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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2022

Dear Veterans and Families,

Phew! It has been a scorcher this week, I hope you have all been enjoying the warm weather.

Since our last newsletter, BBV has had a lot going on and we have been very pleased to welcome more veterans and their loved ones or carers to classes nationwide.

In late April and early June, Wendy held introductory classes at Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth and there is another session coming up this week on 22nd June. These 'taster' sessions are the best way to introduce WIS veterans and families to the therapeutic joys of bookbinding and have been incredibly successful.

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at the VOS Portsmouth introductory session showing off their finished books. The session was given by Wendy Lagden, BBV's course administrator and assisted by Kevin Reilly, a BBV student who completed his C&G Level 2 Certificate in 2019.

Taster sessions have also resumed at Tedworth House, under the aegis of the MoD and we hope some of these veterans and service personnel will go on to take up City and Guilds (C&G) courses at the barn or online. Remember that if you have been discharged from the services due to being Wounded, Injured or Sick (WIS), all our courses are free. If you are still serving, the C&G bookbinding courses are also open to you and we offer a 10% discount on the full price.

Thank you to Wendy, Sally and Robert for running these sessions.

We have found the online courses very successful and are particularly thrilled to have welcomed veterans from all over Scotland through Tribe Scotland. We will be rolling out many more of these online courses and I do urge you to have a go. If you cannot be away from home for any length of time the class is brought into your own home, meaning you can still enjoy a sense of camaraderie and joint purpose, have fun and make some great books from the comfort of your own home.

We have also been getting busy at the barn and have resurrected the making of BBV notebooks and journals for sale to raise funds for the charity. We will be running a stall at the Wessex Country Fair on August 6th at Wilton House <https://www.wessexcountryfair.co.uk> so if you live in the area please come along and show your support. The notebooks make great presents! Finally, I have sad news about one of our veterans, who passed away a few weeks ago. Neil Sanders took part in two courses at the barn in 2019, and despite suffering serious breathing difficulties, completed and enjoyed both courses and made some beautiful books which he was very proud of. Our thoughts are with his family.

Hope to see you in August, and wishing you a warm and happy summer,

Alison

Chair, Bound by Veterans



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

Course Presentations

Students attending courses with BBV are registered with City and Guilds (C&G) and are able, if they wish, to sign up on the C&G's course programme and gain qualifications in bookbinding. They can progress through C&G Certificate Levels 1 & 2 and then through to a C&G Level 3 Diploma. It is always a very pleasing moment when we are able to present students with their well-earned certificates.

Such a moment came on Tuesday 31st May when two students received their C&G Level One Certificates and two their Level Two Certificates. The presentations took place in the BBV Barn workshop and were made by the BBV Chair, Ali Strachan, and some family members were able to attend too. The students' work was on display and showed a very high standard of achievement.



Ali Strachan presenting Clare Gray with her City & Guilds Level 2 certificate in Bookbinding

This is a selection of Clare's work for the Level 2 Certificate



Bookbinding is running in the family, here Clare's daughter, Elessa, is being presented with her C&G Level 2 Certificate...

... and here is a stunning display of Elessa's work for her C&G Level 2 Certificate in Bookbinding



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*his work for the C&G level 1
certificate*

Level 1 certificate in bookbinding.



A close-up of Dan's beautiful Level 1 work



Elaine's attractive Level 1 work.

SO, WHAT DO BOOKBINDERS DO?

In this new feature I hope to give you an idea of how some people have got into bookbinding and where their careers have taken them. This first short article is about Richard Nichols who I met recently on an edge decoration course at the Barn. - Ed

Richard was at school at a time when there were more craft subjects available to study than there are now and he was able to study and take calligraphy and printing at 'O' Level and go on to take, at the age of 15, 'A' level bookbinding. This was no sinecure, he says, as there was a fifteen-hour practical to complete, a three-hour technical paper, history of bookbinding paper and a portfolio of coursework to be presented. Sadly bookbinding is no longer available as a subject to study at school.

Following school, Richard went on to the Camberwell School of Art on the Archive Conservation course. After Camberwell his first post was as 'Manuscript Repairer' (Conservator) at the Derbyshire Record Office in Matlock and subsequently, after several other conservator positions in variety of counties he rose to be, for 30 years, Senior Conservator at Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Service. Since retirement in 2020, Richard has been pursuing the exciting path of 'Conservator in Private Practice'.

His work has brought him into contact with some iconic material, from parchment Anglo Saxon documents to every format within the long history of binding. One of his most fulfilling activities has been teaching, which he has done for over 25 years, imparting his knowledge of paper, parchment and book conservation to interns for the Archive and Records Association.



Here Richard is working on an Anglo Saxon will which is nearly 1,000 years old (a nobleman bequeaths land for the foundation of an abbey at Burton on Trent) and is one of the oldest documents held by the Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Service



A Vandalised 13th C Psalter

This psalter is believed to have been written and bound in France. It was in poor condition and underwent poor quality repair in 1815 into an unsuitable calf binding which was in very poor condition. After its rebinding it had been vandalised in the 19th century with pieces of parchment cut out and knife slashes throughout.



