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NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2021

SPRING AND NEW HORIZONS...

Now that lockdown has eased that bit more and the sun has started to show its face, life seems to be getting back to a bit of normality. Seeing people in pub gardens and the markets and shops is certainly uplifting and I hope you are all able to enjoy seeing family and friends again, albeit with the remaining restrictions in place.

We have heard over the last few weeks that Tedworth House, where so many of you started your interest in bookbinding with a starter session, will not be offering accommodation in future. The Rolling Recovery Programme (RRP) will be run by MOD from now on with collaboration from H4H, and we hope to remain involved in the RRP, but I know many of you relied on staying there whilst you took bookbinding lessons at The Daffodil Barn, and that will no longer be possible.

For this reason, we are rolling out our live online lessons so that more of you can continue to learn and develop your skills from the comfort of your own home. At the beginning of April, Mylyn McColl began a part-time role with the charity, thanks to funding from The Printing Charity, as Principal Tutor for BBV. This is a hugely welcome development for the charity as Mylyn will dedicate her time to managing the workshop, organising kits and materials for online lessons, and spreading the word through social media.

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Mylyn has taught the first two live webinars with enormous success and will be offering, along with some of our other tutors, Level 1 and 2 classes via Zoom, over the rest of the year.

To check out what is available see below and our website. Any enquiries should be sent to Wendy at <u>courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u>

This development is so exciting because it means we can offer our services to many more WIS veterans out there, and we would really appreciate it if you helped spread the word.

Our face-to-face lessons will resume in July at The Daffodil Barn, and for those who can travel to the barn easily, or who stay locally, do check out what you might like to learn next – there is a lot of fun stuff on offer.

Till we see you again, on screen or in person, take care

Alison Strachan Chair BBV



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

BOUND BY VETERANS - ONLINE WORKSHOPS Local Connections Fund Case Study - Lisa Johnston

[In February's Newsletter we mentioned the generous award of funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to assist with the running of two bookbinding courses via Zoom in March. This case study features one of the students who attended the first online course.]

previously at a military rehabilitation centre and enjoyed it immensely. However, despite her interest, because of family commitments and travel and accommodation logistics, she would not be able to attend an in-person workshop at the Barn in Wiltshire.

So Lisa was very excited to have the bookbinding workshop available online where she could attend from her home and work around school runs.





Lisa was very enthusiastic and enjoyed having the time for herself with no other distractions or commitments. She focused on the tasks and immediately seemed to get the bookbinding bug. She made extra books in her own time and even some miniatures from the scraps of materials.

Any time she had spare in the class she was folding paper, cutting boards and prepping other little books





The group workshop was a great way for everyone to connect and through talking to one of the other participants Lisa got booked on to do a days water sport activity with another charity.

She also shared her own creations of teddy bears with missing limbs that she makes for Blesma - The Limbless Charity to create awareness.

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Lisa's enthusiasm in the workshop and other activities was very inspiring to everyone. She has since purchased a tool kit and more bookbinding materials to continue making books. She has signed up to work towards City and Guilds Level 1 and is keen to join the next online workshop to make photo albums and slipcases.

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

This month we have heard what Flis and Malcolm MacDonald (BoS and BBV Vet) have been doing as a result of attending the second, on-line, BBV Level 1 (Unit 118) beginners' course last month.

Having learnt how to make single and multiple section books Felicity says: "We managed to make five single-section notebooks in time for gifts at Easter" Here, with some stunning papers, are the results:





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INTERESTED?

If you are interested in taking part in any of our courses (either a webinar or at The Barn) please contact Wendy at <u>courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u> who will be happy to answer any questions and allocate you a place on a course. **Please note, places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and please get your bid in early if you are wanting to attend the webinar courses because we need time to get the tool kits and materials out to you. Even if you have done the beginners course before, you might want to refresh your memory and hone your skills. You will have the chance to ask questions and get personal attention as it is all live.**

We will be sending out boxed tool kits and materials via DHL to those who register for the classes, and the tool kits will be collected by DHL after the course is finished. All you will need is a space a bit bigger than A3 to work on, a computer or tablet with wifi, good lighting and a bit of peace and quiet!

We will be offering more live webinar classes during the year in addition to the onsite sessions at the barn, when they can start up again. Watch this space! Also look below for details of courses coming up in the near future.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2021 at Bound By Veterans

are being planned online (via Zoom) and by the time you read this Newsletter the first two such courses will have been completed.

It is planned, in the first instant, to provide online tutorials (via Zoom) for the Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118). This course is normally a 5-day (Mon to Fri) course but for the on-line course it has been split into two modules, the first of two days and the second of three. Courses run from 10.00 to 16.00 each day but the tutor will be available until 16.30 to assist with questions and practice. A thirty-minute lunch break will be taken each day at approx 13.00. Details of these courses are given below.

