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Bound by Veterans

NEWSLETTER Summer 2024

Greetings to all!

Welcome to the summer newsletter, although I think we are all wondering if summer will ever appear – it's so cold!

During the recent 80th anniversary ceremonies of the D-Day landings, I was reminded of how much we owe to our veterans, not only those from WWII whose testimonials from that terrible and testing time are so incredibly moving, but to you, our modern day veterans, whose stories are rarely told. Many of you gave the best of your youth to the services and have a legacy of illness or injury as a result, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. My background is civilian, but I have learnt so much in working with Bound by Veterans of the bravery and consequent sacrifices that so many of you have made, and on behalf of the Trustees I salute you.

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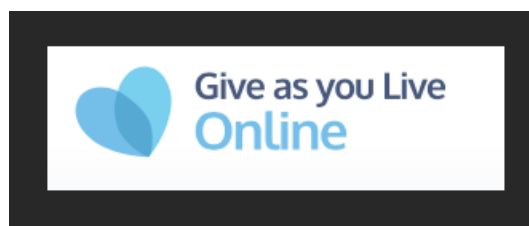
Sunday 30th June
Fun for all the family

Salisbury Market Place
 and Guildhall Square
 10am - 4pm | Free Entry
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk

Market Place, Salisbury on 30th June. We will set up a stall selling the notebooks made by you in order to raise funding, which is vital to the survival of the charity. If you can, please come and support us on the day, and tell your friends and relations to come and buy a notebook!

Also, don't forget if you are buying online to nominate BBV as your chosen charity with

<http://www.giveasyoulive.com>



If you have ideas on how to raise funds in other ways for BBV, please get in touch with me or Wendy and let us know. We would like to expand the Beginners sessions we run in particular, and it costs the charity £1200 to run this week long course so funding is constantly needed. To help with the costs of materials, we will be asking for a £20 contribution from veterans booking courses from now on, and I hope you will understand the need for this.

Hoping to see you on the 30th, but have a great summer (if it comes!) in any case.

All good wishes,

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 continued to be arranged in different locations across Scotland and here are some pictures of a recent one at Sauchie in March.



Three veterans and seven family members eagerly preparing to make their notebooks at the Sauchie session on 28th March

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Gerry McGregor (fifth from the left) and the others in the Sauchie group proudly displaying their completed notebooks.

Here are the completed books made by the Sauchie group. 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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BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, Tidworth

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Kira Torrens-Spence (left) has recently joined the BBV team of teachers on the bookbinding taster courses at Tedworth House and the picture above shows 8 very happy students on Kira's first course in May.

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C&G Level 1 (Unit 118) Beginners Bookbinding Course at The Daffodil Barn 20-24 May 24

Veterans John Harper and Rowena Wakeham attended this course which was taught by our Principal Tutor, Mylyn McColl. The work on the right is some of Rowena's.





Samples of the group's work on the C&G Level 1 (Unit 118) course

VETERANS' NEWS

Chris "Ginge" Dickinson

Chris (Ginge) has continued to develop his interest in bookbinding by creating some of his own equipment for use at home. Here is a selection of the tools he has made for his workshop and a sample of his bookbinding work.



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The pictures show two homemade presses and examples of Ginge's bookbinding. We look forward to seeing him on future courses at the barn.

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One-Day "Art of the Book" Workshop Held on the 4th June at the Barn, Woodborough

Two veterans, Jessica Dunster (left) and Cheryl Roberts attended this short workshop at the BBV Barn earlier this month. They had both attended the Tedworth House introductory session in May run by Kira Torrens-Spence. The workshop was run by Jonathan Powell.



The Art of the Book is A Short Tutorial on the First Principles of Bookbinding. This 16 page instruction manual is supplied in the form of a flat sheet (rolled for

you will bind your own textbook!



The Art of the Book tutorial is available from the BBV website at <https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/shop/>

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BOWOOD HOUSE GOLF CLUB DONATION TO BBV

by
Wendy Lagden



As most of you know, over the years, when you move from job to job in the Armed Forces, you make many acquaintances and a few really good friends. Kelly Leese (seen here on the right) for me is one of my 'good friends'.

