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NEWSLETTER Autumn 2025

Dear All

It was great to see so many of you this summer at classes in the barn, and also at the events we ran to raise awareness and cash for BBV. Huge thanks to those who helped us to make stock, run the stalls and chat to people about what we do and how it has been of benefit to them.

The highlight of these events was our 80th anniversary VJ Day celebration on 15th August at the Daffodil Barn. Immaculately organised by Jonathan, the day went brilliantly and we welcomed sponsors from The Wiltshire Community Foundation, The Book Trade Charity and two supporting guilds: the Worshipful Company of Stationers and the Worshipful Company of Leathersellers.

Bound by Veterans Open Day

- Visit a bookbinding workshop
- Guided tours
- Bookbinding demonstrations
- Make your own booklet
- Buy journals and gifts made by our veterans
- Refreshments
- Many other retail shops and cafes on site

15 FRIDAY **Tours**
AUGUST 2-5^{PM} 2.15pm 3.15pm
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Andrew Gregory (none other than our lovely Trustee Sally's husband), who made an impassioned speech about the national need for veteran support.

Everyone who took part did an amazing job of raising awareness to the general public and showcasing what the charity does to these interested parties. As well as a tour of the bindery and teaching room, we had live bookbinding led by Mylyn, and pamphlet making which guests took part in, with Robert. Wendy talked up a storm about the City & Guilds pieces we make for qualifications, Sally hosted refreshments and Claire and Dean sold lots of notebooks made by veterans. Thanks to all the veterans who came to talk with our guests, particularly Gareth, Kevin, Alan and Stefan, and Sam for his traffic marshalling too. Thanks to Merrily too for providing a backdrop of boxmaking. If I have forgotten to mention someone, forgive me! Your help was essential to the success of the day.



(L) Wendy explaining to visitors about some of the pieces made for the C&G qualifications. And (R) veteran Stefan (foreground seated) talking to a visitor about his progress towards gaining his C&G Level 3 Diploma. In the background is Gareth Roberts a veteran and past student of BBV who now makes and sells decorative pens.

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Cheryl Roberts and Dean Williams, both former BBV students, manning the BBV bookstall. Cheryl has organised and run several stalls for us over the summer. Dean volunteers to help with the various commissions as well as helping making the Explorer notebooks.



We raised some vital cash but even more importantly, we brought our BBV community together, and remembered why we exist – to aid the recovery of wounded, injured and sick veterans and to support their loved ones by offering respite. Bookbinding is an old traditional craft, much overlooked, but somehow the magical combination of method and creativity to make lasting objects means that therapeutically - it works!

A final note to celebrate those who are part way through or nearly finished their Level 3 Diplomas in Bookbinding – well done! This diploma means you are qualified to join a commercial bindery should you wish to - a fantastic achievement. This level of training is only available at one college in the UK and costs 14K in fees alone per year – we are giving it to you free, so if you are thinking you would like to learn more, sign up for Level 3 now.

Wishing you all a mellow and fruitful autumn,

Alison
Chair,
Bound by Veterans

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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

BBV AT STATIONERS' HALL FOR "OPEN HOUSE LONDON" EVENT

by
Wendy Lagden

The Worshipful Company of Stationers has been a very important and regular supporter of Bound by Veterans (BBV) since we were formed back in 2012. We were delighted to be invited along with a few other companies to exhibit and promote the work we do at the annual event 'Open House London' on Sunday 21st September at the Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London. Stationers' Hall is a Grade I listed building in the heart of London close to St Paul's Cathedral.

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Inside we were in the Great Hall, a large and impressive function room surrounded by carved oak panels, banners, shields and stained-glass windows which give the room a deep feeling of history.



Kevin and Wendy, ready, with a fine selection of products, for the visitors.

Jonathan, Kevin and I attended the event and were busy all day from the moment the doors were open at 10.00am. Our designated table was full of colourful eye-catching items including marbled covered notebooks, photograph albums and the Explorer notebooks all made by Veterans and available to purchase. These beautiful looking items attracted many inquisitive and curious

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pamphlet binding or demonstrating and supervising members of the public while they made their own. A few of whom stuck in my mind and made the day memorable.

Firstly, a young girl aged 7, she was determined to make the pamphlet exactly right, neat and precise. When she folded the sheet, she made sure the corners were exactly lined up, the folds were crisp, and she carried out the sewing with care. With her long hair dangling over her face throughout the whole process I was surprised she could actually see what she was doing!

Another was a distinguished older looking gentleman. He told me he used to be a Silversmith but now, at the age of 90, his arthritic hands and loss of sensation in his fingertips made it hard for him to still be creative. The only minor difficulty he had was threading the needle.

