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NEWSLETTER Autumn 2024

Greetings,

I hope you all enjoyed some sunny weather in amongst all the rain we had this summer - thank goodness for these late warm days! However, we managed to have some fun despite the dodgy and changeable weather, including running a stall for Armed Forces Day in Salisbury – many thanks to all who came along – please see more about this below.

We all know that ‘back to school’ feeling when we feel energised (hopefully) after the summer, and keen to get back to our communities, both working and social, after time away or just doing nothing during the holidays.

A sense of community is so important to us all, whether it is found at work or with family or friends and neighbours, and it is one of the very important aspects of BBV, where we hope to have created a community where those who have joined us feel comfortable and inspired to create and learn. I am always banging on about the benefits of bookbinding, but the benefits of belonging are so much more important.

Our small classes are safe communities for working with like-minded people, offering a sense of camaraderie and a safe space for learning and making. The

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faces on the screen.

To try and further this sense of community, we have set up a BBV WhatsApp group where we can share photos and see what everyone is up to, ask questions and get advice on our bookbinding projects and find out about the courses. If you would like to join this group, get in touch with Wendy (courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) and she will add your number to it.

I look forward to seeing you all soon – take care

All good wishes,

Alison

Chair,

Bound by Veterans



The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

NEWS

THE STATIONERS' COMPANY APPOINTMENT OF MASTER

(A Short Interview by Kevin Reilly with Paul Wilson of The Stationers' Company)

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Forces Day in Salisbury and Stationers' Hall in London, I had the good fortune to meet the new head of the ancient trades guild, The Stationers' Company, a sponsor of our charity, . In July, Bound by Veterans trustee, Paul Wilson, was elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers. *(Paul pictured here in his Master's robes in the grounds of the Stationers' Company.)*



Paul served in the Army for ten years where his skills for languages were honed and he subsequently joined the Foreign Office where he worked on the Eastern Europe and Southern Africa desks and later as First Secretary (Political) of the British High Commission in Pakistan. In 1992 he was part of the staff at the Foreign Office mission to the Mujahideen government in Kabul. Paul looks back on his military career as a significant period in his life and a precursor for a varied and interesting career. That, together with his interest in the traditional skills of the Stationers' Company underly his interest in and support for Bound by Veterans



Originally founded in 1403, the stationers' company was established to protect the trade of Bookbinders, Illuminators and Booksellers whilst also contributing to their support for the welfare of their members. Bookbinders and Booksellers at that time worked mainly at a fixed location (Stationarius-hence *the name*)) beside the walls of St Paul's Cathedral.

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1557, it had in effect become a printers' guild. Its notable members have included Edward Winslow, one of the Mayflower Pilgrims, Samuel Richardson, the 18th century novelist and Luke Hansard the official printer of Parliamentary debates. Current members include William Hague and Rupert Murdoch.

Paul's connection with the Guild comes from his employment with De La Rue, the leading high security printers, where he worked initially in their banknote division, which eventually led to him becoming Managing director of De la Rue Identity Systems and responsibility for the company's relationships with the Government.



No stranger to the preservation of the craft of Bookbinding and The Printed Word, Paul has chaired the Stationers' Library/Archives Committee and their Heritage Committee.

<A 17C binding, from the Stationers' Company Library, showing the Stationers' Company coat of arms

He is very proud of the role he has in keeping alive these traditions and, given his military past, is extremely keen on the relationship that the Livery company has with Bound by Veterans, which is a beneficiary of the Stationers' Company's charitable operation.

Kevin Reilly

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ARMED FORCES DAY - SALISBURY

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Bound by Veterans (BBV) had a stand at the Armed Forces Day in June and the stall was manned by members of the committee and students. We were pleased to meet so many people, friends, veterans and strangers.

L to R:

Wendy (Course Administrator);
Robert (Newsletter Editor), Alison
(Chair of BBV)



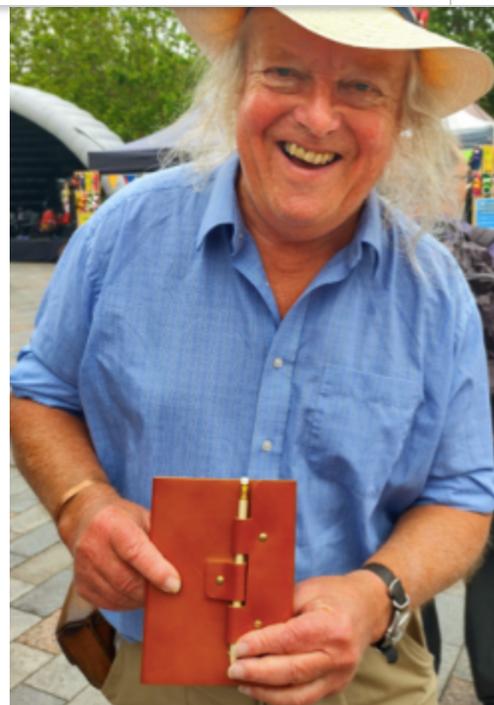
We had many people visit the stand and keen to learn about our charity. Amongst them were the Mayor of Salisbury and his wife and Phil Harding, the well known archaeologist from the Time Team TV programme.



