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NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY 2023

Hello everyone,

Last time I rather over-optimistically said that Spring was starting to show its little green face, but I think we can all agree that it is finally with us, with buds and blooms popping up all around us – hoorah to that and some sunshine on its way!

I am so pleased to see that so many of you have decided to register for City and Guilds qualifications over the last few weeks! These are not arduous exams, simply practical assignments which you do within your classes for the most part.



So what's stopping you? If you are doing a class with us of any kind, it can count towards an internationally recognised certificate or award and the sense of achievement is a real confidence booster. We will help you along the way and advise when we think you should submit your work, so there is nothing to worry about, and everything to enjoy and gain.

Since the start of the year, we have introduced more than 100 veterans to bookbinding through introductory sessions at Tedworth House, VOS in Portsmouth, Tribe in Scotland and our in-house courses at the barn and online. To all those of you who have had a go and enjoyed the craft, let us know if you'd like to do more and we'll help you as much as we can, as we're all

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mandatory, but offer a staircase of learning that some of you might enjoy.



<Examples of C&G's Certificates in bookbinding Level 1

If you'd like to give something back, right now we are looking for someone who might be able to help with our social media presence – get in touch with Wendy or Mylyn at:



courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk or tutor@boundbyveterans.co.uk if you think you, or even a teenage son or daughter, might be the person to give regular updates on the socials about what we are up to.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring.

All good wishes,

Alison

Chair BBV.



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

Irvine, Scotland - 1st March

Gerry McGregor, of Veterans Tribe Scotland, sent me these pictures and some feedback from an intro course held recently at the Towerlands Community Centre, in Irvine, Ayrshire.



Gerry, seen here in the centre of the picture at the end of the table, with some of the group showing their completed books.

Gerry said It was a really great session and for the majority of attendees it was their first time at taking part in the bookbinding class. Only Joyce and Ginny have taken part before.

Here are some of the comments

'I can't believe that I have made something so professional looking, I am normally rubbish at stuff like this' was one quote, and everyone left feeling so proud and pleased with themselves. All of them said that they want to do it again and can't wait until the next session. Joyce said that *"bookbinding is my joint favourite activity"* (alongside our wind chime making craft sessions!)

Here are two happy bookbinding Veterans, Barbara Goudie-Bradford (on the left) and Ginny Lee. Clearly showing that bookbinding is fun!



Everyone made gorgeous books and there was a lot of chat, banter and laughter and we look forward to more sessions in Scotland. For more details contact Gerry McGregor on: gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk

For more information about Veterans Tribe Scotland visit:

<https://www.veterantribescotland.co.uk>

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BBV City & Guilds Level 1 - Unit 118 Beginners' Book Binding Course



Sue Gover and her husband, Martin, from Veterans Outreach Support (Portsmouth), both recently attended a beginners' course at the Daffodil Barn at Woodborough.

Here is a review by Sue of their experience.

"Martin and I were invited, by Bound by Veterans, to take part in a 5-day book binding course at Daffodil Barn, as we had so enjoyed making notebooks with Veterans Outreach Support in Portsmouth. When we arrived at the barn we were greeted by both Wendy, the Course Administrator and Mylyn, BBV's Principal Tutor, who was our tutor for the course. On the first day we made a notebook but had to cut everything for ourselves. We learnt how to use knives, set squares and rulers. I struggled with using a craft knife and to make edges completely square but I knew, with practice, that the skills would improve."

"Day 2 was spent making a single-section book about bookbinding (The Art of the Book - see picture right). This involved folding and cutting pages so they were in the correct order. That was a challenge but even more challenges lay ahead. By the end of the day we had finished this and had started preparing to make a multi-section book that needed the text block to be created of individual sections."



"The next day we completed the sectional book after we had all learned about putting header and footer ribbons on and a book mark."

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and practiced the important method of measuring twice before cutting. Mylyn was the perfect instructor as she was teaching a group of 5 students who all came to the course at different levels of bookbinding skills".

< - Sue and Martin concentrating on their measuring and cutting!

"By the end of the week we were exhausted but knew that we have found a hobby that we want to learn more about. The course was challenging at times but, an enjoyable learning experience. We were so grateful to be given the chance to learn a lot more about the practical skill of bookbinding and have continued to practice the skill both at home and with VOS. For us it has taught us that we are never too old to develop new skills and the thrill of making a book that is useable is a bonus. I have now got a small bookbinding kit together and last week we showed our grandson how to make a pamphlet type book."