The psalter in its repaired condition

Richard repaired the parchment with pared new parchment, goldbeaters skin and gelatine adhesive and rebound the volume in full alum-tawed goatskin over oak boards. The sewing structure and hollow spine were designed for flexibility, needed because the trimmed pages were so stiff.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2022 through Bound By Veterans

Courses at the Barn are flourishing again and the online Zoom courses being run by 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

As mentioned before we are delighted that the BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are now being held at Tedworth House once again 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 16.00 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**.

June 2022

- **17 Jun (Wed) On-line Individual BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session (7 places)**. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook. This course is open to any veteran and or their partners.
- **20-24 Jun (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 (Unit 119) Photograph Albums and Slipcase**. For those with a little bookbinding experience, this course is the second unit necessary for the C&G Level 1 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.

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

- **30 Jun - 3 Jul (Thu-Sun) C&G Level 3 Laced on Binding.** This course will teach you how to sew hand sewn silk endbands, lace boards onto the sewing tapes/cords of a book in full leather by drawing it on. Students should have at least completed the equivalent of C&G Level 2 Bookbinding Unit.

July 2022

- **5 Jul (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.
- **5 - 7 Jul (Tue-Thu) & 12-13 Jul (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) Alternative and Historical Binding.** 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.
- **19-21 Jul (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 experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.
- **30 Jul - 1 Aug (Sat-Mon) C&G Level 3 Module Qtr Vellum Binding (Part 1).** 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 2022

- **6-8 Aug (Sat-Mon) C&G Level 3 Module Qtr Vellum Binding (Part 2)** 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.
- **9 Aug (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.

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.

- **23 Aug (Tue) 10.30-13.30 Online Group Taster Session (10 places) for Veterans Tribe Scotland students only.** Contact the facilitator Gerry McGregor at gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk for further details. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.
- **24 Aug (Wed) 10.30-13.30 Online Group Taster Session (10 places) for Veterans Tribe Scotland students only.** As above, a second opportunity to take part in a taster session.
- **31 Aug (Wed) (13.30 - 16.30) BBV online Taster Session (7 places).** This session is intended for H4H students only. Further information is available from Emma Weir (facilitator for H4H Scotland emma.weir@helpforheroes.org.uk)

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 will be sending 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, now they have started up again. 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:** In-group two-hour sessions are to be 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.
- 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

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?



George Oatley, who has recently completed his Unit 118 for his C&G Level 1 Certificate has been putting his skills to good use and produced these lovely books.

He is about to take the next step towards achieving his C&G Level 1 Certificate by attending a Unit 119 course.

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VOTE FOR US

TESCO

Community Grants

In the previous newsletter we announced that BBV was, once again, successful in qualifying for a grant from Tesco - Community Grants funds (previously known as the *Bags of Help* scheme) during the months of April/May/June this year.

BBV is one of three charities open for voting by the public until the end of June. If you are shopping in Tesco in any of the branches listed below, please help by placing a token or two in the BBV box which will be on display in the named Tesco stores. Here are the stores:

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| 1. Tidworth | 5. Colchester |
| 2. Trowbridge | 6. Portsmouth (PO1) along with the smaller Tesco Extra Stores in the area |
| 3. Sandhurst | 7. Portsmouth (PO6) along with the smaller Tesco Extra Stores in the area |
| 4. High Wycombe | |

The charity in 1st place in each store at the end of the voting period will be awarded £1,500, 2nd place = £1,000 and 3rd place £500. So with your votes in the above stores there is a guaranteed sum of £3,500 available for BBV. Let's try and make it £10,500!



On 10th June Wendy ran a table at the Fratton (Portsmouth) Tesco store to advertise BBV.

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to be held on Saturday 6 Aug at Wilton House near Salisbury. Many other activities and displays will be there. For more details about the Fair and tickets etc, visit <http://wessexcountryfair.co.uk>

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EXPLORER PROJECT WORKSHOPS

In 2020 we reported on this project run by BBV which makes and sells, through its website, a selection of notebooks, pocket books and journals. Explorer Workshops are being planned in future months at the Barn at Woodborough. All BBV members are most welcome to come to the Barn and help make more of these books. The workshops will be going all day but members are welcome to come for any length of time they can spare, your support will be much appreciated.

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80 leaves of Tyger Kraft
Spiral bound over covered boards



GARDEN Journal
Page size 152x130mm
80 leaves of Tyger Kraft
Quarter bound sewn sections

Examples of the "Garden" pattern notebooks made by BBV members. For further information of these and other products see the BBV website at <http://wiltshirebarn.co.uk>

If you are interested in lending a hand at future Explorer Workshops please get in touch with Wendy Lagden at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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.amazon.com/Smile) Amazon will donate money to BBV at no cost to you

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

Bookbinding Tips and Tricks by Mylyn McColl

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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

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