

BBV NEWSLETTER

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Bound by Veterans

Welcome



Welcome to our first edition of the Bound by Veterans Newsletter! We are delighted you wish to find out more about what we do.

Project Manager, Jonathan Powell, (see pictured, above right) explains more about the charity overleaf, but we are essentially a small,

cohesive team that believes in the power of bookbinding. Learning to bookbind provides therapy and training to wounded, injured and sick tri-service veterans and their partners.

Since our inception in 2012, BBV has supported over 200 veterans

and enabled 4 veterans to graduate and complete the entire Level 2 City & Guilds syllabus.

Our presence in the bookbinding world has helped reinvigorate the City & Guilds awards system and has given a boost into what was considered a specialist field.

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Special points of interest:

- £30k Comic Relief Grant now funding our tuition
- Opportunities for work experience—get in touch!
- 4 veterans have now graduated from our programme completing Level 2 C&G
- Like us on [facebook.com/Bound-by-Veterans](https://www.facebook.com/Bound-by-Veterans)



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Chairman's Chatter

Our aim, at Bound by Veterans, is to harness the therapeutic aspects of manual bookbinding to create an enduring and self-sustaining business for WIS Veterans. By providing training and access to qualifications, we support them with therapy, re-skilling and the possibility of a brighter future. We can now offer real education with very concrete results.

The Stationers' Foundation funded our initial trial in 2011 and such was the success that, in September 2012, we were officially registered as a charity. In March 2013, we opened our classroom for the first time — a real milestone. A month later, our courses began and later that year, in November, our first veteran, Terry D'Eath, graduated.

As our work here takes

on momentum, so more people are becoming aware of the support we can provide to veterans and their partners, some of whom are in dire need of help, confidence and a purpose...all of which bookbinding provides. We could not, however, exist without support from The Stationers' Foundation, Shepherds Bookbinders Ltd., Comic Relief, The Wiltshire Community Foundation & The Norie Trust. Thank You.

"It is wonderful to know that our small investment has made such a significant difference."

**Helen
Esmonde,
Master
Stationer**

Over 200 veterans supported since 2013



Interested in learning how to bookbind? Want to volunteer to help our charity? Are you a company keen to be involved with our work?

Please **get in touch** and help us transform the lives of more veterans and their partners. (contact details p.4)

King Kenny



Kenny Teasdale is one of our most recent success stories and is pictured here receiving his latest C&G award in Level 2 Bookbinding from Mrs. Helen Esmonde, Master of The Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

Kenny came to us after a life-threatening injury four

years ago, receiving brain damage which left him unable to talk for months. He could not focus and has been left permanently mentally injured. After a career spanning 36 years in the Army, Kenny is now going in a new direction. Bookbinding is starting to provide him with an income, a purpose and we are so proud of him!

Shepherds support BBV



Shepherds Bookbinders Ltd. have been supporting BBV since its inception. Luckily for us, they occupy the front half of Daffodil Barn and we are based alongside them. Rob Shepherd, (left) has been the charity's backbone from the start, and is still supporting it as strongly as ever. He is delighted that our training centre and administrative base is right next to one of his



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workshops: ***"Thanks to the hard work of the Trustees and volunteers, BBV is going from strength to strength; - bookbinding is not just an enjoyable and therapeutic activity but through our City & Guilds programme is proving to be a useful way to start gaining practical qualifications in the vocational crafts."*** Rob Shepherd, Managing Director Shepherds Bookbinders Ltd.

Wonderful Wendy

Our wonderful Wendy Lagdon is an ex-Royal Naval Engineer who left the Navy in 2005 and came to join our ranks in 2013. Wendy recently qualified in Level 2 City & Guilds Bookbinding after being awarded a bursary to attend an initial 3-day Bookbinding conference. *"If you're practical, then you can adjust to everything and you'll be surprised how easy it is."*

Luckily for Wendy and all those wanting to have an introductory session at BBV, all tuition and course materials are free! For information on our next series of courses and introductory sessions, see p.4 for more details.



"I enjoy bookbinding because I find it relaxing and therapeutic in a funny sort of way. I enjoy making wonderful books" (Wendy)

Spellbinding Training

We provide three types of training: **informal introductory lessons** as a "taster" for bookbinding, and **formal courses** leading (if desired) to national qualifications. **Workshop days** cover the wider aspect of bookbinding. There is no requirement to apply for City & Guilds awards, but veterans are

automatically registered and application for these nationally recognised qualifications is strongly encouraged. Courses and awards are available at Level 1 and Level 2, and each course covers the syllabus of one City & Guilds "Unit". By completing a Unit, a student can achieve a single craft Award. For

example, the successful completion of the Beginners' Course (Unit 118) qualifies for a City & Guilds Award.



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Training Courses 2016

18th March - **INTRODUCTORY LESSON** at Tedworth House (Avon Room)

4-8th April - **LEVEL 2 FIRST AWARD – Leather Case Binding (C&G Unit 220)** Daffodil Barn, Woodborough.

22nd April - **INTRODUCTORY LESSON** at Tedworth House (Avon Room)

16-19th May - **CRAFT DESIGN MODULE – Basic Colour and Design Theory and Practice (C&G Units 101-2, 201-2)** Daffodil Barn, Woodborough.

27th May - **INTRODUCTORY LESSON** at Tedworth House (Avon Room)

6-10th June - **LEVEL 2 SECOND AWARD – Alternative and Historical Binding (C&G Unit 221)** Daffodil Barn, Woodborough.

24th June - **INTRODUCTORY LESSON** at Tedworth House (Avon Room)

4-8th July - **LEVEL 1 FIRST AWARD – Basic Principles And Making Journals (C&G Unit 118)** Daffodil Barn, Woodborough.

22nd July - **LEVEL 1 FIRST AWARD – Basic Principles And Making Journals (C&G Unit 118)** Daffodil Barn, Woodborough.

Bound by Veterans is a registered charity (1149583).

For more dates and information on courses and qualifications, visit our website:

www.wiltshirebarn.co.uk

Remember, all our introductory courses are free to WIS veterans and their partners! Free