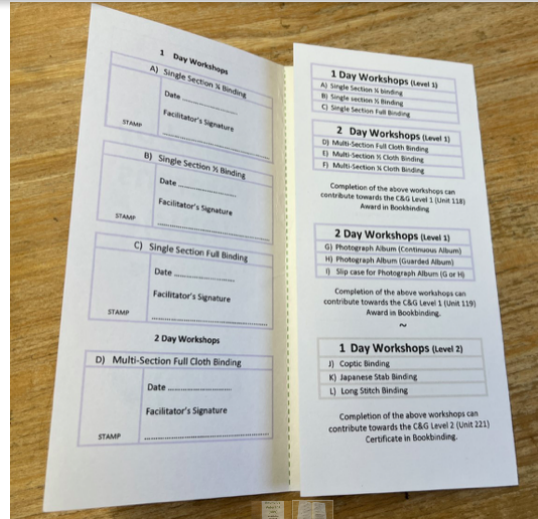
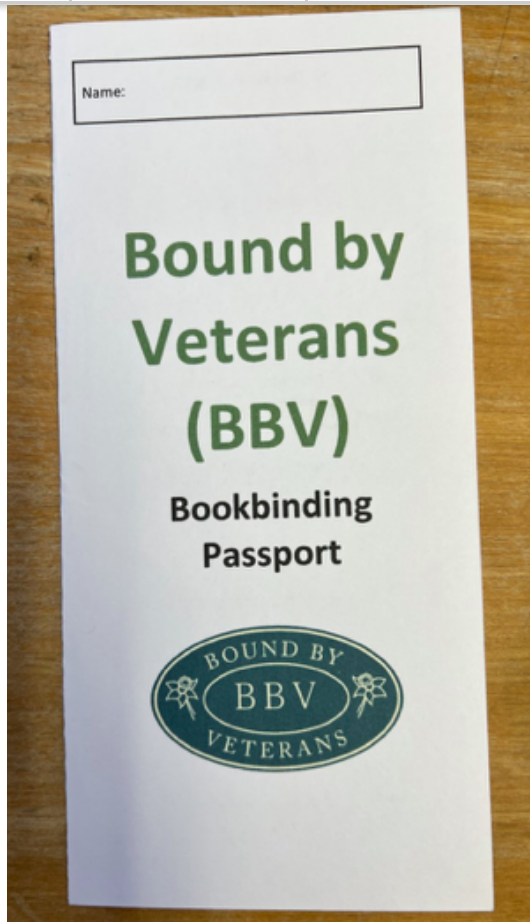


Sue and Martin proudly showing their course certificates

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BBV Bookbinding Passport

This notice was published in the previous BBV Newsletter (Feb/Mar 23) but is repeated here as it is an important addition to the way progress can



BBV is developing a number of one and 2-day workshops both on-line and in-person which, when completed, can contribute towards the C&G Level 1 (Units 118 and 119) Awards in Bookbinding and C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) Certificate in Bookbinding.

Attendance and satisfactory completion of the workshops will be recorded in the BBV Bookbinding Passport shown here.

For more details of the new scheme contact Wendy our Course Administrator.

courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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STOP PRESS

BBV Attends Craft Fair at Bouverie Hall Pewsey

Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, and BBV Veteran, Dean Williams, manned the BBV stall in Pewsey village hall earlier in the month. A full report by Niki Hinman of Marlborough News can be read at <https://marlborough.news/news/bound-by-veterans-woodborough->



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BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2023 through Bound By Veterans

Courses at the Barn continue to flourish and the online Zoom courses being run by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, are proving very popular by those who have difficulty getting away or are unable to find accommodation near the Barn. Details of both in-person and online courses are shown below

The BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are continuing to be held at Tedworth House and also at the Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS) in Portsmouth. In addition they are available through Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) and Help for Heroes (H4H) Scotland with online and in-person sessions.

Online tutorials (via Zoom) for the C&G Certificate Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) are now well established in the BBV course programme. This course is normally a 5-day (Mon to Fri), in-person course but for the on-line course it has been split into two modules, spread over two weeks.

In addition, C&G's Level 2 Courses (Units 220 and 221) are now available as Zoom on-line courses.

The online courses run from 10.00 to 16.00hrs 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 at approx 13.00. Details of these courses are given below.

Anyone interested in booking a place on any of the courses listed should contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk. 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 2023

- **17-21 Apr (Mon-Fri) C&G Unit 220 (Leather Case Binding) and Tool Sharpening.** This course is the first unit in the Level 2 C&G certificate in Bookbinding. You will learn how to make casebound leather books in quarter and half leather, and how to pare leather and sharpen knives. Some bookbinding experience is necessary.
- **18 Apr (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth

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- **25-27 Apr (Tues-Thurs) C&G Level 3 (Storage & Enclosures I).** This course is part of the storage & enclosures programme for C&G Level 3. You will learn to make a phase box, artist's portfolio with three inner flaps and ribbon ties, and a lift-off lid/chocolate box. Some bookbinding experience is necessary.
- **25 Apr (Tue) (10.00-12.00) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Veterans Outreach Support (Portsmouth) (VOS).** This is an In-Person group session at The Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth where students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook. Contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOS, for further details.

