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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2021

SUMMER UPDATE

Dear All,

What a scorcher of a week we have had and although it is lovely to have continental weather when it is still problematic, if not impossible, to travel abroad at present, I for one will be glad when it gets a little less hot at night!

This newsletter covers July and August, traditionally a quiet time for our courses provision, but we are running some online webinar courses, these are five days in duration and are split over two consecutive weeks. One is the photograph album course which is currently taking place and the other being the complete beginners course in August. Check our website page for the dates at: <https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/events-info/training-courses/> and more details of the courses later in the year are listed further on in this newsletter.

If you are interested get in touch with Wendy on courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

Mylyn, who is teaching the live webinar courses, has found them extremely successful forums for teaching the peaceful occupation of bookbinding. Being part of a group on a screen it is somehow easier to share stories and experiences than it can be in a face to face environment, and the webinars have encouraged close group dynamics whilst everyone is in the comfort of their own home. The kits we send to your homes contain everything you need

Testimonials prove that what we are offering is both enjoyable and therapeutic. Those who suffer from mental health and stress related illnesses have voiced such positive feedback on how bookbinding has helped them focus, and given them a respite from the often relentless hurricane of thoughts which plague many of our WIS veterans, and those who care for them.

If you know anyone who you think might benefit from some gentle craft sessions, who could do with a break from stress, and who would enjoy using their hands and learning a useful skill, please encourage them to get in touch.

I wish you all a relaxed, happy and healthy summer. Our next Newsletter will be in September.

All good wishes

Alison Strachan,
Chair Bound by Veterans



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

Learning new skills and advanced methods in bookbinding enable one to experiment and develop different styles and be creative. **Wendy Lagden (Courses Coordinator)** has been doing just that and one of her works is a Dos à Dos Binding. The name comes from the French for 'back-to-back'. When shelved, the spine of the book on the right faces outward, while the spine of the book of the left faces the back of the shelf. The text of both works runs head-to-tail.



separate books are bound together such that the fore edge of one is adjacent to the spine of the other, with a shared lower board between them serving as the back cover of both."

The dos-à-dos format dates back at least to the 16thC, though they were most common in England in the first half of the 17thC. Two books frequently bound in this form were the New Testament and Psalter, presumably because both were needed during church services. Regardless of content, the outer boards of dos-à-dos bindings were usually embroidered or covered with leather.

This picture shows the fine detail of the leather-worked covering of Wendy's magnificent book.



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Robert East (Volunteer). I attended my first bookbinding course at the Barn in 2013 and was very taken with the craft and have done several other courses since. One which I particularly enjoyed and which I have found most useful was the Level 3 Course on making a Phase Box, Lift-Off Lid Box and an Artist's Portfolio. The Lift-Off Lid Box in particular was most useful and I have produced many boxes since then. Here are some examples:



This box was the piece made on the course and it was immensely satisfying (and a great relief) to find the lid fitted and closed perfectly with just a gentle sigh and no pressure assistance.

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With Christmas approaching there was pressure to produce some boxes for presents and this is one of two sets of nesting boxes I made as gifts.



This box, which contained our (now) old wedding album, was too far gone to repair so I decided to make a new one...

... hopefully this will last for a good while longer.

One thing to consider when making boxes with paper which has a very regular pattern such as this is to think about matching up the pattern on the lid and the tray - it can be tricky.



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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 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

We will be offering more live webinar classes during the year in addition to the onsite sessions at the barn, when they can start up again. Watch this space! Also look below for details of courses coming up in the near future.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2021 at Bound By Veterans

There remains a desire to get courses at The Barn up and running again as soon as possible but in the meantime further courses are being planned online (via Zoom) and by the time you read this Newsletter the first three such courses will have been completed.

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 Unit 119 course is split into a three-day course for the first part and a two-day course for the second part. 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 each day at approx 13.00. Details of these courses are given below.

Anyone interested in booking a place on any of these courses 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**.

