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NEWSLETTER Spring 2025

Dear All

Hooray for March and the beginnings of warmer weather, buds and shoots appearing, baby lambs in the fields, bunny rabbits, blossom etc etc... although it's freezing as I write, we all know it's on its way!

Now, I understand from Wendy that we have had to cancel one of our beginners course weeks this spring as no-one signed up for it – what is that all about? This is a free course, apart from a small charge for materials which is payable at the time of booking, (more details are available further in this newsletter and from Wendy our Course Administrator) where everyone involved has fun, learns new skills and is guaranteed to forget their cares and stresses for a few days - if you're shouting 'I've already done it!', then recommend bookbinding at the Daffodil Barn to a family member or fellow veteran and do them a favour. Wendy and Mylyn work tirelessly to get these courses set up and sorted out, so let's make sure all that hard work doesn't go to waste.

Now that I've got that off my chest, to be more serious, I know it has seemed like a long and dreary winter, and it can be hard to get out the door - the sofa has never seemed more inviting. But getting out the door is, as we know, good for the soul, and getting in the Daffodil Barn door is even better for the soul, as

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learn, but the activity of the making is at the very least a distraction to everyday woes, and at most exhilarating and satisfying AND a way of gaining qualifications. So take a look at the course list below and sign up for something new – you won't regret it.

I'm not going to witter on any more as I know you are now looking at the courses list and signing up. 😊

Till next time, take care

Alison

Chair,

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The Daffodil Barn at Woodborough

NEWS

BBV LEVEL 3 STUDENT REPAIRS A WW1 DIARY by **Wendy Lagden**

Back in the summer of 2024, BBV received a phone call from a lady called Lilly West. Lilly had put a message out on a local social media site, asking if anyone knew where she could get a small notebook book repaired. A recommendation gave Lilly the details of BBV from which she made contact and spoke to

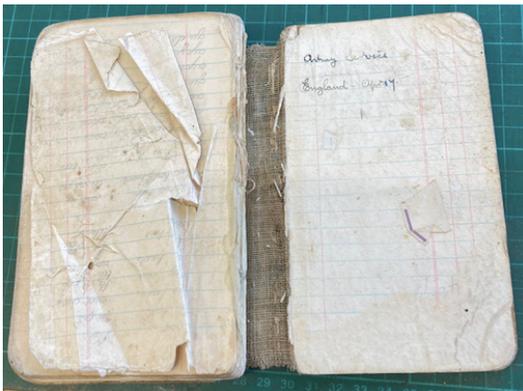
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BBV was a charity helping Veterans.

Lilly didn't want to trust the postal service so I arranged to meet up with her and bring the notebook to the Daffodil barn where it could be assessed to see what, if anything, could be done to repair and preserve it.



The small pocket notebook was rather tatty looking but precious. Something which, without knowing what it was, could have easily been discarded without a second thought. Inside, some pages were missing, whilst those that remained were generally fragile and in desperate need of repair if they were ever to survive being read in the future.



This priceless notebook was Lilly's late grandfather's and contained hand drawn sketches and a diary of



events that he had written about during his Military Service on the battlefields during WW I

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Gilly Turner, a BBV Level 3 student, and what a great job she has done too. The careful dismantling of the notebook, repairing of the individual pages, re-sewing the text block, colour matching the

new cloth spine with the original has ensured that it both maintains its looks and character. Finally, to ensure this amazing piece of family history is protected for years to come, Gilly made a bespoke cloth drop-back box lined with Suedel.



I met up with Lilly at the beginning of December to return the War Diary. She was delighted with the work that had been carried out and was looking forward to being able to share it with the rest of the family. They've since had a tree planted on Southsea common near Castle Street (where he was born) a beautiful tree to celebrate his life.

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Gilly Turner showing the results of many hours of her painstaking and detailed work. She said *"This was a lovely project to work on and it was a privilege to help bring back to life a fascinating and personal bit of history and hopefully the family will be able to read and use the book for years to come."*

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COURSE NEWS

BBV C&G LEVEL 1 - ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS 5 & 6 - FEBRUARY 2025

by Mylyn McColl, BBV Principal Tutor

Two one-day workshops took place last month in the Barn. These workshops

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Level 1 syllabus. These two sessions covered quarter-bound and half-bound bindings.

The satisfactory completion of these (and other elements of the Level 1 (Units 118 and 119)) can be recorded in a BBV Bookbinding Passport to count towards the overall qualification. More information is given further on in this newsletter about the BBV Passport.

Four students attended these two workshops, Michael, Colin, Rachel and Annie Mae.



Michael concentrates at the crucial moment of trimming one of his corners...

... while Annie Mae pastes up one of hers.



Colin trims up the case papers...

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...and Rachel puts her back into the nipping press.



Rachel, Colin, Michael and Annie Mae display their two projects and certificates. All four are now on their way to completing the Level 118 C&G certificate in bookbinding.

