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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

Hello from all at Bound by Veterans

I hope you are all managing to keep warm as the temperatures finally seem to be hitting wintery levels, and heating bills have rocketed the other way! You are all always sure of a warm welcome at the Daffodil Barn and I hope that we will see many of you next year, as Wendy has prepared a feast of courses to suit everyone's tastes.

This year we welcomed more veterans and their partners from Scotland through Mylyn's online sessions with Tribe and facilitator Gerry McGregor, one involving our youngest participant ever Matthew (12 years old) who attended with his parents – a real family affair!. Wendy and Kevin also ran more successful introductory sessions at Veterans Outreach Support (VOS) in Portsmouth to an enthusiastic band of veterans, and Sally and Robert went back to Tedworth House to re-introduce the introductory sessions there. Mylyn also began online sessions with H4H veterans so we have reached out in every way possible to offer the benefits of this lovely craft and more than 200 veterans and their families have taken part this year to date.

Online courses have been very successful but we still want to see you at the barn and Wendy's heroic efforts to raise money (she is now known as 13-apps Wendy!) at Tesco brought in extra funding which is earmarked to pay for

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and want to do a C&G course we have limited funds for this, and it will be allocated on a first come first served basis – so get in touch with Wendy for more details asap!

Veterans Gilly and Dean started work experience with Jonathan on the Shepherds side of the barn in the summer, and it is hugely exciting to announce that Gilly is to start a three year bookbinding apprenticeship with Shepherds in January. Gilly is our first apprentice veteran and we are so pleased to welcome her onto the Shepherds team.



As you know BBV is run by a committee of Trustees and volunteers, and I am so grateful for the hard work and dedication from each and every member as that is what keeps our cause going. We expanded our committee this year by welcoming Paul Wilson, under-warden at the Worshipful Company of Stationers and former intelligence officer as a new Trustee. Wendy also agreed to become a Trustee after years of working as a volunteer for the charity. Thanks from me to everyone who helps us make a difference to veterans' lives, even in the smallest of ways. In August, the tragic loss of one of our founding partners Rob Shepherd was a huge blow, but I know he would be very happy to know that the charity is in such good hands.



The Worshipful Company of Stationers
and Newspaper Makers,

*As a former soldier, serving from
1975-1985, I recognise the
importance of the work that Bound
By Veterans is doing. The Worshipful
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the honour this year (2022-2023) to be the Under Warden, is, together with other City of London livery companies, a strong supporter of the charity's work .



Paul Wilson - New BBV Trustee



Wendy Lagden - New BBV Trustee



Wendy enjoyed a full career in the Royal Navy (RN) as an Aircraft Engineer (AEM(M)) before becoming interested in bookbinding. She soon became involved with Bound by Veterans, attending the courses available then taking on a the position of Course Administrator. Along with all the work involved in administering courses Wendy found

time to continue her studying towards achieving her C&G Level 3 Diploma in hand bookbinding. This she did with flying colours, achieving a "Distinction of the highest level". She has been instrumental in generating significant donations to BBV through the Tesco Community Grants.

We look forward to seeing you all next year, and in the meantime I wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Here's to 2023!

Alison
Chair BBV

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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions at Veterans Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth

BBV's Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions have been running for about 8 years at Tedworth House in Tidworth but they have only been in place since earlier this year in Portsmouth through Veterans Outreach Support (VOS). Wendy Lagden, BBV's Course Coordinator, runs the sessions at The Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth. For details of future sessions at Portsmouth see the Bookbinding Courses table below or contact Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOS.



Wendy Lagden giving advice to one of the students at VSO (Portsmouth) at a recent session...

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...two students discussing some finer points about bookbinding, or, perhaps, wondering what they are having for lunch!...



...end of course for five happy bookbinders proudly showing off their books, Kevin Reilly on the right...

...and Kevin's book



Here are some of the comments from students who attended the last two VOSP courses:

- *Very interesting and creative*
- *Bookbinding is such a lovely way to pass the time. I am definitely going to do more*
- *Loved the session can't wait to take this hobby further*
- *I find the things we do great*
- *Thanks Wendy, Superb session*
- *Lovely friendship, atmosphere warm and welcoming – Loved it*

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BBV City & Guilds Level 3 - Diploma Gold Finishing Course

A two-day course in the last weekend of November found five BBV students in the Barn at Woodborough approaching the advanced skill of gold finishing with teacher Dieter Räder. Dieter has been bookbinding for over forty years and gold finishing is just one of his many skills. He has a passion for traditional methods in restoration and conservation of books and is very keen to pass on his

3 diploma. It was a fascinating two days with a huge amount of information to absorb and digest.

