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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

Greetings from all at Bound by Veterans

And I hope that 2023 has got off to a good start for you all. January is under our belts and the first signs of Spring are popping up, which is something to celebrate when prices are also popping up in frightening measure. I have started eyeing up my cat Milo, wondering if he can earn his increasingly expensive keep, but as sleeping on people's laps and loud meowing are his chief skills, I don't think there is much in it.

As Spring stirs and we all come out of hibernation though, remember that the bookbinding classes BBV offers are free to all wounded, injured and sick veterans and their carers, and offer at the very least a bit of therapeutic activity, but also the



chance to earn City and Guilds (C&G) qualifications if you are keen to do a bit more. Freeing the mind from trials and tribulations is the chief skill of bookbinding as a craft, and the rewards are beautiful books or boxes you can take away, gift or use as you wish.

< *Examples of boxes.*

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wish to, we have a whole range of sessions available online, which are taught live by our Principal Tutor Mylyn, and require only a quiet little space and a table in your own home. We send out all the materials and tools you need and then arrange to have the tools sent back to us – it couldn't be simpler.

Kits being prepared for despatch. >



If you feel like getting out and about, we are running lots more C&G courses from the peaceful Daffodil Barn in Wiltshire, and have also launched short one- and two-day courses for those who find a whole week a bit daunting – take a look at the listings to choose one. We have some funding to cover travel and accommodation costs for those who live further away, so get in touch with Wendy (courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) to book something in!

This year we are also launching our first off-piste course at The Dragon Bindery in Wales. This 5-day class in spring-back binding is fully catered for with accommodation and food all taken care of. Spring-back, or ledger style, books have been used since the 19th century as registers, log books, accountancy books and for archives, and have an extraordinary construction which enables them to pop open flat, allowing for easy writing. Please see below for more details.



Take a break and make 2023 the year you learn some new bookbinding skills!

Till next time

All good wishes,

Alison

Chair BBV



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at the Barn in November last year



We were delighted to host a Taster Session at the Barn in November for Veterans through the Bristol-based charity Step Together.

It was wonderful to have the workshop back up to full capacity with eight students on the benches.



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Everyone made gorgeous books and there was a lot of chat, banter and laughter and we look forward to working more with Step Together in the future.

For more information about Step Together visit:

<https://step-together.org.uk>

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BBV City & Guilds Level 2 - Unit 220 Leather Book Binding Course - On Line

It was great to have another successful online 220 course at the end of last year running over two weeks at the end of November and into December. Tool and material kits were sent out with the addition of a paring glass, paring knife and scalpel. The course practices sewing multi-section binding and introduces working with leather and paring the thickness down. Elaine Mules and Wendy King attended the course, creating lovely quarter, half and full leather bindings over the five days.

*Wendy King displaying the results of
her work and...*

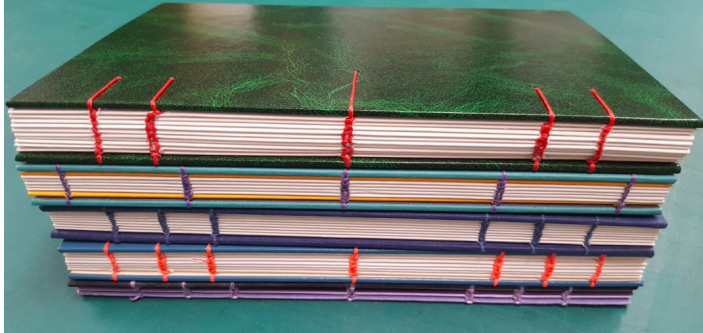
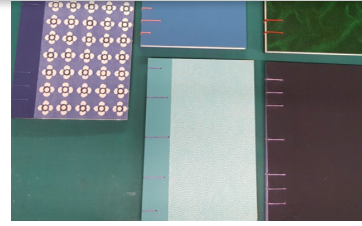


...Elaine Mules with hers.

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BBV One-Day Courses

Participants created Coptic bindings, first preparing sections, next onto the covers before working on the decorative exposed stitch. A brilliant variety of colours and stitch patterns produced on the day.



