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# *Bound by Veterans*

## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2021

### OCTOBER UPDATE

Dear Veterans and Families,

Autumn is in the air but the sun is still warm and mellow – an Indian summer is certainly something to feel grateful for as we face winter and some pretty depressing news on rising costs.

One thing which is not increasing in cost is our bookbinding courses – in fact they cost you nothing at all, not even the expense of travel as we continue to offer the Levels 1 and 2 classes via zoom. This means no queuing at petrol stations is required! For those of you who can travel, all the in-person C&G courses are running at the Daffodil barn in Woodborough, and we have been very happy to see some of you return to our lovely rural workshop.

One recent class of Beginners saw the return of Louise Bell, who achieved a Distinction in her Level 1 C&G Bookbinding Award. Louise's work is extremely neat, accurate and attractively designed – she has absorbed the techniques and skills required to produce some really impressive pieces which are both proficient and commercially viable. Well done Louise! Although the books are quite simple at this level, many experienced bookbinders would struggle to achieve her perfection.

Louise can now go on to achieve her Level 2 certificate and hopefully will then take up and work towards the Level 3 Diploma. There is no pressure at all

distraction (and of course for most of you this is what it is), you can use the items you make at our classes to make birthday (or dare I mention it!), Christmas presents. Take a look at Louise's work in this newsletter, in the *Student Feature* below and be inspired.

Finally, on the 29<sup>th</sup> October we will be running the introductory session 'The Art of the Book' via Zoom, for those who have not tried the craft yet. If you would like to take part as a refresher, or know someone who might enjoy it that qualifies for BBV courses, please do encourage them to try. Share the joy!

All good wishes

Alison Strachan,  
Chair Bound by Veterans



*The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough*

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## STUDENT FEATURE

**Louise Bell (Band of Sisters).** With an interest in 'craft based' activities, Louise first attended the Daffodil Barn on a Design and Sampling course for Band of Sisters personnel back in April 2019. This introduction led her into wanting to learn more about bookbinding and by the end of 2020 she had completed both the Beginners Bookbinding (Unit 118) and Photograph Album and Slip Case (Unit 119) courses. Despite the impact of Covid 19 cancelling so many courses at the Daffodil Barn Louise's determination to complete the Level 1 never diminished and in the summer of 2021 she submitted her work for the assessment. BBV is delighted to announce that Louise passed her C&G Level 1 Award with a Distinction.

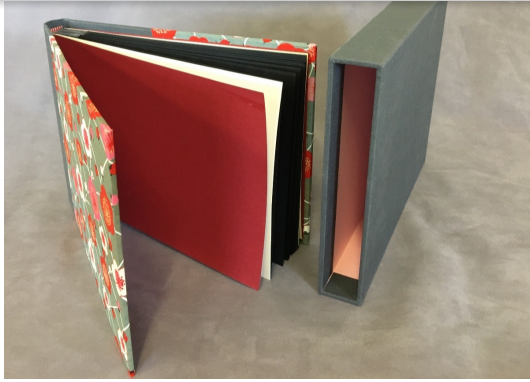
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*Louise here is proudly showing her C&G's Unit 118 Certificate with some of the books she made on the beginners course in August 2019.*



*A view of Louise's Unit 118 work displaying a wonderful array of different and colourful papers.*