Even though I left the Royal Navy nearly 20 years ago (where did that time go!) we have kept in touch and when we do catch up we carry on just as we left off, regardless of how long it has been since we last saw each other.

luxurious Bowood Hotel, Spa and Champion Golf Course all set within 100 acres of the stunning Wiltshire countryside. In April 2023 Kelly took on the role of Ladies Captain at Bowood Golf Club near to her home in Calne. During the season each Captain nominates a charity that they would like to raise money for throughout the coming season. Kelly contacted me and said she would like to choose BBV to be the chosen charity for Ladies team during the coming year.



I wrote a short article to explain what we do at BBV which was presented to the club. How much would be raised was an unknown figure so a target of £250 was set. Any money raised through various competitions, an online auction and raffles would all go towards the target figure set.



On Sunday 7th April 2024 I was invited to join Kelly at the official 'Captains Handover' where the role of Captain is passed to the next person. As I drove through the grand entrance to the grounds it certainly was a wow, golfers playing on the immaculately kept greens and deer roaming in the distance fields. A formal lunch in a room often hired out for weddings and overlooking the golf course was laid out beautifully and set the scene for the Sunday roast and presentation of prizes. During Kelly's speech she announced that the final figure raised for Bound by Veterans exceeded the target figure set and had reached a grand total of £1700.

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run the wide selection of courses we offer.

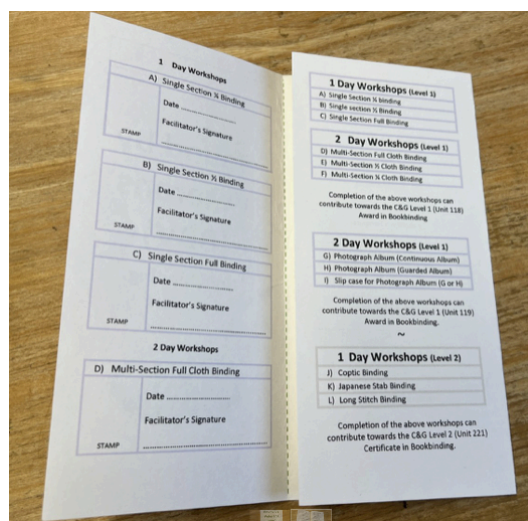
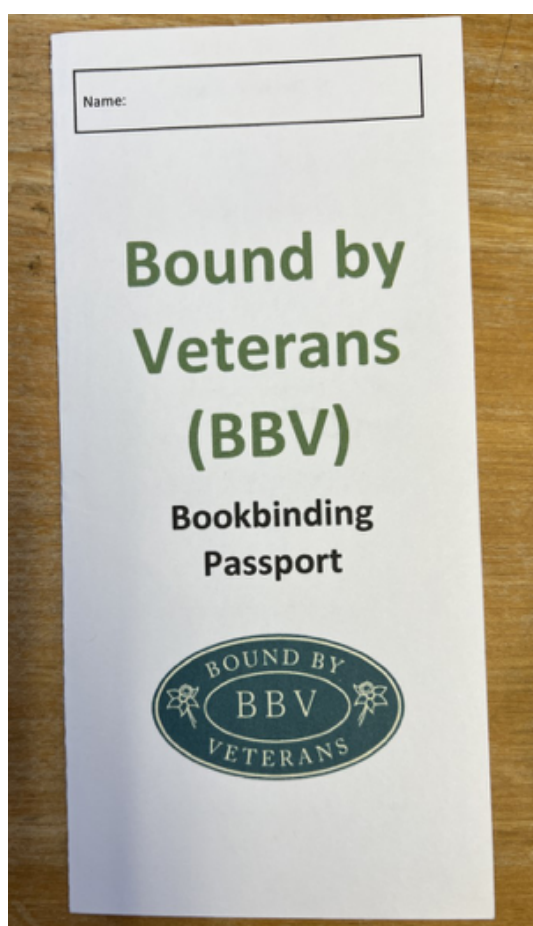
Our deepest thanks go to you Kelly and Bowood Golf club for the funds you have raised for us.

Wendy

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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.