The Mayor and his wife (in the yellow top). On the left Sally Gregory (BBV Trustee and teacher of the introduction courses) and Alison Strachan (Chair of BBV). To the right of the Mayor's wife are Clare Gray and daughter Elessa Cropper, who are the wife and daughter of a WIS veteran, and currently well on in their Level 3 Diploma.

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The well known figure of Phil Harding. Kevin had previously met him whilst they were building a Bronze Age roundhouse at Butser Ancient Farm as part of Operation Nightingale Archaeology. Kevin asked him to pose with the Explorer Book and he was happy to oblige. He was there in his capacity as Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire.



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BBV Introduction to Bookbinding Session at Tedworth House, Tidworth



Four happy students, (from L to R, Sonia, Shannon, Cassie and Jasmine) and Daz Crawle (group coordinator standing in for Les), showing off their completed books on the latest Introduction Course at Tedworth House on 17th September. We look forward to seeing some of the course at The Barn at Woodborough in

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One student wrote about the course afterwards: *"I thoroughly enjoyed this session and will take this further as a hobby. Excellent session. Thank you kindly"*

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VETERANS' NEWS

or

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

Chris "Ginge" Dickinson

Chris (Ginge) has been a frequent contributor to this section and continues, enthusiastically, to develop his bookbinding skills. He recently made a book for a former Army colleague who he knew when he was serving out in Canada at BATUS.



The pictures show the early stages of the making of the book and Amanda

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The Art of the Book

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 postage). By following the straightforward instructions you will learn how to turn this sheet of paper into an instruction manual with a hard cover. In other words you will bind your own textbook!

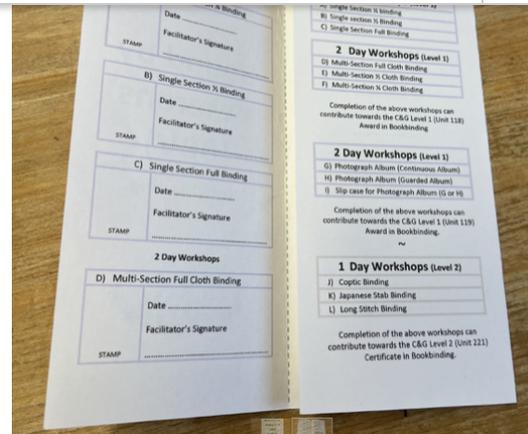
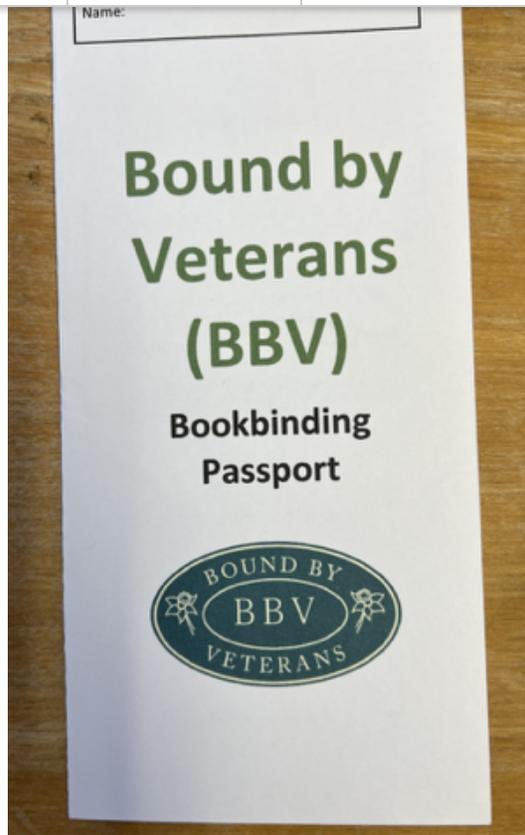


The Art of the Book tutorial is available from the BBV website at <https://wiltshirebarn.co.uk/shop/>

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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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Community Grants

Hot off the press! The application for the Tidworth TESCO branch has been accepted and selected and this will give BBV a grant of £500, £1000 or if we come top, £1,500.

Voting for BBV will be between from Oct 24 to Jan 25. So if you are in the

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BBV Mystery Bags!



Mylyn has put together some "Mystery Bags" which contain offcuts of paper: Japanese, marble, printed, plain paper, bookcloth, and headbands etc, rather 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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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 Autumn edition, is planned for December 2024 and will be the Winter 2024 edition.

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - Autumn 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.

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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**.

September 2024

- **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.

October 2024

- **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)

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House only. Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic bookbinding techniques and make a small notebook.

- **23 Oct (Wed) (1800-2000) 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.
- **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.

November 2024

- **4-8 Nov (Mon-Fri). C&G Level 2 First Award Unit 220 (Leather Case Binding) (Held in th Daffodil 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. On the Tuesday a demonstration of tool sharpening will take place.
- **12-14 Nov (Tue-Thu) & 19-20 Nov (Tue-Wed) (On Line ZOOM open to any student) C&G Level 2 First Award Unit 220 (Leather Case Binding)** This on-line 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.
- **14-17 Nov (Thu-Sun) C&G Level 3 Module - Laced on 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.
- **26 Nov (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 Nov (Thu) (1000-1200) 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.

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- **3 Dec (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.
- **9-13 Dec (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)
- **19 Dec (Thu) (1400-1600) 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.

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!

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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 Bindery at Woodborough:** office@boundbyveterans.co.uk
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