July 2021

At present the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in July are still scheduled to take place there.

- **30 Jul-1 Aug (Fri-Sun), Part One and 6-8 Aug (Fri-Sun), Part Two - C&G Level 3 Module - Quarter Velum Binding Over Boards with Paper-Covered Sides. (At the Barn)** An optional assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, where you will learn to make a laced-on hard binding with a French groove, which will be covered with quarter vellum and decorative paper sides.

August 2021

2 - Multi-section Binding) (Zoom Online 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.

September 2021

- **6-10 Sep (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 First Award - Alternative and Historical Binding (Unit 221). (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.
- **14-16 Sep (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module - Leather Re-back. (At the Barn).** Following on from cloth rebacking, this course will teach you the fine skills involved in sympathetically rebacking a leather book. These two courses combine as a mandatory assignment for the C&G Level 3 Diploma in Bookbinding.
- **20-22 Sep (Mon-Wed) & 27-28 Sep (Mon-Tue) C&G Level 2 Course in Bookbinding (Unit 221) (Zoom Online Course)** 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.
- **20-24 Sep (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1, Second Award Photo Albums and Slip Cases (Unit 119) (At the Barn).** 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.

October 2021

- **4-8 Oct (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) Pamphlet 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 bindings.
- **15-17 Oct (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 2 (Unit 201) - Design and Sampling. (At the Barn).** 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. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.

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.

- **22-24 Oct (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma - Quarter Leather Drop-back Box. (At the Barn).** The last piece in the Storage and Enclosures module for the Level 3 Diploma, here you will learn how to make a quarter leather drop back box with a rounded spine.

November 2021

- **1-2 Nov (Mon-Tue) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1- Pamphlet Binding) and 8-10 Nov (Mon-Wed) (Part 2 - Multi-section Binding) (Zoom Online 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.
- **4 Nov (Thu) C&G Level 3 - Diploma. Edge Decoration. (At the Barn)** Edges are another surface for the binder's creativity to shine but they are often overlooked. They act as an important protective barrier as well as being a key design element of a fine binding. In this workshop, Kate will show you how to achieve the perfect glass smooth finish to your edges and work through a variety of decorative finishes. From basic sprinkling and sponging through graphite, marbling, paste, gaufering and gold leaf.
- **8-12 (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 (Unit 220) - Half Leather Case Bindings. (At the Barn)** 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.
- **22-26 (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) - Photograph Albums and Slipcase. (At the Barn).** 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.

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 at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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:

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

Following on from her article in May's Newsletter about bookbinding adhesives, Mylyn takes a look at "Glue Management" and addresses some points which came up recently in a course.

Glue Management

Glue handling is one of the trickiest basics in bookbinding, getting glue where you don't want it can spoil an otherwise lovely binding. So here are a few little tricks to help you with your glue management.

- **Less is More** - you really don't need a huge amount of adhesive for paper, bookcloth and board to stick to each other. You need to find that 'Goldilocks' right amount - not too much but not too little.
- **Good Even Coverage** - using a mini paint roller and tray can help to distribute the adhesive more evenly. Foam or emulsion rollers work equally well. If using a large



- **Remove Excess** - use your apron or a damp cloth to keep your hands and tools clean, when you rub down with your bonefolder you occasionally get excess glue on your implement - make sure to remove any glue so you don't spread it with your next rub down.
- **Working Efficiently** - the quicker and more confidently you can work with adhesive the more control you will have. The longer you take to get things in place the more the materials are stretching and drying out.

- **Removing Dried Glue** - if you do get some glue onto bookcloth or paper, a crepe rubber can sometimes pick up the excess once it has dried.



This article can be found along with other Tips and Tricks of Mylyn's on the BBV website at: <https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/category/tips-and-tricks/>

More from Mylyn in the next newsletter.

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. If you do not wish to receive future Newsletters please unsubscribe using the link at the foot of this newsletter.

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