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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER Spring 2024

Greetings all!

When I write an introduction to one of our newsletters, I always read the one before to make sure I'm not repeating myself, and am increasingly alarmed at how quickly the time passes between one season and the next! But here we are at the beginning of Spring, thank goodness – buds and blossom have miraculously made an appearance after seemingly weeks of rain and cold, and daylight is stretching into the early mornings and evenings. Hoorah for Spring!

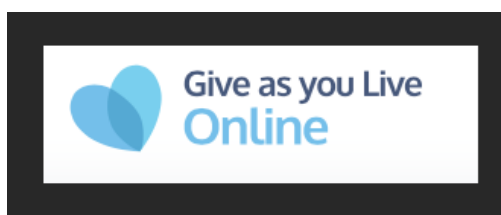
Throughout the last months we have welcomed a growing number of veterans to the Daffodil Barn who, having sampled the craft at Tedworth House introductory sessions, want to learn more about bookbinding and take up the City and Guilds courses. I am not qualified to describe how therapeutic and enjoyable these courses are to you, so I will leave it to some testimonials collected from recent participants to tell the story of the positive effect becoming a maker can have on your life. *(See further in the newsletter for a testimonial from a veteran who has attended several courses at the Barn).*

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Six happy bookbinders with their completed books on an introductory course at Tedworth House in February this year.

We are constantly looking for ways to spread the word about what we do and if you have any ideas to help us reach other wounded, injured or sick veterans who might benefit from a distracting hobby or learning experience, please get in touch with us – call us up on 01672 851 979 or email Wendy on courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk.

One more thing – if you are buying anything online, please consider using <http://www.giveasyoulive.com> - and add *Bound by Veterans* as your chosen charity. Thousands of retailers will donate a small percentage of your purchase to charity and it can really make a difference to our coffers, and help us to help more of you.



All good wishes, and enjoy the brighter days!

Alison
Chair,
Bound by Veterans



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

COURSE NEWS

BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions with Veterans Tribe Scotland.



Gerry McGregor, Founder and Events/Activities Coordinator, is the driving force behind delivering bookbinding courses in Scotland through Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) in partnership with Bound by Veterans. The courses range from a basic "taster" session through more advanced levels of bookbinding. Some courses are delivered on-line.

Courses have been arranged in different locations across Scotland but principally in Irvine and Sauchie.





Gerry and another veteran displaying their finished books and a BBV Bookbinding Passport. This passport enables students to have recorded completed elements of certain courses which will count towards the completion of a course. Details of this scheme can be found further on in this newsletter.

Here are the completed books made by a group at Irvine earlier last year- any veteran wishing to take part in bookbinding with VTS in Scotland should contact Gerry at gerry.mcgregor@veteranstribescotland.co.uk for further details



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VETERANS' NEWS

Chris "Ginge" Dickinson

Principal Tutor, Mylyn, reports:

"Chris (Ginge) had taken part in a Taster session at Tedworth House in October last year, and he enjoyed it so much he booked on to the full five-day beginners' course at the barn taking place 12-16th February. He was a little apprehensive to begin with as he was the only veteran on the course but he relaxed into it and opened up to the other participants, enjoying good chats about bookbinding and life.

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Ginge (front row right) on the taster session on 17th October last year.



Ginge was really enthusiastic about the processes and brought in his own materials to try out, made a book for his wife for Valentine's Day and embossed some leather for book marks. It was a real joy having him on the course and great to see his creativity.

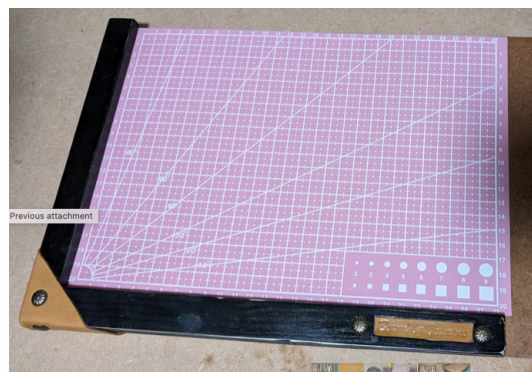
We look forward to seeing him on the next course soon ."



Ginge seen here at the end of his first course at the Barn (*C&G Level 1 (Unit 118) Pamphlet and Multi-Section bindings*), displaying his certificate and the books he made on the course.

Subsequently Ginge has written to us to tell us about what he has been doing since the course:

"I have created a small board to be able to "Butt" my papers up to with a 90 degree square. I have also fitted a cutting mat to prevent cutting into the MDF, I call this my "Butt Board Versatile" (BBV)."



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push my Awl through when stitching books together, this is my "Book Love Cradle"(BLC).

