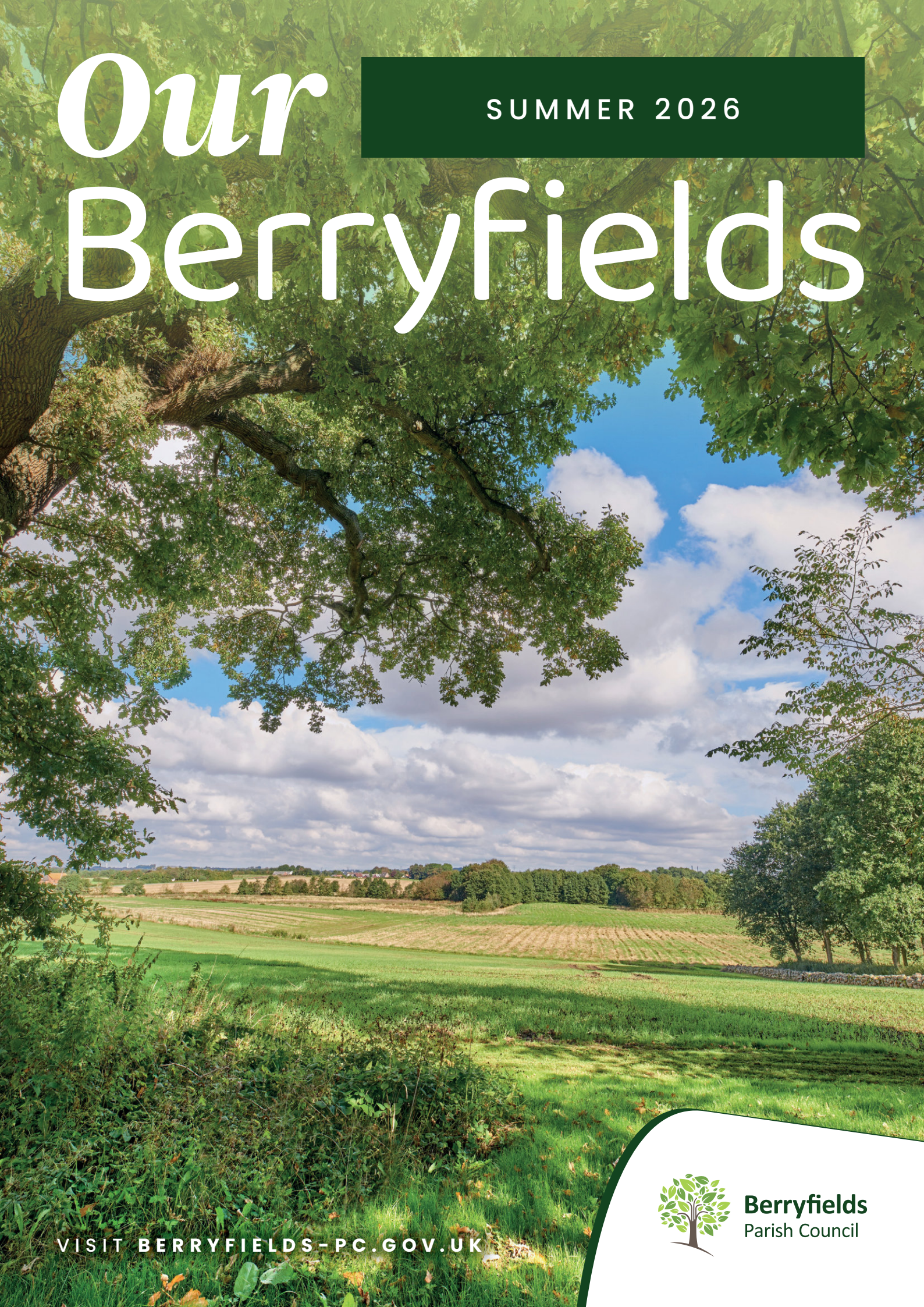
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Chairman's View



Arun Sekhar
Chairman

Dear Berryfielders,

Welcome to the Summer edition of Our Berryfields.

It has been just over a year since our new council was elected. This period has seen a blend of fresh perspectives and experienced insight, allowing us to deliver vital infrastructure, protect our local landscape, and cultivate a truly vibrant community spirit. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my fellow councillors, office staff, and our wonderful volunteers for their tireless dedication to making Berryfields a place we are all proud to call home.

Following our recent Annual Parish Meeting, I am pleased to share a snapshot of our progress and our vision for the months ahead.

Road Safety, Infrastructure & Development
Our focus remains steadfast on ensuring our streets are safe and our community grows sustainably.

