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# *Bound by Veterans*

## NEWSLETTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

**Dear Veterans and Families,**

I hope you are all enjoying the summer now that school is out and everyone can relax and enjoy the weather and some time out.

Right now we are preparing for The Ultimate Wessex Country Fair at Wilton House on 6th August. We are setting up a Bound by Veterans stall there and will be selling notebooks made by participating BBV veterans. They come in three different sizes (the notebooks not the veterans) and two different designs, have waterproof paper and sturdy covers, so are perfect for outdoor pursuits where you might want to make notes or drawings.

(See more details about the Fair at: <https://www.wessexcountryfair.co.uk> )



*The BBV notebooks will be on sale at the Country Fair. At three different prices they make perfect presents - please do come if you are in the Wilton area and stock up for (dare I say it) Christmas!*



GARDEN Notebook  
Page size 120x78mm  
50 leaves of Tyger Kraft  
Spiral bound over covered boards



GARDEN Pocket Book  
Page size 135x103mm  
80 leaves of Tyger Kraft  
Spiral bound over covered boards



GARDEN Journal  
Page size 152x130mm  
80 leaves of Tyger Kraft  
Quarter bound sewn sections

There will be plenty of fun activities and other stalls at the fair and it promises to be a great day out for families.

One of the main reasons we make notebooks and BBV products is to raise money for the charity. All, reading this newsletter, will have benefited from some free tuition in bookbinding, and to finance the courses, tools and materials, and pay for tutors, we must raise money. Selling products is one way to bring cash back into the charity, and in addition to being a huge achievement for those who create the notebooks, the activity also contributes to credits for a City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma. Win win I would say!



THE LEATHERSELLERS'  
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If you would like to join in making BBV products, we have a commission from one of our headline sponsors, the Worshipful Company of Leathersellers, to make 100 leather journals by next year. This is quite a challenge, but we will be paid for the job and the profits will go back into our BBV coffers to help more veterans discover the therapeutic benefits of this lovely craft. Do get in touch with us if you fancy finding out more.

Finally, some of you might have seen this nice bit of publicity for BBV in the Wiltshire Times <https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/20515352.bookbinding-course-military-veterans-goes-online/> which was also picked up by the

Until next time, enjoy the sun and hope to see you in Wilton!

Alison  
Chair

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*The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough*

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## COURSE NEWS

### **A Great Achievement - Distinction**

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that George Oatley has recently been awarded a Distinction for his work in the C&G's Level 1 Certificate. A tremendous achievement George - well done.



*George attending to some fine detail on a piece during his Level 1 Course*

*These are George's pieces for his Unit 118 ...*



*...and here is a selection of his work for Unit 119. Note the jumbo shell drop-back lid box covered with Harry Potter paper and the attractive patterned wallpaper used to cover albums and a slipcase.*

*Not content with producing splendid work for his Level 1 certificates, George has also been busy at home producing some fine work. This picture was featured in the last BBV Newsletter but is worth showing again.*



## SO, WHAT DO BOOKBINDERS DO?

*This is the second article in this feature in which I hope to give you an idea of how some people have got into bookbinding and where their careers have taken them. This second short article is about Kate Holland who describes herself as an Artist Bookbinder and Limited Edition Publisher. She has won several awards at the Designer Bookbinders (DB) annual competition and was elected a Fellow in 2015. She teaches widely and is also a regular teacher of bookbinding to BBV students at the Barn. - Ed*

Kate came into bookbinding by a rather circuitous route. As a child she lived near the book town of Hay on Wye where her father would take her on regular trips to scour the shelves. She read Mandarin Chinese at the University of Edinburgh with a view to becoming a dealer in contemporary Chinese but on graduating, a twist of fate led her to running a prestigious antiquarian

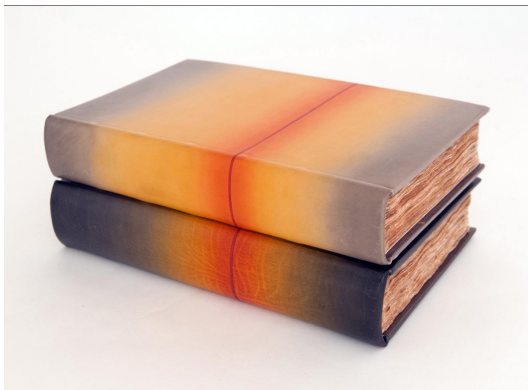


a week at City Lit and, after her first class, she was instantly hooked.



Kate is an artist bookbinder and works from a converted cowshed on the outskirts of Frome, Wiltshire, and specialises in contemporary and fine bindings. She uses traditional materials and techniques to produce a unique, modern binding that reflects the text, illustrations and typeface of the book. Seeking more control over the complete book, she has also branched out into overseeing all aspects of book production and has recently published several limited editions in collaboration with clients and other artists.

Kate's books are to be found in collections at the British Library, V&A, Bodleian Library, RIBA, Soane Collection, Walker Library of Human Imaginations and Yale University as well as many public and private collections internationally. Asked about her favourite works she said it was difficult as there were many which gave her pleasure but here are two of which she is particularly fond.



#### *Nonesuch Milton's Poems*

Kate loves the subtlety of this pair of books she has bound of Milton's Poems and says she is using this dyeing technique a lot at the moment.



#### *Kelmscott Works of Chaucer*

She is very attached to the Basilisk Press facsimile of the Kelmscott Chaucer based on a stained glass window designed by William Morris.