Thirdly a young boy aged about 10, he stood at the table with his eyes firmly fixed on what I was doing. When I asked him if he wanted to make a pamphlet binding without hesitation he said, 'yes please'. His mum said he is always cutting up pieces of paper and stapling them together to make a small notebook. As I demonstrated the stages, he copied the step-by-step process and needed very little guidance other than when he was using the shoe knife to cut the paper. The dexterity he had at each stage came naturally to him. I explained briefly about the tools we were using including bone folder, shoe knife, awl. I even explained about a multi-section binding. When we were piercing the three holes for the sewing he asked, "I like making this and when we have finished this, can we make a multi-section binding too?" His mum had been doing some family research and had discovered that her great, great grandfather was a bookbinder. He left with the pamphlet tightly grasped in his hand and a large grin on his face. This young boy was a natural bookbinder if ever I saw one !

Finally a woman who was watching said 'that's amazing, I could never make anything like that' my response was "of course you can, it will only take you a few minutes and I'm happy to go through it with you step by step if you would like to make your own". Although she wasn't sure at first, she agreed and as I demonstrated each stage, she copied. Folding, cutting, sewing and within a few minutes she had produced her own pamphlet binding. She left feeling proud of what she had achieved in such a short time and made a generous donation to BBV.

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COURSE NEWS

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Last year Daz Priest successfully completed the online version of the C&G Level 1, Unit 118 beginners bookbinding course. Unfortunately he was not available to participate in the second course, Unit 119, but is hoping to complete this next year.

His Unit 118 work was submitted and assessed. We were delighted to return his work to him along with his C&G Level 1 Unit 118 certificate. Congratulations Daz on achieving the C&G Level 1- Unit 118 qualification in Bookbinding.



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VETERAN OUTREACH SUPPORT (VOS) PORTSMOUTH - INTRODUCTION TO BOOKBINDING SESSION - SEPTEMBER 2025



A group of happy students in Portsmouth who have just completed making a book. Our sharp-eyed readers might recognise a familiar face in the back row!

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BOOKBINDING SESSION

Once a month, BBV runs a two-hour introduction-to-bookbinding session for students on course at Tedworth House. The latest one, held on 30th September, was attended by 7 students.



Some of the students from September's bookbinding session proudly displaying their handmade books.

Students are invited to comment on the session and here are some of their observations from this course.

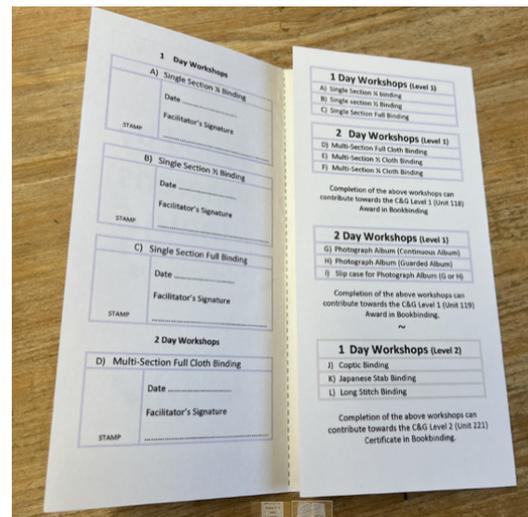
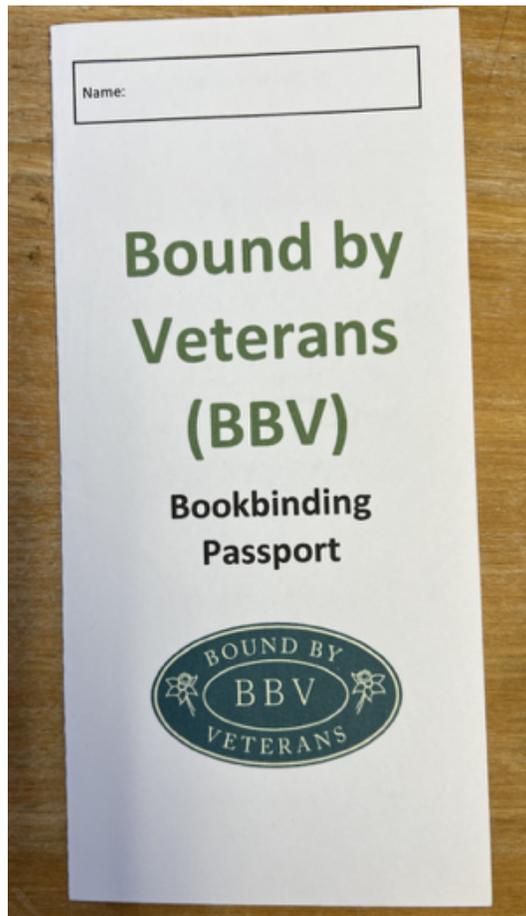
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- *Relaxing*
- *Very enjoyable, would do again*
- *Relaxed, focused and you get a nice product at the end.*
- *As a collector of limited edition books, I really enjoyed the class. Great instructor.*