On the second day we were able to put in to practice what we had learned and what Dieter had demonstrated. Needless to say, in his demonstrations he made it look easy but we soon found how difficult it was in practice.

Dieter (rt) demonstrating while Wendy Lagden (lt), (BBV Courses Administrator) and Gilly Turner (BBV Intern) absorb some of the finer details of gold finishing.



Stephan Godfrey, (BBV Level 3 Diploma student), developing a decorative pattern in preparation for applying it to a leather binding in gold.

Gilly delicately applying the super-fragile gold leaf to the leather spine before impressing it and...



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...Gilly's final and, for a first attempt, excellent result. Well done!

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Veterans on Work Experience

by

Jonathan Powell

Last July, two BBV Veterans who were interested in gaining work experience in a bindery began working in the Shepherds “end” of the Daffodil Barn. Gilly Turner and Dean Williams had both attended BBV courses and wanted to find out what goes on in a commercial bindery and to hone their skills by spending more time at the workbench.



Dean, who was one of the first Veterans to attend a course at the Barn when the charity started ten years ago, is keen to give something back to the charity by making up Explorer notebooks for sale. Gilly is very much a newcomer to BBV and the craft but intends to make a full-time career out of bookbinding.

Both Gilly and Dean are fortunate in living within easy commuting distance of Woodborough and so are able to visit regularly. Their time at the workbench since July has therefore followed a progressive programme in three parts: they have had numerous days of instruction at their benches, they have attended City & Guilds Level 2 and 3 courses at the BBV workshop and finally have been involved in some of the in-house work for which BBV and the Shepherds bindery is responsible.

Whilst the C&G courses (such as the recent edge decoration and gold finishing ones) are challenging and exciting, it is probably the in-house work that tests their memory, adaptability and even stamina the most, and often requires a full

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Brigadier as well as cleaning and repairing a pre-war Game Book from the Rannoch Estate in Scotland. In addition to sewing and casing in some Explorer book blocks, Dean has been rebinding books for a local library, including adding the lettering on spines in gold foil.

Both have also been heavily involved in manufacturing large red drop-back boxes for a major Shepherds job: the Macallan Almanac Volume 2, managed by the Edrington Distillery group.



It is against this background that Shepherds applied for funds from Edrington to sponsor an apprenticeship for Gilly. As Ali, our Chair, noted in her introduction we are delighted that this has been agreed and Gilly is all set to start her full-time apprenticeship with Shepherds in the New Year.

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2022/2023 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 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-

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**.

December 2022

- **13 Dec (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.
- **14 Dec (Wed) (1030-1230) 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 Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOS, for further details

January 2023

- **9-13 (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.
- **10 Jan (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 Jan (Tue) Coptic Binding (At Daffodil Barn)** In this fun one-day workshop you will learn how to fold paper to prepare sections and create gorgeous hard covers before being guided through the process of attaching the covers with the decorative stitching of the Coptic binding.
- **18 Jan (Wed) Online Half-Bound Single Section Binding Workshop (7 places, Veteran Tribe Students Scotland only).** For further information about this online course contact the facilitator, Gerry Macgreggor - gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk

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- **23-27 Jan (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.

February 2023

- **7 Feb (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.
- **7 Feb (Tue) (18.30-20.00) 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 Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOS, for further details
- **13-17 Feb (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 (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.

March 2023

- **14 Mar (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.
- **14-15 (Tue-Wed) & 21-23 (Tue-Thu). C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding and 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.
- **21-23 Mar (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 (Unit 201/202) Design and Sampling Course.** This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have no previous arts

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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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) 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)

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- 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

DONATIONS AND SPONSORS

VOTE FOR US
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Community Grants

Hot off the press ! The Application for the Kensington Tesco branch has been accepted and selected.

Voting for BBV will be between Mid Jan - Mid March 2023 :

- Kensington Superstore and several (x9) Tesco Express stores in the surrounding area

If we are successful in achieving 1st place (£1500) overall then the funds will be available for:

- Accommodation £1200
- Travel £300

Well done Wendy for processing the applications!

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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 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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 - The Bindery at Woodborough: office@boundbyveterans.co.uk
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