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

STOP PRESS

BBV Stand at Craft Fayre in Bouverie Hall, Pewsey

Saturday, 23 Mar 24



Mylyn McColl, BBV's Principal Tutor, manned this stall at Bouverie Hall displaying a wide variety of her own work and a selection from BBV. The event was a successful session which generated considerable interest from the public and funds for BBV.

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BBV Mystery Bags!



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like you get in shops. These can be bought for a mere £8 a bag and are available to people attending courses. In addition Mylyn has sourced some small beeswax blocks (see below). For more information about the Mystery Bags and beeswax contact Mylyn. tutor@boundbyveterans.co.uk



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SOCIAL MEDIA



Mylyn has created a BBV page on Instagram where there are many images of BBV veterans on bookbinding courses and other aspects of bookbinding - well worth a visit. <http://@boundbyveterans>

If anyone would be prepared to take on management of social media 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 Summer edition, is planned for September 2024 and will be the Autumn 2024 edition.

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - Summer 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 are unable to find accommodation near the Barn. Details of both in-person and online courses are shown below

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**.

June 2024

- **4 Jun (Tue) C&G Level 1 Single Section Binding.** A one-day in-person course, held at the Barn. Successful completion of the course will be 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.
- **25 Jun (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth

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- **26 Jun (Wed) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session For Veterans Tribe Scotland (Dundee)** Contact Gerry McGregor for further details at: gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk

July 2024

- **2-4 Jul (Tue-Thu) AND 8-9 Jul (Mon-Tue). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118) Pamphlet & Multi-section binding. (THIS IS AN ONLINE ZOOM COURSE).** 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.
- **4 Jul (Thu) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session For Veterans Tribe Scotland (Fife, Dunfermline or Kirkcaldy?)** Contact Gerry McGregor for further details at: gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk
- **5 Jul (Fri) One-day workshop For Veterans Tribe Scotland (TBC)** Contact Gerry McGregor for further details at: gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk
- **16 Jul (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.
- **18-21 Jul (Thu-Sun) C&G Level 3 Module - Laced-on Bindings.** 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.
- **29 Jul - 2 Aug (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)

August 2024

- **5-9 Aug (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 - (Unit 221) Non-Adhesive/Historic Bindings.** 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. (Course is held in the Daffodil Barn workshop)
- **20 Aug (Tue) (1030-1230) BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House.** This short session is for RRP Students at Tedworth

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- **22 Aug (Thu) One-day workshop For Veterans Tribe Scotland (Sauchie)** Contact Gerry McGregor for further details at: gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk

September 2024

- **3-5 Sep (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module; Leather Reback** Alongside the cloth rebacking module, 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.
- **10-11 Sep (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 3 Module; Cloth Reback** Following on from leather rebacking, this course will teach you the fine skills involved in sympathetically rebacking a cloth book. These two courses combine as a mandatory assignment for the C&G Level 3 Diploma in Bookbinding.
- **12 Sep (Thu) C&G Level 3 Module - Edge Decoration** 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.
- **17 Sep (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.
- **18-19 Sep (Wed-Thu) Two-day Multi Section Workshop** for Veterans Tribe (Scotland). For further details contact Gerry McGregor at : gerry.mcgregor@veterantriberscotland.co.uk
- **24-26 Sep (Tue-Thu) AND 1-2 Oct (Tue-Wed). (On- line ZOOM Course) 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.
- **27-29 Sep (Sat-Mon) Level 3 Module - Qtr Vellum Binding (Part 1)** An optional assignment in the C&G Level 3 curriculum, Part I of the Qtr-Vellum binding course where you will learn to make a laced-on hard binding with french groove, which will be covered with quarter vellum and decorative paper sides.

October 2024

Vellum binding course where you will learn to make a laced-on hard binding with french groove, which will be covered with quarter vellum and decorative paper sides.

- **8-10 Oct (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 - Unit 201/202 Design and Sampling.** This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have little previous arts experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design.
- **14-18 Oct (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 Unit 119.** 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)
- **22 Oct (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.
- **28 Oct- 1st Nov (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.

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.

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 provide financial assistance to individuals wishing to come to the Barn for courses.

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.

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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:

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

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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CONTACT

For further information on course details or to book a course:

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 - **The Course Administrator:** courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk
 - **The Bindery at Woodborough:** office@boundbyveterans.co.uk
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