"The final piece (for now) is my "Bookbinding Tool Keep" (BTK), (the tray in the picture holding the tools) this holds most of the tools together (even the slightly warped Bonefolder). Each tool has its own recessed area where it lives, the metal tools are held in place with magnets too. Both the BTK and BLC fit onto the BBC for easy storage!

My next project is a book press that will also hold the above when not in use. I hope you and the team are doing well. Please pass on my thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Kind Regards
Ginge"*

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BBV Bookbinding Taster Session to C&G Level 1 Certificate (Unit 118) in Bookbinding in Under Two Months

Ami Johnson attended a BBV "taster" session in bookbinding in Tedworth House on 5th December last year and was instantly attracted to the bookbinding craft. She applied immediately to join the one-week Level 1 course in January run by Jonathan Powell.

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Ami concentrating on covering her half-bound, single-section notebook on the C&G Level One course in the Barn training workshop at Woodborough in January.



Any veteran wanting to know more about bookbinding courses at the Barn, Woodborough or on-line courses available should contact our Course Administrator, Wendy at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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Other Veterans who have recently attended a C&G Level 1 Bookbinding Course at the Barn at Woodborough



Sharon James attended a Taster session at Tedworth House on 17th October last year and is seen here on the C&G Level 1 Bookbinding (118) course held at the Barn Woodborough, 22-26 January and.....

....Jez Shazell was on the same Taster course as Sharon and the same C&G Level 1 course in January.



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Craig Theaker attended a Tedworth House Taster session in November and was on the same C&G Level 1 course as Sharon and Jez.

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TESTIMONIAL

by

Kevin Reilly

We often get brief comments at the end of our courses about how students have found the course and whether they enjoyed it but occasionally we are able to hear more profound comment on, not just the course, but how the experience of bookbinding and the training has affected an individual. In the last two newsletters we published testimonial from two veterans who had recently attended courses at the Barn. This time we hear from Kevin Reilly who has kindly given us permission to publish his testimonial.



"My tactile injury, the psychologically stressful and traumatic situations I witnessed during my Military career, later developed into depression and PTSD. To help manage this in a less clinical way, a specialist veteran agency referred me to Bound by Veterans (BBV),

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my own learning achievements. The courses and workshops offer companionship with like-minded people and a unique attitude to teaching, specific to veterans.

Alongside clinical care, bookbinding has become a significant weapon in my armoury to combat the unique mental health needs of one who battles daily with life's challenges. It has been a long time since I had felt proud to be a British Soldier.

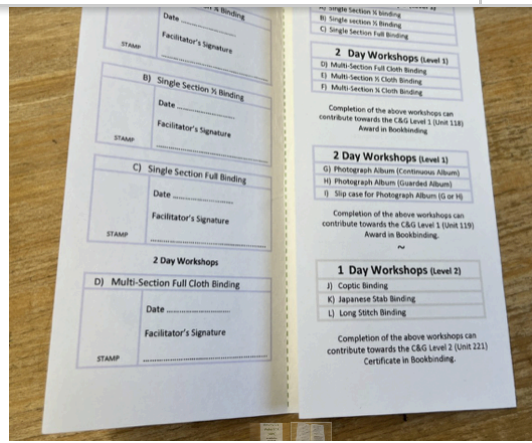
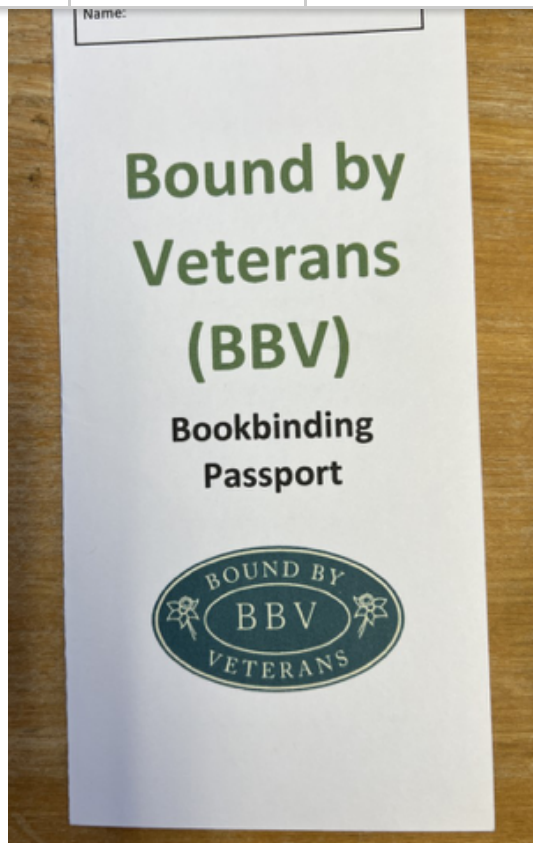
Thankyou Tesco for your funding. It has contributed to supporting me and others to tread the road to become more proactive in our care. Transferring the skills we have into this beautiful craft whilst recovering from traumatic events received while in service to our citizens."