- **Road Safety:** Following the successful installation of our solar-powered MVAS sign on Paradise Orchard, we are moving ahead to procure sentinel equipment and establish a community speed watch team. We would also be collaborating with local schools to install student-designed safety signage to encourage responsible driving.
- **Parks & Upgrades:** We have been busy with improvements, including the replacement of play equipment at Marston Green last October and the installation of secure storage at Roman Park. We have also completed comprehensive "snagging" lists for all our parks to prepare for land transfer acceptance. Looking ahead, we are prioritising fence repairs at Marston Green and equipment replacements at Gateway Park. Most significantly, planning approval is secured for the new Roman Park car park, with work scheduled to commence this summer. We are also trialing a "Graffiti Pilot," using artistic designs on benches to deter persistent vandalism.
- **Protecting our local landscape from urban sprawl:** We continue to stand firm against unsustainable development. We have formally objected to the Local Plan in collaboration with Watermead and Buckingham Park, and we are actively scrutinising the proposed residential development north of Berryfields and east of Crispin Street to ensure our voices are heard.

Community Spirit & Engagement
It has been a joy to see our community initiatives flourish this past year. We installed two new book swaps at Green Ridge and AVA Primary schools to foster literacy among children in our community. We have bolstered our local environment by planting 400 trees and shrubs around Roman Park allotments. We remain committed to supporting one another. Our weekly food bank continues to operate on Thursdays (11:00 am - 12:15 pm), and thanks to your incredible generosity, our Santa Sleigh event raised £981 - split between the Scouts and our local food bank, which successfully delivered 50 Christmas hampers to families in need. Furthermore, we were delighted to have distributed £1,250 in community grants. Whether it is through our coffee mornings, our growing youth club, or the success of our seasonal events - from our Summer, Halloween, Christmas and New Year celebrations - it is clear that our community spirit is stronger than ever.

Upcoming Summer Highlights
We have curated a fantastic schedule of events to help us all relax and enjoy the warmer weather together. Please mark your calendars:

- **Community Friday Nights: 24th July, 7th August, & 21st August**
- **Children's Summer Fun Days: 5th & 19th August (11am – 4pm)**

As we move into summer, I hope you find time to step away from your busy routines, enjoy our beautiful green spaces, and connect with your neighbours. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with sunshine and happiness.
As ever, your feedback is vital. I encourage you to join us at our monthly PC meetings to share your views. Thank you for your continued support - I look forward to seeing many of you out and about soon!

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine!

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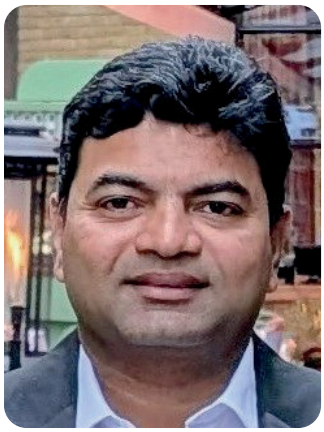
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Berryfields Parish Council has funded two additional community book swap stores which can be found at Green Ridge School and AVA Primary School.

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Own & Manage 5 play parks and Roman Park, remaining parks, open spaces and ditches in process of being adopted and are currently under the management of the developers

Liasing with Developers & other Key Stakeholders

Day to day management of the Parish, all assets, staff and contractors

Regular safety inspections and maintenance of all playgrounds

Grass cutting, maintenance and repair (on adopted land)

Dog Poo and Litter Bins (except for those on Bucks land)

Annual audit and compliance with regulations

Statutory consultee of planning applications

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Roman Park Hall: Hall hire and ongoing park projects

Management of the Parish budget, precept and statutory duties & powers

Youth Club

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Allotments

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Community grants

Book Swap Store

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When: Saturdays 10–11am

Duration: 1 hour

Location: Roman Park Tennis Courts, HP18 0YT

Spaces: Up to 20 each week – booking is essential!

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- **Anyone can play** – Whatever your ability, Barclays Free Park Tennis is open to anyone looking to get started, improve their skills and enjoy free tennis.
- **Play tennis for free** – just sign up for free each week and we'll see you on court.
- **Meet new people** – Free Park Tennis is a group session, so you'll get to meet and play tennis with a whole host of different people.
- **Rackets and equipment provided** – It doesn't matter if you haven't played before, or if you don't own a tennis racket.
- **Fun games and exercises** – Every session is packed with a variety of games to keep you active and progress your skills.
- **Free workout** – Each session will give you a free workout, get you outdoors and help you practice your game.
- **Led by trained volunteers** – Sessions are run by a group of trained volunteers, who are set and ready to give you the best tennis experience.
- **Bring the family** – If you're looking for free things to do for the whole family, we've got you covered. Both adults and children (8+) can get involved and enjoy playing tennis together.

To find out more and book onto the next sessions simply scan the **QR code** or visit: **www.lta.org.uk/play/free-park-tennis**



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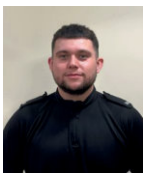
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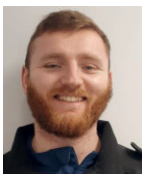
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Submission Details:

- Attach **high-quality photos** if relevant.
- Deadline for submissions: **28th September 2026** for the Autumn issue.
- Email submissions to: **ourberryfields@berryfields-pc.gov.uk**