May 2023

- **2-4 May (Tue-Thu) & 9-10 May (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 2 (Unit 220) Leather Case Binding. (Online Zoom Course for any student).** This course is the first unit in the Level 2 C&G certificate in Bookbinding. You will learn how to make casebound leather books in quarter and half leather, and how to pare leather. Some bookbinding experience is necessary
- **5-7 May (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma module Limp Vellum Binding.** An optional assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, this offers an alternative style of binding, where you will make a limp vellum cover, attached to a text-block with leather thongs. (Course at the Barn, Woodborough)
- **10 May (Tue) (18.00-20.00) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Veterans Outreach Support (Portsmouth) (VOS).** This is an In-Person group session at The Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth where students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook. Contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOS, for further details.
- **15-19 May (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photographic Album and Slipcase.** For those with a little bookbinding experience, this 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 with folded guards, and one with stiff boards and a lined, cloth slipcase.
- **16 May (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **17-21 May (Wed-Sun) C&G Level 3 (Module) Springback binding.** To be held at Dragon Press Bindery, Camarthan, Wales. Full board and

at the Daffodil barn.) When rebinding old books it will often be necessary to repair sections or tears. During this two-day course you will learn how to make simple paper repairs in various ways.

June 2023

- **6th Jun (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **15 Jun (Thu) (13.30 -15.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Veterans Outreach Support (Portsmouth) (VOS).** This is an In-Person group session at The Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth where students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook. Contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOS, for further details.
- **12-16 Jun (Mon-Fri) C&G Level I (Unit 118) Pamphlet and Multi-section bindings (Course held at the Barn, Woodborough)**
For complete beginners, this is the first unit in the Level 1 C&G certificate in Bookbinding, where you will gain a core knowledge of the basic skills and make single and multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.
- **22-25 Jun (Thu-Sun) C&G Level 3 Laced on Binding.** A mandatory assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, this course will teach you how to sew handsewn silk headbands, lace boards onto sewing tapes/cords of a book, and cover a book in full leather by drawing it on. Students should have at least completed the equivalent of a Level 2 Bookbinding Unit.
- **27-29 Jun (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 (Unit 201/202) Design and Sampling**-part of Level 2 but can be taken by complete beginners also. On it you will learn about using colour and texture in your book designs and make decorative papers to be used on your book covers.

July 2023

- **4 Jul (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **13-14 Jul (Thu-Fri) C&G Level 3 Diploma Leather entry slipcase** 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 could be made to hold your laced on leather binding.

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Bookbinding. You will learn how to make a range of non-adhesive bindings, including a Coptic binding. For those with a little bookbinding experience.

- **25-28 Jul (Tue-Fri) C&G Level 3 Diploma - cloth Drop-Back box and Brass Post Folder.** During this intensive course you will make both a drop-back box (also known as a clamshell) and a folder with hidden brass posts. To get the most out of this course it is recommended that you have some bookbinding experience.

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

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in taking part in any of our courses (either a webinar or at The Barn) please contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk 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 live webinar courses because we need time to get the tool kits and materials out to you. Even if you have done the introductory session 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 send out boxed tool kits and materials via DHL to those who register for the online 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. Watch this space! Also look above for details of courses coming up in the near future.

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ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

We are aware that the cost of accommodation can present a problem for potential students who want to attend courses at the Barn in Woodborough.

Through the generosity of our donors who sponsor BBV we are now able to provide financial assistance to individuals wishing to come to the Barn for

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in touch with Wendy, our Course Administrator at:
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IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING taking part in any of the Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions, then please note:-

- **Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP.
- **Online Individual Introduction sessions:** For students in Scotland. These new sessions are being arranged:
 - for Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) students (contact Gerry McGregor gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk) and
 - for H4H students (contact Emma Weir emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk)

For those undertaking the online sessions:

- You can participate in the comfort of your own home, in a group organised session or from anywhere.
- All the tools and materials you need for the course will be sent to you by DHL
- The session is conducted by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl and will last about 2 to 2.5 hours.
- It is for complete beginners who have no bookbinding experience.
- The timetable for the coming sessions can be seen above.
- For further information about the introduction sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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A brief update on progress with the Tesco Community Grants.

Wendy has been very busy submitting applications for many Tesco Main and Tesco Express

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HELP WANTED

BBV is a charity which relies on sponsorship and volunteers to carry out its good work. To keep operating smoothly we are in urgent need of voluntary and/or paid helpers for the following posts:

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 enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk

This Newsletter, from Bound by Veterans (BBV), is sent to all who have attended an Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, or VOS Portsmouth, or VTS Scotland 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.

If you do not wish to receive future Newsletters please unsubscribe using the link at the foot of this newsletter.

CONTACT

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

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- **Email:**
 - **The Course Administrator:** courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk
 - **The Bindery at Woodborough:** office@boundbyveterans.co.uk
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