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BBV City & Guilds Level One Certificate Achievements

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guilds 119 certificate in February, completing his Level 1 Award. He shows off his C&G Level 1 Certificate in Bookbinding following successful completion of Level 1 courses in Units 118 (Beginners Bookbinding) and 119 (Photograph Album and Slip Case). He had previously taken part in the Stationers' Company Notebook Project, which was reported fully in the Winter newsletter.



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Two veterans, Andy Rigby (left) and Tom Brayford, displaying their certificates and some of their work on a recent 118 course. They both did really well and thoroughly enjoyed the course. Andy will be continuing his bookbinding journey on the 119 course in March and both bought tool kits from the small shop run by Mylyn in the workshop so they can do more bookbinding at home.

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Storage and Enclosures



Sam Balmond (L) and Kevin Reilly tackling the intricacies of the Storage and Enclosures course for the C&G Level 3 Diploma.



Kevin (L) and Sam display some of their course work and certificates of completion. Kevin can be seen holding a small grey box which is called a "phase box" and he has kindly written a short piece explaining its name and origin.

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...I have thought that the name 'Phase Boxes' only goes back to the 1970s. This simple, readily achievable, cheap box is now an important component of restoration in most big libraries.

Apparently, the box comes from 'Phased Conservation' originated with the Library of Congress in the United States of America.

Due to the long timeframe of conservation the library came upon the ingenious (obvious) concept of covering their books to prevent further deterioration. The Japanese have been putting books in wrappers and boxes for centuries. From my research I came upon Phase Boxes as being thought of as, "defining preservation as the art and science of delaying the inevitable"

The phase boxes were, to all intents and purposes, just a simple means to preserve the book during a period (phase) of conservation but over the years have developed into the kind of box we see today.

The speed at which a simple Phase Box can be produced is the essence of why they exist, coupled with the cost effectiveness of the materials, each box can be easily built to fit an individual book's dimensions.

On my recent level 3 course at the Daffodil Barn under the competent and encouraging leadership of Jonathan, it took me a morning to master the technique, as accurate measurements are not my forte!



Kevin Reilly

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HOW WELL DO WE DO?

It is always useful to know how our courses are received and especially what students think of them and what they get out of them. This is especially true of the Introductory Sessions held at Tedworth House Tidworth, Veteran Outreach Support (VOS) Portsmouth and Individual Introduction Sessions in Scotland with Veterans Tribe Scotland (VTS) and Help for Heroes (H4H).

Here is a selection of student comments from some of these and other courses.

- Intro Sessions:
 - Really Good, something new and proud of what I achieved in one session
 - It was very therapeutic
 - Superb tuition, really helpful when I got stuck. Loved the end product
 - It was a very, soothing yet involved activity. I'd love to do it again
 - Very calming. Fun.
 - Fabulous course. Very calming and enjoyable. Lovely idea for memento to help with recovery
 - I just wanted to let you know that I had a super day today. I learned a lot about tea making and loved learning the new skill of bookbinding. It was super to see so many people that I knew as well as meeting new veterans and their families. I look forward to coming along to your next event
- Unit 118 Courses:
 - Lovely structured & well paced tuition. A very patient & approachable teacher. Thank you so much.
 - Enjoyable course, challenging at times, very enjoyable and well taught and I would do it all again.
 - Really enjoyed myself, feel very inspired
 - Very calming environment to learn and develop a fantastic new skill.

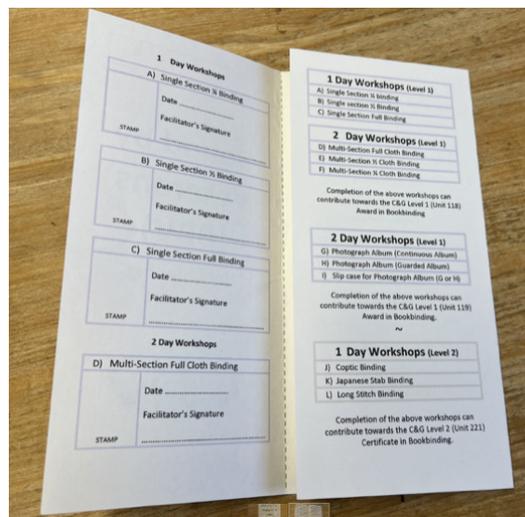
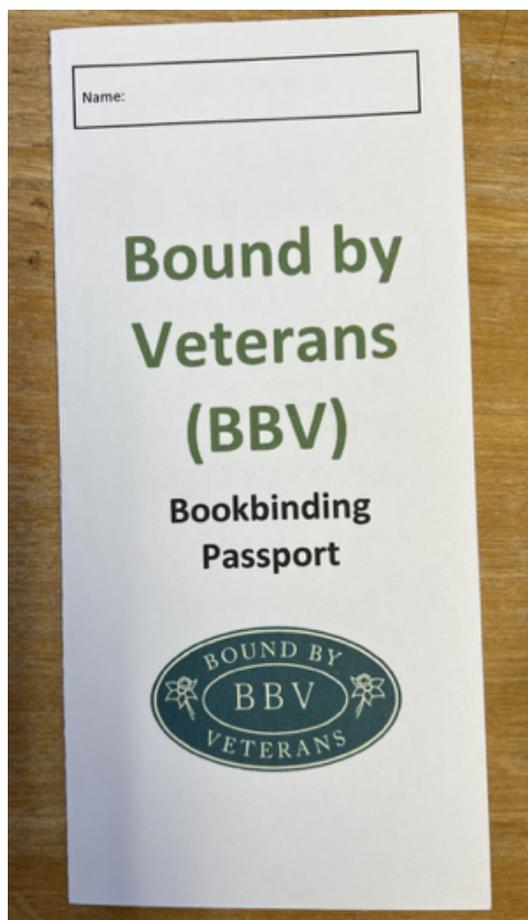
Many students reflected on the atmosphere and gentle pace of the courses which enabled them to make a super product to take away with them.