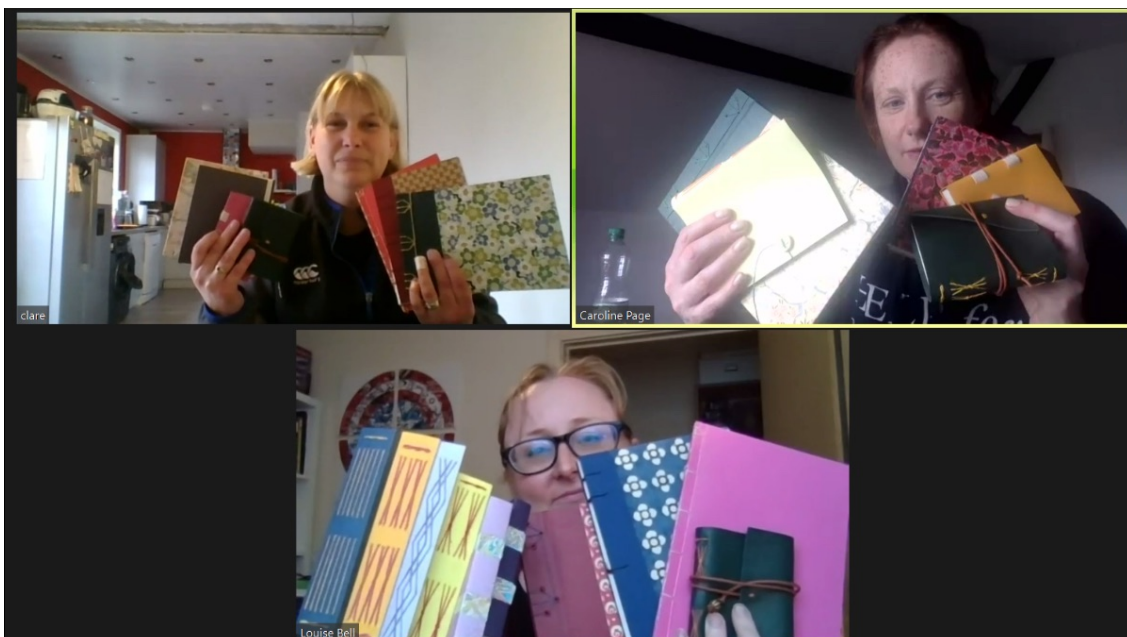


*Above are some of the books and items Louise submitted for her C&G Level 1 certificate assessment for which she achieved a Distinction.*



*A study in great concentration by Louise during the Unit 119 Course at the Daffodil Barn in October 2020 while making a slip case.*

There is no stopping for Louise, her enthusiasm is endless and she has already recently completed one of the Level 2 Units via our online Zoom course.



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online Zoom course. They are: Left: Clare Bruce (EX Royal Signals); Right: Caroline Page (Army) and Louise Bell (Band of Sisters).

### Course Feedback:

We ask all students who attend courses either at The Barn or online Zoom to provide feedback on their experiences so we can adjust and, if necessary, improve the courses. Here is some of the feedback from the recent online Level 2 Unit 220 course (above).

- All students agreed that the course had a positive impact on their mood and...
- ...the course had inspired them to do more bookbinding at home.
- Summing up the week on the course comments included:
  - **Clare Bruce** said *"it was really good that we can do it remotely, I'm in Scotland so I can still carry on bookbinding and doing the courses with you lot (BBV) which I really enjoy."*
  - **Louise Bell** said it was *"definitely inspiring and has got me thinking about ideas to do more different books, play around with the 'long stitch'. I'm inspired to take what I have learnt and expand on it"*
  - **Caroline Page:** *"Because I have done quite a few courses before, this one was quite different being remote and with a different tutor, but it was really good. There are some drawbacks it being remote but actually the big positives being not having to travel. I wouldn't actually have been able to do this week if it had been at the barn so that was a really great thing being able to do it from home. Although obviously there are benefits of being able to be in same room and show people your work. You get to know the other people on the course a bit better if you are physically there but, I wouldn't have been able to do it so it has been really good doing it online."*

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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](mailto: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

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.

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## **BOOKBINDING COURSES - 2021 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](mailto: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**.

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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.

- **18-20 Oct (Mon-Wed) & 26-27 Oct (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 2 (Unit 220) - Leather Case Bindings (Zoom online Course).** 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.
- **22-24 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.

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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.

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](mailto:courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk)

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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:

**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](mailto:enquiries@boundbyveterans.co.uk)



# Bookbinding Tips and Tricks

## by

# Mylyn McColl

*This month Mylyn is taking a break from Tips and Tricks but will be returning soon.*

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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