Anyone interested in booking a place on any of these courses should contact Wendy at <u>courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u>. If you are interested in the online tutorial courses please book early to ensure we can get the tool kits to you in time. Remember **FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED**.

April 2021

Regrettably the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in April have had to be cancelled. This includes:

 23-25 Apr (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma 17thC-style Laced-on Vellum Binding. (At the Barn)

May 2021

Regrettably the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in May have had to be cancelled. These are:

- 3-7 May (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 Leather Case Binding (Unit 220)
- 17-19 May (Mon-Wed) C&G Design and Sampling Course (Unit 201/202)
- 22-23 May (Sat-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma Gold Leaf Finishing

In their place another beginners' course will be held on line as well as a Level 1 Unit 119 course, the details are:

- 4-5 May (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1- Pamphlet Binding). (Zoom Online Course) This is for complete beginners and is the first unit in the Level 1 C&G's certificate in Bookbinding. You will gain a core knowledge of basic bookbinding skills and will make a single section pamphlet.
- 10-12 May (Mon-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 2 - Multi Section Binding) (Zoom Online course) Following on from Part 1 above you will make multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.
- 25-27 May (Tue-Thu) (Part 1) & 1-2 Jun (Tue-Wed) Part 2 C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photograph album & slipcase (Online Course) For those

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learn how to make two different types of photograph album, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase.

June 2021

Regrettably the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in June have had to be cancelled. These are:

- 1-2 Jun (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 3 Module Cloth Reback.
- 7-11 Jun (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Second Award Photo Albums & Slip Cases (Unit 119). (BBV Students only)
- 24-27 Jun (Thu-Sun) C&G Level 3 Module Laced-on Binding.

July 2021

At present the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in July are still scheduled to take place there. In addition to these, we have added another Level 1 Unit 119 online course, (see below).

- 3-4 Jul (Mon-Tue) C&G Level 3 Module Leather-entry Slip Case. This two-day assignment is part of the Storage and Enclosures module for Level 3 bookbinding. You will learn how to make a slipcase with a chamfered, rounded, leather entry. If taking the C&G course the slipcase would be made to hold your laced on leather binding.
- 19-21 Jul (Mon-Wed) (Part 1) & 26-27 Jul (Mon-Tue) Part 2 C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photograph album & slipcase (Online Course) For those with a little bookbinding experience, this online course is the second unit necessary for the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will learn how to make two different types of photograph album, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase.
- 30 Jul-1 Aug (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Module Quarter Velum Binding Over Boards with Paper-Covered Sides. An optional assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, where you will learn to make a laced-on hard binding with a French groove, which will be covered with quarter vellum and decorative paper sides.

Please watch out for further details and any changes to the course programme in later Newsletters or on the BBV website at: <u>https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/events-info/training-courses/</u> or from the course administrator at <u>courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u>

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and/or paid helpers for the following posts:

Project Manager

Workshop Manager

Fundraising and Events Manager

PR Manager (esp social media)

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping us out in any of these areas, please get in touch with us at <u>enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u>

Bookbinding Tips and Tricks by Mylyn McColl

Mylyn has recently joined the BBV team as Principal Tutor and in this section she offers up some useful information and tips about bookbinding based on her knowledge and experience gained during the last 15 years.

In this edition Mylyn describes a *Two-Ruler Technique* for measuring accurately and consistently.

"I use this technique all the time, pretty much for anything I measure, score and cut by hand. It can be used in place of dividers to cut small strips such as spines and box walls, as well measuring much larger areas if you have long enough rulers. If you are doing a large area you can pop a thin weight on the second ruler to keep it in place. Here I have given the example of cutting card but this technique can be applied to many elements of our craft including cutting board, scoring paper or card, making hollows or drawing lines etc"



"Take your first ruler, wrap masking tape around the ruler a couple of times at your exact measurement."

"Take your second ruler and lay it on your card. Position the first ruler near the top of the card so the masking tape buts up against the edge of the card. Slide the second ruler along so it buts up against the first."



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ruler is against the first so everything is nice and parallel."

"Keep your hand steady on the second ruler as you bring your knife along the strait edge to make your cut."



More from Mylyn next month.

This Newsletter from Bound by Veterans (BBV) is sent to all who have attended an Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House AND who have consented to being contacted. It has also been sent to those on the Band of Sisters (BoS) list and others who have requested it.

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For further information on course details or to book a course:

- Visit the Bound by Veterans website: <u>www.wiltshirebarn.co.uk</u>
- Email:
 - The course administrator: <u>courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk</u>
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