Kevin Reilly

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BBV BOOKBINDING PASSPORT

This notice was published in previous BBV Newsletters but is repeated here as it is an important addition to the way progress can be made and recorded to achieving certificates in City and Guilds courses.

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BBV has developed a number of one and 2-day workshops both on-line and in-person which, when completed, can contribute towards the C&G Level 1 (Units 118 and 119) Awards in Bookbinding and C&G Level 2 (Unit 221) Certificate in Bookbinding.

Attendance and satisfactory completion of the workshops will be recorded in a BBV Bookbinding Passport shown here.

For more details of the new scheme contact Wendy our Course Administrator.
courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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**BBV Stand at Craft Fayre in Bouverie Hall,
 Pewsey
 Saturday, 23 Mar 24
 9 am to 2 pm**

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Looking for Easter gifts? Look no further. Visit the **Pewsey Craft Fayre** in the Bouverie Hall, Pewsey (SN9 5EQ) on Saturday 23 March and support the Bound by Veterans stall where you will find many ideas for gifts. Our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl will be manning our stall.

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SOCIAL MEDIA



BBV does not currently have any satisfactory connection with the most popular social networks. If anyone would be prepared to take on this on behalf of BBV please get in touch with the office at the barn on office@boundbyveterans.co.uk

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BBV NEWSLETTER - NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the BBV newsletter, following this Spring edition, is planned for June 2024 and will be the Summer 2024 edition.

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - Spring 2024 through Bound By Veterans

Courses at the Barn continue to flourish and the online Zoom courses being run by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl, are proving very popular by those who have difficulty getting away or

The BBV Introduction to Bookbinding sessions are continuing to be held at Tedworth House 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 and in-person 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), in-person 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 16.00hrs 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**.

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- **9th March (Sat) Art of the Book at BBV Workshop, Daffodil Barn.** For VOS Students only. In this one day course you will learn the basics of the ancient craft bookbinding, learning skills that have been employed in making books for hundreds of years. You will start by folding a printed sheet into a single section before stitching together. You will cut boards and prepare materials from a beautiful selection of book cloth and decorative papers to create your own bespoke cover for the book. The end result will be your own instruction manual to be able to make more.
- **12-14 Mar (Tue-Thu) & 19-20 Mar (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 2 (Unit 220) Leather Case Binding. (The is an Online ZOOM Course).** This course is the first unit in the Level 2 C&G Certificate in Bookbinding. You will learn how to make case-bound leather books in quarter and half leather, and how to pare leather and sharpen knives. Some bookbinding experience is necessary.
- **18 Mar (Mon) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding.** This short session is for Veterans Outreach (VOS) students only at the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.

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- **8-12 Apr (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Unit 119. Photograph Albums & Slip Case.** 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. (Course is held in the Daffodil Barn workshop)
- **16 Apr (Tue) (1030-1230) 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.
- **26-28 Apr (Fri-Sun) C&G Level 3 Limp Vellum Binding.** An optional assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, this offers an alternative style of binding, where you will make a limp vellum cover, attached to a text-block with leather thongs.

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- **7-9 May (Tue-Thu) & 14-15 May (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 2 - (Unit 221) Non-Adhesive/Historic Bindings (This is an Online ZOOM 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.
- **15-16 May (Wed-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module - Paper Repairs.** 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.
- **20-24 May (Mon-Fri). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118) Pamphlet & Multi-section binding.** 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.
- **21 May (Tue) (1030-1230) 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.

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recorded in the BBV Bookbinding Passport and will contribute towards completion of the C&G Level 1 (Unit 118). (See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information about the BBV Bookbinding Passport or contact courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk)

- **12-13 Jun (Wed-Thu) C&G Level 3 Library-style binding.** This course will show you how to take down and rebind an existing book in a strong library style binding with buckram over split boards, cloth jointed endpapers and a hollow spine. For those with some bookbinding experience.

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 in-person 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 send 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. Watch this space! Also look above for details of courses coming up in the near future.

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ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

We are aware that the cost of accommodation can present a problem for potential students who want to attend courses at the Barn in Woodborough.

Through the generosity of our donors who sponsor BBV we are now able to

For further information about support for accommodation and travel, please get in touch with Wendy, our Course Administrator at: courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING taking part in any of the Introduction to Bookbinding Sessions, then please note:-

- **Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth:** Group in-person two-hour sessions are held at Portsmouth. For further details, see below or contact Wendy Pearson (wendy.pearson@vosuk.org) facilitator for VOSP.
- **Online Individual Introduction sessions:** For students in Scotland. These 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

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:

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PR Manager (esp social media)

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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, or VOS Portsmouth, or VTS Scotland 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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