 2018*, may be ordered by including a payment £4 per copy plus £1 post and packaging.**

Selected and prizewinning poets will be informed by post in June and prizes will be awarded at our poetry afternoon on Saturday, June 30th 2018 at The Maltings Arts Theatre, St Albans.

For an acknowledgement of your entry, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope marked 'receipt'. For a results list, please enclose an SAE marked 'results'. Results will be posted on our website, www.verpoets.co.uk, in July.

Please send entries to:

Competitions Secretary

**181 Sandridge Road
St Albans
Herts
AL1 4AH**

Ver Poets has a local and national membership. Monthly evening meetings provide a varied programme of guest readers, discussion, workshops and a forum for members' work.

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- Concessionary entry to evening meetings.
- Entry to members' competitions.
- Attendance at members' workshops

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Subscriptions may be sent with your competition entry.

For further details visit

www.verpoets.co.uk

or contact our Membership Secretary:
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