Detail of the attractive stitching of the students' Coptic bindings

Keep an eye out for more one-day courses in the near future.

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BBV On-Line Courses

Often, potential students who would like to take up bookbinding courses, find they cannot attend courses at the Barn because of difficulties in arranging accommodation and transport. On-line courses enable people to undertake the courses at their convenience in their own home. Kits of materials and tools, tailored to the particular course, are assembled by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn, and dispatched by DHL to those taking part. At the end of the course the kits are retained by the student, if they are undertaking further courses, or returned to BBV at the Barn if not. Do contact our courses administrator, Wendy Lagden (courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) for further details.



Material sets for the online leather course (right) and pre-cut materials for the taster sessions both online and in-person at Tedworth House

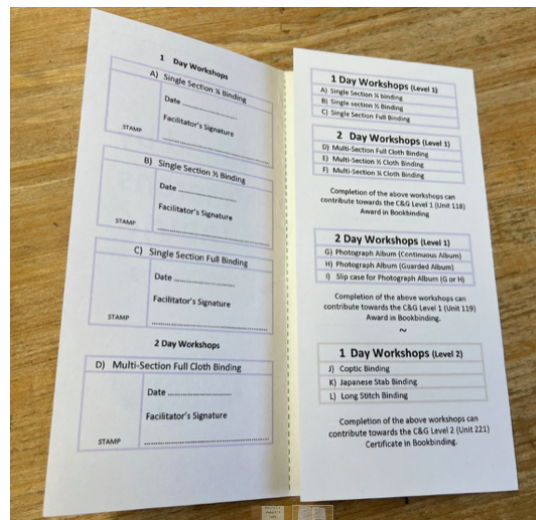
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course... the colour selection!



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BBV Bookbinding Passport



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.

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

courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, Tidworth

Eight happy members of February's session at Tedworth House, proudly displaying their books. Several of the course commented on how calming and relaxing the bookbinding had been.



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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 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 16.00hrs each day but the tutor will be available until 16.30 to assist with questions and practice. A thirty-minute lunch

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 2023

- **13-17 Feb (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.
- **25 Feb (Sat) (10.30 - 16.30) One-day workshop for VOS Portsmouth. Single Section 1/4 Cloth Binding. (Course held at the Barn, Woodborough).** Contact Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOS, for further details. Attendance and completion of this workshop can contribute towards C&G Level 1(Unit 118) Award in Bookbinding.
- **28 Feb -1 Mar (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 3 Module - Library-Style Binding.** This course will show you how to take down and rebind an existing book in a strong library style binding with buckram over split boards, cloth jointed endpapers and a hollow spine. For those with some bookbinding experience.

March 2023

- **7 Mar (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 Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) facilitator for VOS, for further details.
- **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.

certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have no previous arts experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.

April 2023

- **5 Apr (Tue) The Art of the Book – A One-Day Workshop** In this one day course you will learn the basics of the ancient craft bookbinding, learning skills that have been employed in making books for hundreds of years. You will start by folding a printed sheet into a single section before stitching together. You will cut boards and prepare materials from a beautiful selection of book cloth and decorative papers to create your own bespoke cover for the book. The end result will be your own instruction manual to be able to make more.
- **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 House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **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.
- **26 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 Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) 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

- **5-7 May (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma module Limp VellumBinding.** 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 Philippa Clare (philippa.clare.vosp@gmail.com) 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 lodging. Further details from Courses Administrator Wendy.
- **24-25 May (Wed-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module Paper Repairs.** (To be held 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.

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

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 courses.

For further information about support for accommodation and travel, please get in touch with Wendy, our Courses Administrator at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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)

For those undertaking the online sessions:

- You can participate in the comfort of your own home, in a group organised session or from anywhere.

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- 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



A reminder! we are in this scheme once again and this time in Kensington and the surrounding area. So if you happen to be in the area, pop in to the stores and make a vote.

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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to support BBV by purchasing goods through amazon and nominating BBV as the charity that they would like Amazon to donate to. Alas, this scheme is being stopped on the 20th February this year and no further donations will be made.

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.

Please note, this scheme ceases on 20 Feb 23

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.

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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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