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BBV BOOKBINDING PASSPORT

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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 scheme contact Wendy our Course Administrator on:

courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

STOP PRESS

DIARY DATE

Here is a date for your diary for an upcoming event in which BBV will be taking part:

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Our Principal Tutor, Mylyn, will be having a stall to sell a variety of BBV products and her own work. An Ideal opportunity to find attractive bookbinding items for gifts or even Christmas!

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TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS - UPDATE

VOTE FOR US

TESCO
 Community Grants

Wendy Lagden has continued her sterling work in getting support through the Tesco Community Grants and she informs me that the Amesbury Branch of Tesco will be producing the results for the voting that took place between July and Sept. We'll get notification of how we got on soon after, which will hopefully be early in October.

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worth a visit. <http://@boundbyveterans>

If anyone is interested in contributing to the charity by taking on the management of social media on behalf of BBV please get in touch with the office at the barn on tutor@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 January 2026 and will be the Winter edition. If anyone has any articles or bookbinding photographs please send them to the Editor at:

east_robert@hotmail.com

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BOOKBINDING COURSES - Autumn 2025 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 in Tidworth 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, held at the Barn workshops in Woodborough, 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.

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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 below 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**.

October 2025

- **1-2 Oct (Wed-Thu) C&G Level 3 Module - Cloth Reback.** One of the most useful skills to learn if you are trying to make a living from bookbinding, this two-day course will teach you how to repair and reback cloth hardback bindings. It, along with the Leather reback course (see November's courses) are both mandatory assignments for the C&G Level 3 Diploma.
- **6-10 Oct (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 2 - Unit 221 (Alternative and Historic Binding)** Cost: £20 for materials (for further details contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) 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.
- **14-16 Oct (Tue-Thu) C&G Level 2 - Unit 201/202 Design and Sampling.** Cost: £15 for materials (for further details contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) This course is for those who would like to achieve a certificate in Level 1 or 2 Bookbinding and who have little or no previous arts experience. You will put together a portfolio of samples relating to bookbinding, its materials and learn about colour and design, textures and tones.
- **21 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.
- **27-31 Oct (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118)** Cost: £20 for materials (for further details contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) 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 2025

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at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk) For those with a little bookbinding experience and/or have completed Unit 118 , 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.

- **11-13 Nov C&G Level 3 Module - Leather Reback Course.** Following on from cloth rebacking, this course will teach you the 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.
- **13-14 Nov (Thu-Fri) C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118 Pt 1) ONLINE COURSE for Tribe Students only.**
- **17-18 Nov (Mon-Tue) C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118 Pt 2) ONLINE COURSE for Tribe Students only.**
- **18 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.
- **25th-26th Nov (Tues-Wed) Two-day Beginners Bookbinding course.** In this fun two day course you will explore single section bindings using The Art of the Book to produce a quarter binding which gives you instructions on how to make the binding. You will then move on to making a half binding and a soft pamphlet stitch binding. A great introduction to the fundamentals of bookbinding techniques you will be guided through all the processes step by step.

December 2025

- **2 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.
- **2-3 Dec (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 3 Module - Library Style Binding.** When books are likely to be used a great deal, or have a very heavy textblock. A Library Style Binding will ensure greater durability and strength than a standard hardback case binding. During this course you will make a multi-section binding with split boards, hollow spine, cloth-jointed endpapers and reinforced corners all characteristics of a library style binding. For those with some bookbinding experience.

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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.

COSTS: While the cost of the tuition is free for veterans, we do ask that for a five day course, (C&G Levels 1 & 2), students make a £20 non-refundable contribution towards the cost of materials. For shorter, one- or two-day courses for C&G Levels 1&2 a contribution is based on £5 per day. Payment is to be made before the start of the course via BACS transfer and the course administrator will send the bank details out when a place is booked on the course or with the Joining Instruction. Should the student cancel their place on the course then the money can be transferred over to another course.

ON-LINE COURSES: 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

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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 (other than at Tedworth House), 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

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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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