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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Dear Veterans and Families

A hearty hello from all at BBV and I hope you are managing to keep warm and cheery in these darkening days of early winter.

Wendy and Mylyn are working hard to complete next year's calendar of courses, with just a few outstanding courses to book into the programme. There is something for everyone – for complete beginners and those who have already done some bookbinding.

Please take a moment to browse the list and note that we are continuing our online classes, so you don't need to travel or leave home to take part. Everything you need for each session is sent to your home, and the tools are collected afterwards by DHL. It couldn't be simpler.

We hope to re-start beginners' bookbinding sessions at Tedworth House next year and will keep you posted. As Tedworth House can no longer offer accommodation, we will be rolling out this introductory class online also.

If you are able to travel and fancy booking yourself a bit of a break, then take a look at everything we have to offer in the barn workshop – you will need to pay for travel and accommodation (we are looking into getting special BBV rates for local B&Bs), but everything else is free.

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If you've got as far down the page as this, we'd really like to know what you think about the charity and how it may have helped you or someone you know.

Thank you!

Till next time,

All good wishes

Alison

Chair Bound By Veterans



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

BBV BEGINNERS' BOOKBINDING SESSIONS. Formerly these were monthly, two-hour sessions conducted at Tedworth house, in Tidworth, giving service personnel who were registered on the Rolling Recovery Programme (RRP) a taster of what bookbinding was all about. From this they could, if they wished, subsequently embark on courses at The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough, about half an hour's drive from Tidworth. These introductory sessions have had to be suspended at Tedworth House but BBV has now developed a new short online session which is to be delivered via Zoom. A trial online session was conducted at the end of October, led by BBV's Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, and was a great success. The key points about the session are:

- 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

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- It is for complete beginners who have no bookbinding experience.
- The timetable for the new sessions has not yet been finalised but we are aiming to start them in the New Year.
- For further information about the beginner sessions please contact Wendy Lagden at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

The box, which students will receive by courier, will contain all the tools and materials needed on the beginners' session.



The five 'guinea pig students' on the trial Bookbinders' Beginners' Session!

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INTERESTED?

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.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2021/22 at Bound By Veterans

We are now able to offer courses at the Barn again but the online 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 what is coming up are shown below

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.

In addition, C&G's Level 2 Courses (Units 220 and 221) are now available as Zoom on-line courses.

The online courses are 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 the courses listed should contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk. If you are interested in the

November 2021

- **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.
- **30 Nov - 1 Dec (Tue-Wed) - Paper Repairs. (At the 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.

December 2021

- **6-10 (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.

January 2022

- **11-13 (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 (Unit 201/202) - Design and Sampling (At the Barn)** In this fun 3-day course you will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design. As well as make paste papers. 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.
- **17-21 (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) - Alternative and Historical Binding (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.
- **25-26 Jan (Tue-Wed) (Part 1 - Pamphlet Binding) and 1-3 Feb (Tue-Thu) (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

binding.

February 2022

- **7-11 Feb (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.
- **21-23 Feb (Mon-Wed) 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.
- **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.

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

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

Mylyn attended a craft fair recently and explains more about it here .



I recently had a stall at a craft fair in

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my bindings and boxes. I dedicated a corner of my display to Bound by Veterans to spread the word. In my new role as Principle Tutor and Workshop manager I have been sorting through the stock at the Barn and found lots of sample bindings made by veterans on various City and Guild courses. So I put these for sale with all proceeds going to Bound by Veterans.

It was a great day and it was lovely to see some interest and enthusiasm in bookbinding and the charity.



I am looking forward to the Christmas Craft Fair at Bouverie Hall, Pewsey on Saturday 20th November 10-2pm, please pop in and say hello if you are in the area.

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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

This month Mylyn talks about **Spine Linings**.

When learning bookbinding one of the first things we consider is spine linings, structurally they are essential to a binding. From a single section, where it helps to reinforce the endpaper joint, to multi-section bindings where they also keep the spine of stitched sections nice and tight.

There are many different materials you can use for reinforcing the spine area:

Mull - comes in two thickness: No.1 - open weave and No.4 - close weave which is a bit stronger, both are good standard spine linings for most bindings.



Fray Not— is 100% linen and is very thin yet strong, good for fine bindings.

Calico or Jaconette- a starch filled calico that comes in black or white and is a bit thicker than mull or fray not.

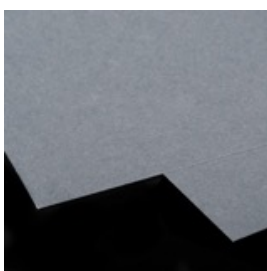
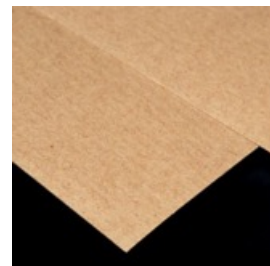


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linen material but can also be used as a spine lining on large bindings

And for lining the spine after you have used mull, fray not etc, you can use:

Kraft paper 90gsm (Brown)– a good all round spine lining



Archival Kraft 120gsm (grey) - as the name suggests it is archival grade so good for using on restoration and conservation as well as fine bindings.

And finally A Tip - remember that you can moisten the spine after you have applied your spine linings on a multi section book so that when the Kraft paper dries it shrinks and keeps the spine lovely and tight.

Images courtesy of Shepherds, Hewitt and Ratchfords online shops.

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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