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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022

Dear Veterans and Families,

I hope that 2022 has got off to a good start for you all. The days are lengthening and already we are seeing signs of the coming Spring – something we can all rely on thankfully!

News for this year at BBV is that we will be re-introducing the introductory bookbinding sessions which were run at Tedworth House until covid struck. All of you will have taken part in one of these sessions but if you know of anyone else who would enjoy the workshop, or indeed if you fancy trying it again, then take a look at the dates listed in this newsletter and on our website.



Ali Strachan taking a Bound By Veterans Introduction to Bookbinding session at Tedworth House.

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Students engrossed in their bookbinding project at Tedworth House.



We will be also be running the introductory bookbinding sessions online meaning you can take part from the comfort of your home, whilst connecting on screen with fellow veterans. We will send you the materials and tools and everything you need to take part and a quality notebook will be the result! We are also pursuing funding to finance the cost of travel and accommodation to The Daffodil Barn workshop so that those of you who are part-way through your City & Guilds qualifications, and who used to rely on Tedworth House for accommodation and transport, can stay in a local B&B and complete your certificates.

For those who have never been to the barn, which is situated in a beautiful rural area of Wiltshire offering a breath of fresh air and space, the classes take place in a friendly small workshop with a maximum of 6 people. You have no obligation to do C&G qualifications but you are eligible for them if you complete the course – however, there is no pressure to achieve the certificates. Our aim is to offer a therapeutic activity which, as Stefan once said *'stops my mind going at a million miles an hour'*.

We hope to see you soon, on screen, or in person.

Take care!

Alison

Chair, Bound By Veterans

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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

STOP PRESS**ONE - BBV INTRODUCTION TO BOOKBINDING SESSIONS**

As mentioned above, we are pleased to announce that BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are being started again:

- **At Tedworth House, Tidworth:** These are two-hour in-person sessions running monthly from March to December 2022. Further details are given below.
- **Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** New, in-group two-hour sessions are to be held at Portsmouth. See below for further details.
- **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@veterantribescotland.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, 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 new sessions can be seen below.
- For further information about the beginner sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

STOP PRESS**TWO - ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL COSTS**

BBV is pursuing funding avenues which might assist with the costs of travel and accommodation for those wishing to complete their courses at The Daffodil Barn, Woodborough. If we get the funding, this would be the starting point of such a scheme so that those, who have already part-completed their courses and are unable to pursue qualifications due to travel and accommodation costs, could do so with this support.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2022 at Bound By Veterans

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 both in-person and online courses are shown below

As mentioned above we are delighted to announce that the BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are to be held at Tedworth House once again and trialled at the Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS) in Portsmouth. In addition they will be available through Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) and Help for Heroes (H4H) Scotland with online sessions.

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, 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. 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**.

February 2022

- **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 portfolio with three inner flaps and ribbon ties, and a lift-off lid/chocolate box. Some bookbinding experience is necessary.
- **25 Feb (Fri) (13.30-16.30 approx) BBV Online Introduction to Bookbinding session.** This session is intended for Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) students. Further information is available from Gerry McGregor (facilitator for Veterans Tribe Scotland gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk)
- **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.

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- **15 Mar (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding session at Tedworth House (TH).** This short introductory session is intended for RRP Students at TH only.
- **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.
- **18 Mar (Fri) (PM - time TBC) BBV Online Group Introduction to Bookbinding session.** This session is intended for Help for Heroes (H4H) students only. Further information is available from Emma Weir (facilitator for H4H Scotland at emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk)
- **24 Mar (Thu) (10.30-13.30) BBV Online Group Introduction to Bookbinding session.** This session is intended for Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) students. Further information is available from Gerry McGregor (facilitator for VTS) gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk)
- **25 Mar (Fri) (10.30-13.30) BBV Online Group Introduction to Bookbinding session.** This session is intended for Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) students. Further information is available from Gerry McGregor (facilitator for VTS gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk)

April 2022

- **5 Apr (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding session at Tedworth House (TH).** This short introductory session is intended for RRP Students at TH only.
- **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.
- **27 (Wed) (10.00-12.00) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding session at Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth.** Contact Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOSP, for further details.

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- **6-8 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.
- **10 May (Tue) (10.30-12.30) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding session at Tedworth House (TH).** This short introductory session is intended for RRP Students at TH only.
- **16-20 May (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.
- **23-27 (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.
- **24-29 May (Tue-Sun) Level 3 Account-Style Binding (Spring back).** An optional assignment in the C&G curriculum. The Account Book is a robust structure that was developed in the early nineteenth century for records which needed to open perfectly flat. It is sewn onto heavy webbing and has cloth-jointed endpapers. It is rounded, the edges decorated and the spine lined with calfskin. A laminated flange is inserted into the boards, along with the famous "spring back", a steam moulded spine which grips the book and throws the pages open. It is covered in reverse calf, goatskin and tooled with carbon.
- **25 May (Wed) (10.00-12.00) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding session at Veterans' Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth.** email Phillippa Clare (phillippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) for further details.
- **31 May-1 Jun (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 3 Diploma - Rebacking a Cloth Book**
One of the most useful skills to learn if you are considering making a living from bookbinding, this two-day course will teach you how to repair and reback cloth hardback bindings.

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 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.

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

In this section we like to showcase what former students have been doing since they attended courses with Bound by Veterans. If you have some bookbinding projects which you have undertaken since attending a course at Woodborough or online with Mylyn we would like to be able to show them in future newsletters. As we have no examples from students this month we have included a couple of items from the BBV team. Do send us any examples of your work for future inclusion.

Advanced Box Ideas

Box making has been really popular with students recently and these are a couple of examples of the type of boxes we've made. One is a fairly straight forward lift-off lid style box with a green book cloth base and decorative floral paper lid. The other is a slightly more complex structure bound in red bookcloth with angled sides, a hinged lid and magnetic closure. This also has internal walls in a contrasting yellow book cloth. Both were great fun to make and I loved the challenge of the red one - I really had to scratch my head to work out the structure and neat covering!



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HOLDERS for A5 sketch pads

I have made several A5 sketch pad holders, mostly for young relatives of mine, usually when they are in their early years. There are plenty of attractive papers about to choose from as you can see from these pictures.



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perfect the design and produce a satisfactory result. To date I've made about 10 and I think I've now got the hang of it!

The A5 sketch pads I use are from WH Smiths as they are the most economical and the paper weight is 135gsm.

Robert East - BBV Volunteer



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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

Mylyn will resume this section in the next edition of the BBV newsletter.

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