Kate is currently working on a first edition of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* set with platinum and diamonds. She says her job has never been more varied or more

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Designer Bookbinders or Kate Holland should visit <https://designerbookbinders.org.uk> or <http://www.katehollandbooks.co.uk> or on instagram @katehollandbook

## BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2022 through Bound By Veterans

**Courses at the Barn are flourishing again and the online Zoom courses being run by 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**

As mentioned before we are delighted that the BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are now being held at Tedworth House once again 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 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) 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 16.00 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 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](mailto: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**.

### August 2022

- **9 Aug (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. (**NB.** WIS veterans who attend this in-person session, or their partners are welcome to join in

31 Aug 22. See below for contact details)

- **15-19 Aug (Mon-Fri) C&G Level I (Unit 118) Pamphlet and Multi-section bindings**  
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.
- **23 Aug (Tue) 10.30-13.30 Online Group Taster Session (10 places) for Veterans Tribe Scotland students only.** Contact the facilitator Gerry McGregor at [gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk](mailto:gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk) for further details. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **24 Aug (Wed) (13.30 - 16.30) Online Group Taster Session (10 places) for Veterans Tribe Scotland students only.** As above, a second opportunity to take part in a taster session.
- **31 Aug (Wed) (13.30 - 16.30) BBV online Taster Session (7 places).** This session is intended for H4H students, any veteran and also those WIS veterans or their partners who might have already attended an in-person introduction session at Tedworth House. Further information is available from Emma Weir (facilitator for H4H Scotland [emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk](mailto:emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk))

### September 2022

- **1 Sep (Thu) (Time TBC) Online Individual Taster Session (7 places) for H4H students only.** Further information is available from Emma Weir (facilitator for H4H Scotland [emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk](mailto:emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk))
- **2 Sep (Fri) (10.30-13.30) Online Individual Taster Session (7 places) for Veterans Tribe Scotland students only.** Contact the facilitator Gerry McGregor at [gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk](mailto:gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk) for further details.
- **5 Sep (Mon) (Time TBC) Online Individual Taster Session (7 places) for H4H students only.** Further information is available from Emma Weir (facilitator for H4H Scotland [emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk](mailto:emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk))
- **5-9 Sep (Mon-Fri) C&G Level I (Unit 119) Photograph Albums & Slip Case.** 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.
- **6 Sep (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.

a living from bookbinding, this two-day course will teach you how to repair and re-back cloth hardback bindings.

- **13-14 Sep (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) and 20-22 (Tue-Thu) (Part 2 - Multi-Section Binding) (On-line Zoom Course for any student)** 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 and multi-section binding.

- **26-30 Sep (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) Alternative and Historical Bindings**

This course is the second unit in the Level 2 C&G certificate in Bookbinding. You will learn how to make a range of non-adhesive bindings, including a Coptic binding. For those with a little bookbinding experience.

### October 2022

- **4 Oct (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.
- **4-6 Oct (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) & 11-12 Oct (Tue-Wed) (Part 2 - Multi-Section Binding) (On-line Zoom Course for any student)** 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 and multi-section binding.
- **24-28 Oct (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 (Unit 220) Half Leather Case Binding**  
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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** VOS(Portsmouth) Introduction sessions for October to December 2022 are still being decided. Further information will be available in the next Newsletter (October/November).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 will be sending 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, now they have started up again. Watch this space! Also look above for details of courses coming up in the near future.

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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 Philippa Clare ([philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com](mailto:philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com)) 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](mailto:gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk)) and for H4H students (contact Emma Weir [emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk](mailto: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.

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- For further information about the introduction sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: [courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk](mailto:courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk)

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**TESCO**

Community Grants

In previous newsletters we announced that BBV was, once again, successful in qualifying for a grant from Tesco - Community Grants funds (previously known as the *Bags of Help* scheme) during the months of April/May/June this year.

BBV was one of three charities open for voting by the public in 7 Tesco stores until the end of June. We have just received the results and through the hard work put in by Wendy Lagden in entering BBV in the 7 Tesco stores we can report that BBV came first in four of the stores, second in two and third in one.

This means that we have been awarded no less than

**£8,500**

A truly staggering amount, congratulations Wendy.

We thank Tesco for their enormous generosity in supporting Bound by Veterans through their Community Grants scheme.



*On 10th June Wendy ran a table at the Fratton (Portsmouth) Tesco store to advertise BBV.*

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## SHINE SCHOOL MEDIA AWARDS

The Shine School Media Awards is a national, free-to-enter competition rewarding UK secondary schools who produce an outstanding newspaper, magazine, podcast or website.

The culmination of the competition is a spectacular gala awards ceremony, hosted by Ali Strachan the Chair of Shine, held in the City of London each summer. This year our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, delivered 4 mini workshops to winners at the Shine School Media Awards in June.



*In June this year our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, delivered 4 mini workshops to winners at the Shine School Media Awards.*



*Each student was given a single flat sheet that they had to fold correctly to make a booklet with pages running from 1- 16, they then stitched it and sliced the edges so the pages could open freely. It was a wonderful event sponsored by the Printing Charity who also sponsor BBV. It was great to see the students using bookbinding tools and thinking about how the pages flowed. Congratulations to all of them for their awards, a very inspiring day.*

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## Support BBV through Smile.Amazon.

When ordering goods through Smile.Amazon you can select Bound by Veterans by using [Smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) Amazon will donate money to BBV at **no cost to you**

## 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](mailto:enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk)

## Bookbinding Tips and Tricks by Mylyn McColl

There are no Tips & Tricks this time, Mylyn will be back later in the year.

Previous Tips and Tricks articles can be found on the BBV website at:

<https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/category/tips-and-tricks/>

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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## CONTACT

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

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