

GREAT LIVES

John Jebson gave a very interesting talk on aviatrix Amy Johnson, born in Hull of Danish stock in 1903. An adventurous schoolgirl, she cycled to view early planes at a nearby factory. After a romantic disappointment, she threw herself into flying lessons and in 1929 was the only woman to hold three types of licence, including one of ground engineer. She won financial support to undertake the first solo flight to Australia, which she achieved in 1930 in a flimsy second-hand Gypsy Moth, 'Jason', armed with a revolver but no radio or inflatable raft and despite the odd crash-landing. Alone or with husband, Jim Mollison, she set many long-distance records in the 1930s before flying in WW2 with the Air Transport Auxiliary. Out of fuel over the Thames Estuary in 1941, she made her first parachute jump. A rescue attempt failed and her body was never found. Amy Johnson, CBE, was a great inspiration to girls dreaming of entering a man's world.

The next Great Lives session is on Wednesday 17th February when Ian Tennant & Pat Taylor will talk about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Group members will be sent the Zoom link and others should email jamatcv@gmail.com. All welcome. **Ian Gray**

CARD MAKING

One of the best things I have done since moving back to Giggleswick three years ago was to join the Settle U3A card making group. A whole new creative world opened up to me. With brilliant inspiration and guidance from our leader Wendy (I'm sure she will be blushing here), I've amazed family and friends with creative offerings of cards for every occasion. Although as a group we have been unable to meet for a long time now, our leader

has regularly emailed ideas and challenges that have kept us going and whiled away many an hour. Though I am still a novice and have so much more to learn, card making has provided me with an absorbing productive hobby that has been a life and sanity saver during these difficult covid winter lockdown times.

Here are a few examples of what can easily be achieved. **Pauline Walkden**. Group leader **Wendy Newby** newby868@btinternet.com



STOP PRESS

The Yorkshire Bridge Union are offering, free of charge, live online presentations for beginners, on Tuesday mornings from Tues 23rd Feb, then every Tuesday for 10 weeks, using Zoom. Hopefully there will also be online practice sessions too. At this stage we do not know the level of experience expected, but are assuming they are aimed at those just wanting to learn Bridge. For more information please ring John Parry on 01729 823843.

Thanks for the items for the newsletter. The deadline for the next edition, **150 words max**, is Mon 1 March, to sdu3a.newsletter@gmail.com We may edit articles.

SUE'S PUZZLE PAGE – LAST MONTH'S QUIZ ANSWERS – First lines of songs

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| 1. Sha la la la lee | Small Faces | 6. You've lost that lovin' feelin' | Righteous Brothers |
| 2. She loves you | Beatles | 7. I got you babe | Sonny & Cher |
| 3. Homeward bound | Simon & Garfunkel | 8. Needles and pins | Searchers; Smokie; Jackie DeShannon |
| 4. Caroline | Status Quo | 9. Money | Beatles; Rolling Stones; Flying Lizards; and many others |
| 5. House of the Rising Sun | Animals | | |