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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Dear Veterans and Families,

I hope you have all managed to enjoy the summer, although after my last message the weather turned rather changeable and I found myself wishing again for those hot sultry days of early July. Never satisfied!

It's back to school time, and with that in mind, I would like to draw your attention again to the opportunity to take our City & Guilds (C&G) bookbinding courses. C&G are an internationally recognised body offering vocational qualifications, and the Levels 1, 2 and 3 bookbinding courses that we run are the only formal qualifications in craft bookbinding existing today.

You may not wish to become a full-time bookbinder, but gaining the certificates will certainly enhance your CV, whatever job you may have or be looking for. Despite the difficult circumstances of the last 20 months, we have had 17 veterans register for C&G Certificates in bookbinding, 14 for Level 1 and 3 for Level 2. Two received their C&G certificates in July 2020, they are Louise Bell C&G Level 1 and Gemma Barnes Level 2. You don't have to take the C&G qualifications, but the completion of each unit means you are eligible, so why not?

If you are unable to work, we have dozens of testimonials endorsing how beneficial learning the craft is, particularly if you are suffering from stress-

"I don't think you know how much this programme means to me. I suffered physical and mental health injuries and suddenly all my skills and qualifications mean nothing. People don't want to employ somebody of my age who is disabled. Having PTSD is the hardest for me. Yesterday was the first time I had been on a train for a long time, because I find the space and amount of people difficult to deal with. Don't worry, I'm not a raving nut case!! I find that I get fixated on things (for me it's time) and don't like it when things go wrong, coupled with short term memory loss, it makes things difficult. I think bookbinding has come along at the right time for me."



Gareth Roberts receiving his Level 2 C&G certificate from Ali Strachan in May 2019.

If you know someone who might benefit, get in touch with Wendy on courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk. Remember, we are offering both online Zoom sessions from the comfort of your own home, and in-person sessions at the barn.

Soon we will be offering online introduction 'taster' sessions too - which will take the place of those we ran at Tedworth House – if you have contacts who might enjoy a spot of bookbinding, do please encourage them to get in touch.

See you soon I hope!

All good wishes

Alison Strachan,
Chair Bound by Veterans

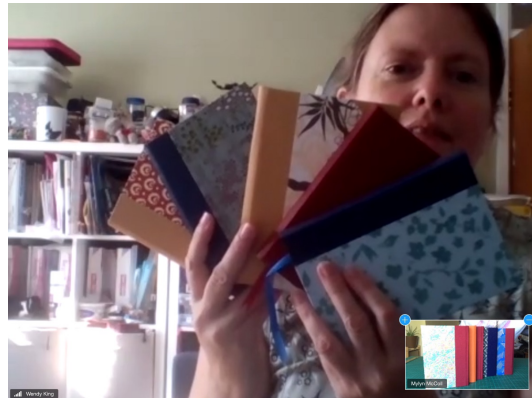


WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

There hasn't been so much activity during the summer months but a recent online Zoom course has taken place with two more satisfied students. **Wendy King (ex RN)** and **Rob Barton (Band of Brothers)** both very much enjoyed the course and their introduction to bookbinding.

The course Wendy and Rob attended was the C&G's Unit 118 Beginners course. The course is five days but for the Zoom course it is split into two parts of three days and two days. On the course they gained core knowledge of bookbinding skills and made single section pamphlets and multi-section bindings.

Here Wendy is displaying the products of her course. In summing up the course she said *"I have had a really enjoyable time learning a new hobby and it is something I can use stuff from other hobbies, have a great time and have something decent to show for it."*



Rob with his work from the course. Of the course he said *"I think it has been rewarding, engaging and I've enjoyed seeing something that I never knew about before and at the end of the day actually creating something that people think is good, nice and something they wouldn't mind having. I have my Christmas presents sorted now!"*

In reply to the question whether they were inspired to do more bookbinding, Wendy said she was *"interested in doing more bookbinding courses in the future."*

Rob also said *"Yes from an end product and also mental health being able to zone in is a great thing to be able to do"*



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 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

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. 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

September 2021

- **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.
- **18-20 Oct (Mon-Wed) & 25-26 Oct (Mon-Tue) 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.

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- **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.
- **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.

[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

This month Mylyn turns her attention to papers, their weights and suggested uses.

Weights of Paper

In the UK we measure the thickness of paper by its weight: gsm = grams per square metre so usually the lower the number the thinner the paper and the higher the number the thicker and therefore stiffer the paper.

As with most things you can play around with using different materials and feel the different weight and thickness of paper, see if it scores well, glues nicely, if it turns round board etc but here is a basic guide to suitable paper weights for different uses.

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- Pages for sections: 80–120gsm
- End Papers: 90-170gsm
- Decorative Paper Covers: 120-170gsm
- Soft Card Covers: 200-300gsm
- Spine Linings: 80-120gsm
- Spine Stiffener: 200-270gsm



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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