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BBV BOOKBINDING PASSPORT

This notice has been 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 scheme contact Wendy our Course Administrator on:
courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk

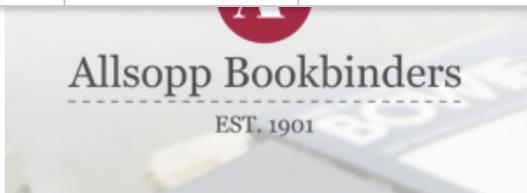
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DONATION OF PAPER AND BOOKCLOTH

Once again we are extremely grateful to Nick Smith, Managing Director of Allsopp Bookbinders, for the most generous donation to BBV of surplus materials, bookcloth and Colorplan paper. These will be extremely useful to us and will enable students to have a much wider choice in the materials they can use.



A wide selection of book cloth



A roll of mull with many pieces cut to length ready for use in the BBV Taster Sessions

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TESCO - COMMUNITY GRANTS



Great news! BBV has once again been successful in the Tesco Community Grants - this time in the Tidworth branch with a recent award of £500 in the Stronger Starts programme. Thank you Tesco and well done Wendy - again!

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BBV's CORNER SHOP!

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In a corner of the training workshop at the Barn, Mylyn has created a little shop, not of horrors, but with a selection of bookbinding items including paste brushes, small sets of mathematical instruments, some miniature notebook bookblocks, "Mystery Bags" containing offcuts of paper: Japanese, marble, printed, plain paper, bookcloth, and headbands etc and some small spiral bound notebooks made by veterans in the workshop. Items are available to people attending courses, for more information about the Mystery Bags and the shop 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 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 Spring edition, is planned for June 2025 and will be the Summer 2025 edition.

BOOKBINDING COURSES - Spring 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.

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 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**.

March 2025

- **11 Mar (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.
- **11-13 Mar (Tue-Thu) & 18-19 Mar (Tue-Wed) C&G Level 1 - Unit 118 Pamphlet & Multi-section binding. (ONLINE ZOOM)** For complete

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make single and multi-section bindings in quarter, half and full cloth.

- **18 Mar (Tue) (18.00-20.00) 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
- **27-28 Mar (Thu-Fri) C&G level 1, Unit 118 Multi-Section Cloth Binding** This is the third workshop in the 118 Passport. During the course you will make a multi-section and soft-cover, stitch-binding pamphlet.
- **31 Mar - 4 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)

April 2025

- **8-10 Apr (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.
- **10 Apr (Tue) (10.00-12.00) 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
- **21-25 Apr (Mon-Fri) C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118) C&G 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. (Cost £20 for materials)
- **22 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.
- **28 Apr-2 May (Mon-Fri). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118)** 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

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May 2025

- **14-15 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.
- **19-20 May (Mon-Tue). C&G Level 1 - (Unit 118)** This course is for Veterans' Tribe Scotland students only. 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 multi-section bindings. For further details contact Gerry McGregor. (Gerry.mcgregor@veterantribescotland.co.uk) This is an on-line course.
- **27 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.

June 2025

- **5-6 Jun (Thu-Fri). C&G Level 3 Module – Gold Finishing.** Two days in which you will learn the traditional way to letter a book in gold leaf with both hand-tools and typeholder, and decorate a leather label.
- **10 Jun (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.
- **13-15 Jun (Fri-Sun). C&G Level 3 Module – 17th C-Style Vellum Binding.** An optional assignment in the C&G curriculum which offers an alternative style binding where you will make a limp vellum binding cover attached to a text block with leather thongs.

July 2025

- **21-22 Jul (Mon-Tue) Paper Marbling.** Cost £10 for materials. (for further details contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk)
- **24-25 Jul (Thu-Fri) Paper Marbling.** Cost £10 for materials. (for further details contact Wendy at courses@boundbyveterans.co.uk)

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->

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), we ask for 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

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

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

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