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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021- JANUARY 2022

CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Season's Greetings to you all!

We are coming to the end of another year with Covid dominating the news and a fair sprinkling of doom and gloom, but I hope that you are all looking forward to a festive break of cosy evenings with plenty to eat and drink.

This newsletter spans New Year but I would like to re-visit some of the BBV highlights of 2021:

- In March we ran our first online City & Guilds beginners course via Zoom. Run by Mylyn McColl and attended by 6 BBV members, it was a great success and we planned more sessions
- In April Mylyn was appointed Principal Tutor for BBV, thanks to funding from The Printing Charity. Mylyn takes care of the workshop, tools and materials for courses, and also teaches many of the Level 1 and Level 2 courses
- In May we ran the second unit of C&G Level 1 bookbinding via Zoom, meaning veterans who had taken both were eligible to receive their certificates
- In July, in line with the lifting of government regulations, we were able to resume face-to-face courses at the Daffodil Barn
- Late summer saw Louise Bell achieve her C&G Level 1 certificate in Bookbinding, and Gemma Barnes her C&G Level 2 certificate in

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Royal Highness Princess Anne at Dumfries House for my work on the C&G Level 3 Diploma in Bookbinding.

- In October we ran our first online Level 2 leather case binding course, which included a knife sharpening session which was quite challenging but a great success
- In November, a beautiful leather notebook made by Wendy for BBV, was presented to the new Lord Mayor of London as part of a gift from the Stationers' Company, one of our BBV sponsors. Wendy and Crissie accompanied me to the grand civic dinner at Mansion House, and Wendy received a round of applause from the 220 guests there including the Master of the Stationers and the Lord Mayor himself.

There is much to look forward to in 2022 and I hope we will see you in person or on screen, doing a bit more bookbinding. It is proven to be good for the soul! Finally, we end on a sad note. Derek Hood, who taught two BBV courses, passed away in late October after battling with cancer. Derek will be known to some of you as a softly spoken Scotsman with a dry sense of humour. He was an extremely talented designer bookbinder, but also a drummer in several rock bands in his youth. He will be very much missed.

Remembering those friends and loved ones who are no longer with us, I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and a healthy 2022.

Alison

Chair, Bound By Veterans



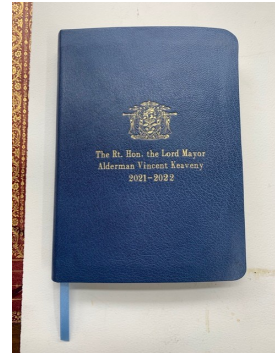
Ali Strachan, at Dumfries House in September, talking to Princess Anne after being presented with the City and Guilds President's Award for the work she has done in developing the C&G Level 3 Diploma in Bookbinding.

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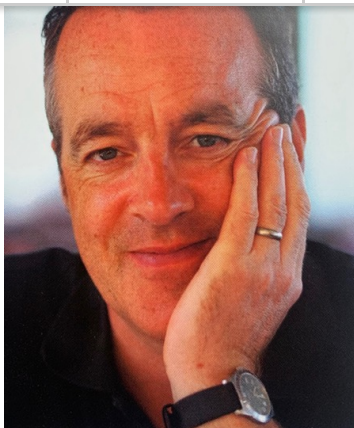
In November Wendy Lagden made this beautiful leather notebook for BBV as part of a gift from the Stationers' Company (one of BBV's sponsors) to the new Lord Mayor of London.



Wendy and her partner, Crissie, accompanied Ali to the grand civic dinner at Mansion House, and Wendy received a round of applause from the 220 guests there including the Master of the Stationers and the Lord Mayor himself.

Ali and Wendy in the stunning surroundings of Mansion House.



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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

BBV BEGINNERS' BOOKBINDING SESSIONS. Formerly these were monthly, two-hour sessions conducted at Tedworth house, in Tidworth, giving service personnel who were registered on the Rolling Recovery Programme (RRP) a taster of what bookbinding was all about. From this they could, if they wished, subsequently embark on courses at The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough, about half an hour's drive from Tidworth. These introductory sessions had to be suspended at Tedworth House but BBV, with the support of Tedworth House, is hoping to restart them sometime in the New Year. In addition an on-line session was successfully trialled in October, led by BBV's Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, and was a great success. The key points about the online session are:

- You can participate in the comfort of your own home, 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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aiming to start them in the New Year.

- For further information about the beginner sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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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 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 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, now they have started up again. Watch this space! Also look below for details of courses coming up in the near future.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2022 at Bound By Veterans

We are now able to offer courses at the Barn again but the online Zoom courses being run by Mylyn McColl are proving very popular by those who have difficulty getting away or are unable to find accommodation near the Barn. Details of what is coming up are shown below

Online tutorials (via Zoom) for the 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, the first of two days and the second of three. The new

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

The online courses are 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 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**.

January 2022

- **11-13 (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 (Unit 201/202) - Design and Sampling (At the Barn)** In this fun 3-day course you will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design. As well as make paste papers. This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have no previous arts experience.
- **17-21 (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) - Alternative and Historical Binding (At the Barn)** 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.
- **25-26 Jan (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) and 1-3 Feb (Tue-Thu) (Part 2 - Multi-Section Binding) (On-line Zoom 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 and (in Part 2) multi-section binding.

February 2022

- **7-11 Feb (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Pamphlet Binding and Multi-section Binding) (At the Barn)** 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.
- **22-24 Feb (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module Lift-Off Lid Box, Portfolio, Phase Box (At the Barn)** Part of our Storage and Enclosures programme for C&G Level 3, you will learn to make a phase box, a classic artist's

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- **28 Feb - 4 Mar (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photograph album & 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, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase.

March 2022

- **15-17 Mar (Tue-Thu) & 22-23 (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photograph album & slipcase (Online Zoom course)** 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, one with folded guards, and one with stiff boards, and a lined cloth slipcase.

April 2022

- **6-7 (Wed-Thu) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) and 11-13 (Mon-Wed) (Part 2 - Multi-Section Binding) (On-line Zoom 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 and multi-section binding.
- **26-28 (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.

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

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

It's never too early..

...to learn craft work. My two grandsons enjoy craftwork so I have introduced them to simple bookbinding. Here, Arthur (11) and Airey (8) can be seen

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Initial introduction to bookbinding so was completed over two sessions. One slight difficulty is that they live in Berlin so the instruction is conducted via FaceTime - quite a challenge for me!

Robert East (Volunteer)



The project was a challenge for them but they were pleased with their final results.



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An idea from Mylyn McColl for Christmas decorations on a tree.

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books measuring 60x50mm with cloth spine and decorative paper made from off cuts from my studio. Perfect for writing festive wishes and hanging on your tree.



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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:

Project 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 enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk

Bookbinding Tips and Tricks by Mylyn McColl

The joy of small weights.

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If using a long ruler or cutting a soft material such as leather you can place small weights on the ruler to help keep it stable as you cut along it and...



...small weights can also be used to hold rolls of cloth flat as you cut pieces...

...and keep a box upright as you cut the turn ins.

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:

- Visit the Bound by Veterans website: www.wiltshirebarn.co.uk
- Email:
 - The course administrator: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk
 - The Bindery at Woodborough: office@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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