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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2021

BOOKBINDING AT HOME, CONTINUED...

Although the end is, perhaps, in sight, and Spring is finally in the air, lockdown conditions continue in much the same way, although I am sure that many of you have a bit more time to yourselves now that the schools have resumed.

Last month I announced that we were starting bookbinding classes via live webinars, and I am delighted to report that the sessions are proving a resounding success! All participants managed to create their books successfully and enjoyed themselves greatly, so much so that many have expressed interest in buying their tool kits so that they can practise from home and continue bookbinding classes in the future.

You will find screen photographs from the sessions below. The beauty of these live webinars is that everyone has a chance to ask questions, show their work and see in detail what the teacher, Mylyn, is doing. Course notes are available on the BBV website (<https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/events-info/training-courses-notes/>) and can also be sent out in hard copy form where necessary.

The sessions we have run so far have both been for complete beginners, which is Part I of the Level 1 City & Guilds certificate in bookbinding that we offer, and everyone who fulfils the work is eligible to sign up for the certificate. That means you can enjoy yourselves and gain internationally recognised qualifications at the same time!

restrictions. If you would like to find out more please email Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk. We hope to widen our bookbinding community and reach many more veterans out there who would benefit from this therapeutic craft, so do spread the word!

Until we see you again - stay safe and keep bookbinding!

Alison Strachan
Chair BBV



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

BBV's First Online Bookbinding Course

Earlier this month BBV successfully ran its first Zoom webinar. The course was a **C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118)**, a course for beginners in which students learnt how to create single section and multi-section books.

The instructor for this course was Mylyn McColl who has been bookbinding for some 15 years and although she has been teaching courses for several years, (including BBV courses at The Barn) she ventured into online training last year. BBV is now benefiting from her skills. She works from her studio at home and specialises in boxes, restoration and working with alternative materials.



Six students, Veterans and Band of Sisters from around the country, attended the online course and Mylyn took them through the steps to learn a number of different bookbinding techniques and skills to enable them to create a selection of handmade books. A pack of tools and materials had been sent to them via a courier in time for the course.

three in the second. All students found this arrangement good as it enabled them to fit in other domestic matters around the course.

Asked how the students found the pace of instruction on the course, they said: *"Totally satisfactory, fine."*, *"The instructor paced it well and was able to recap various points throughout to those who needed further instruction without disrupting the course."* *"The pace of the course was well pitched."*

Asked if the course had a positive impact on their mood, the response was: *"Yes."* and *"Hell yes!"*

All students responded: *"Definitely yes"* to doing further bookbinding courses and to whether they were inspired to doing further bookbinding at home replied: *"Yes, it has opened my eyes to new skills and knowledge"* and *"It could become very addictive."*

All students said they had enjoyed the course.



The six happy students showing off the results of their work

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in taking part in any of our courses (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**

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, 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 courses are being planned online (via Zoom) and by the time you read this Newsletter the first such course will have been completed.

It is planned, in the first instant, to provide online tutorials (via Zoom) for the Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118). This course is normally a 5-day (Mon to Fri) course but for the on-line course it will be split into two modules, the first of two days and the second of three. Courses will run from 10.00 to 16.00 each day but the instructor 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**.

Courses currently planned for the remainder of **March 2021** are:

- **20-21 Mar (Sat-Sun) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) (On-line 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.

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on from Part 1 above you will make multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.

April 2021

Regrettably the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in April have had to be cancelled. These are:

- **5-9 Apr (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) Pamphlet and Multi Section Binding. (At the Barn)**
- **23-25 Apr (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma 17thC-style Laced-on Vellum Binding. (At the Barn)**

May 2021

Regrettably the courses planned to be held in the Barn at Woodborough in May have had to be cancelled. These are:

- **3-7 May (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 Leather Case Binding (Unit 220)**
- **17-19 May (Mon-Wed) C&G Design and Sampling Course (Unit 201/202)**
- **22-23 May (Sat-Sun) C&G Level 3 Diploma - Gold Leaf Finishing**

In their place another beginners' course will be held on line, the details are:

- **3-4 May (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 1- Pamphlet Binding). (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 .
- **10-12 May (Mon-Wed) C&G Level 1 Foundation Bookbinding Course (Unit 118) (Part 2 - Multi Section Binding) (Online course)** Following on from Part 1 above you will make multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.

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

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and/or paid helpers for the following posts:

Project Manager

Workshop 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



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BBV has been awarded a further grant of £1,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

Once again we are most grateful for the very generous support BBV has been given by Tesco.

The Art of the Book - Video Demonstration

In November/December's Newsletter we told you about videos which could be found on the Shepherd's website with Mylyn McColl demonstrating how to make a simple single-section book. These videos have now been combined into one 20-minute video which is available at:

<https://store.bookbinding.co.uk/store/department/123/THE-ART-OF-THE-BOOK/>

For complete beginners, this 20 minute introduction to bookbinding has been made to accompany Shepherds' new online tutorial 'The Art of the Book'. Mylyn McColl, an experienced bookbinder and teacher, gives a hands-on demonstration on how to create your first hand-bound book. Divided into easy-

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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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