First of all, I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who gave up their time and went above and beyond the call of duty with respect to the weekend of the Tour de France. Special thanks must go to the staff who covered shifts, came in early and went home late, the Day Centre Staff who decorated the building with all the fabulous bunting, Fran for her amazing baskets of flowers on the bicycles, Steph B in the office for coordinating events and the volunteers who gave up their time so freely to man the reception and car park.

Hopefully you will all enjoy the benefits of the new carpet, the new furniture in the conservatory at Grove House and if you don’t reside here, then all the more excuse to come up and have a coffee and meet new friends. Until the next issue, Jackie

Dates for your Diaries

The Ilkley Bandstand, at the front of our grounds on The Grove, has entertainment on during August for the Ilkley Summer Festival.

Friday 8th August to Sunday 10th August there is the Ilkley Festival Market at The Grove.

In Harrogate in August, there is a plethora of events including “Art and Yorkshire: From Turner to Hockney” at The Mercer Gallery until October, an exhibition “A Town at War” at The Royal Pump Room Museum and the 21st International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival at the Royal Hall and Theatre.

In Menston, there is:
8th August—Ladies Night at The Menston Club, Menston Evening Townswomen Guild, £5 a ticket
27th August—Coffee Morning, 10.00 at The Beeches.

Staff news—Welcome to Colette Mallatrat, we hope that she enjoys her new role as Finance Officer.

A big thank you from Gwen Green to everyone who has sent her best wishes for her appointment as Deputy General Manager. She is looking forward to the challenge that the role will bring.

Congratulations to Zoe who, due to her extremely gifted flair and talent, has changed her role from Office Assistant to Events Coordinator. We hope that she enjoys this new role and thank her for continuing to organise all the exciting events that we have planned.

At the end of July, we sadly say goodbye to Jade Chilton, one of our cleaners as she moves on to pastures new. Good luck Jade. On Monday 4th August, we also welcome two new receptionists to Grove House: Deborah Scaife and Susan Jones. We are sure you will make them feel welcome in their new roles. We thank all of our Volunteer Receptionists who have kept Reception up and running over the last ten years. They have done a fantastic job and we hope that they will keep a connection or continue to volunteer here in other roles.
News from Grove House

Several residents enjoyed a lovely day out on the SCAD canal cruise at Skipton. We sailed to Gargrave, stopping for a fish and chip lunch. The weather was superb and so everyone sat out on the deck the entire cruise.

The choir are busy rehearsing for the Strawberry Coffee Morning in August, new members are always welcome. You don’t need to be a singer, just come along and enjoy.

News from the Day Care Centre at Grove House

The bunting c’est formidable par les bicyclettes de Tour de France through Ilkley! Everyone in the Day Centre helped, merci beaucoup a tout le monde!

The Tour de France mascots and bicycles on the railings look great.

Several people had a go on our own static bike—thank you for your help and look after that sunflower!…..

Ms Abbeyfield donned a wonderful lace wedding gown borrowed with thanks from Ava Rose gowns, very like the one worn by the Duchess of Cambridge. She also appears in the guise of a nurse from many years ago; these outfits prompted many memories.

We held a drinks and dance party in memory of Mrs Marion Walsh who donated some money to the Day Centre, she would have loved it!

We had lots of models for our hat session during Royal Ascot week.

Bob Roberts is our Day Centre Events Representative giving ideas and comments at meetings, well done, Bob.

News from The Residential Unit, Grove House

We have enjoyed two fabulous trips over the last month. The first on our annual SCAD boat trip which saw us winding down the Leeds Liverpool canal, taking in our gorgeous Yorkshire sights on a canal barge with fish and chips to end a fabulous day.

Our second trip was to St Anne’s where we walked along the promenade, ate iced cream and had a wonderful lunch at the Glendower Hotel.

Both trips were thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

News from The Beeches, Menston

Residents at The Beeches continue to enjoy the craft group on Fridays, run by volunteer, Lynn. Garden pots have been decorated by the residents for use in the garden, which is coming on in leaps and bounds with the help of volunteers, Jenny, Judith and Frances who is based at Grove House. Residents are enjoying using the garden now that the Summer is here.

The next coffee morning run by our Menston volunteers will be on Wednesday 30th July.

Bingo nights are up and running again at The Beeches with help from volunteers Margaret and Dorothy as a well as volunteers from Skipton Building Society Headquarters.