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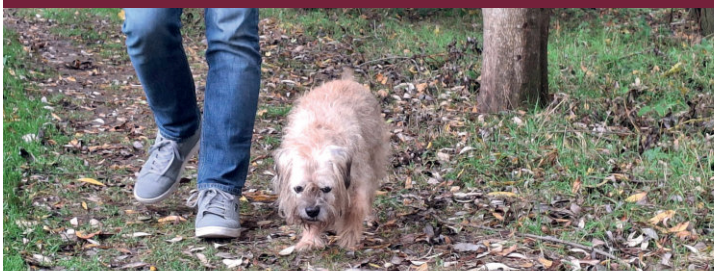
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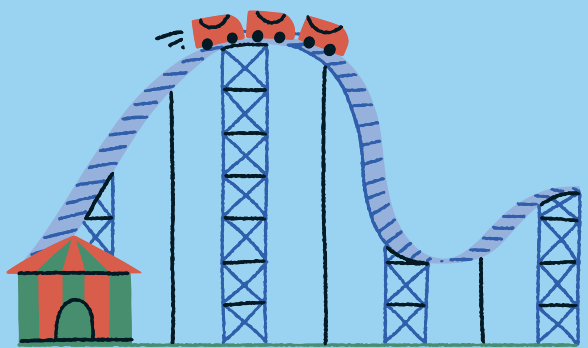
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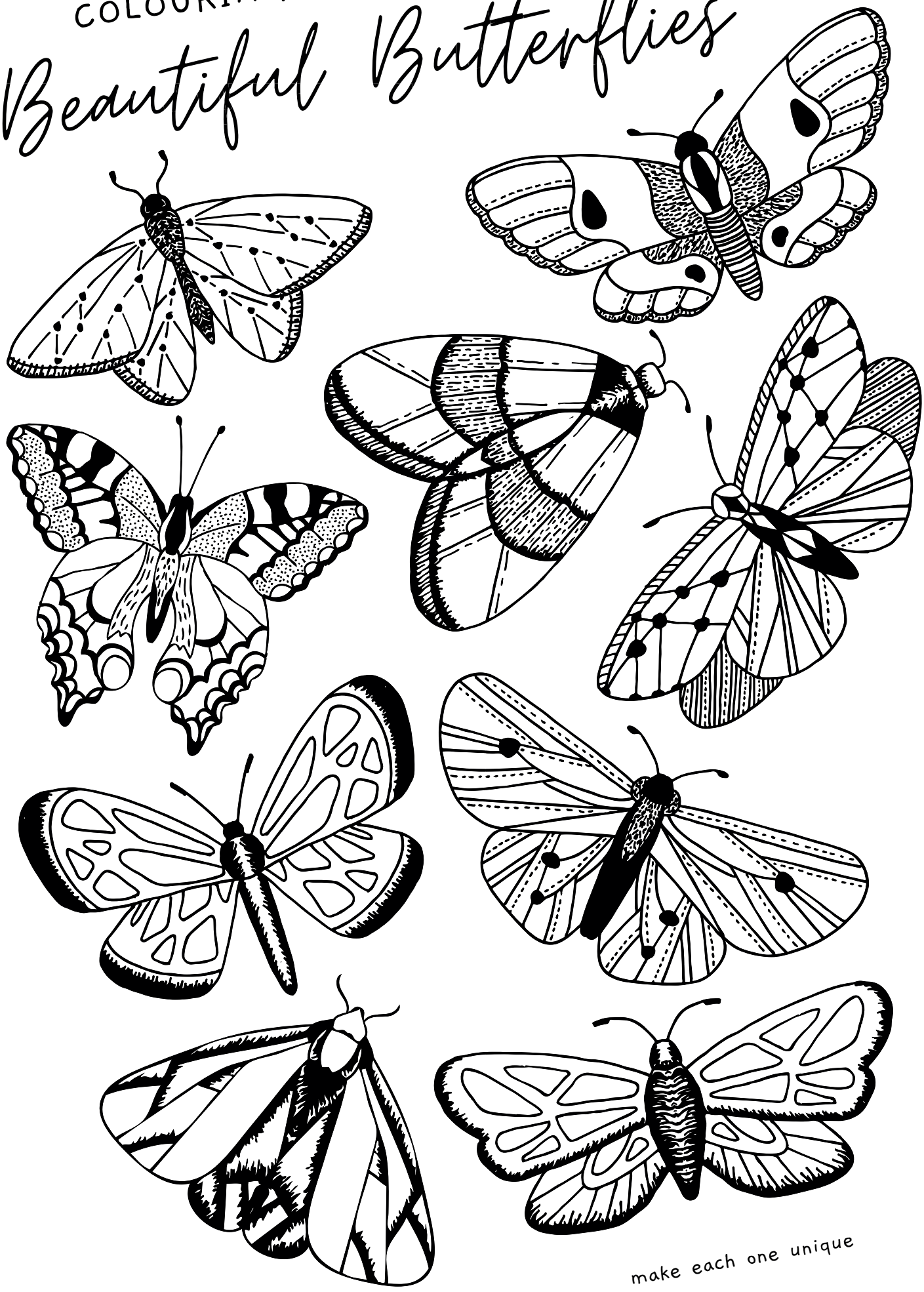




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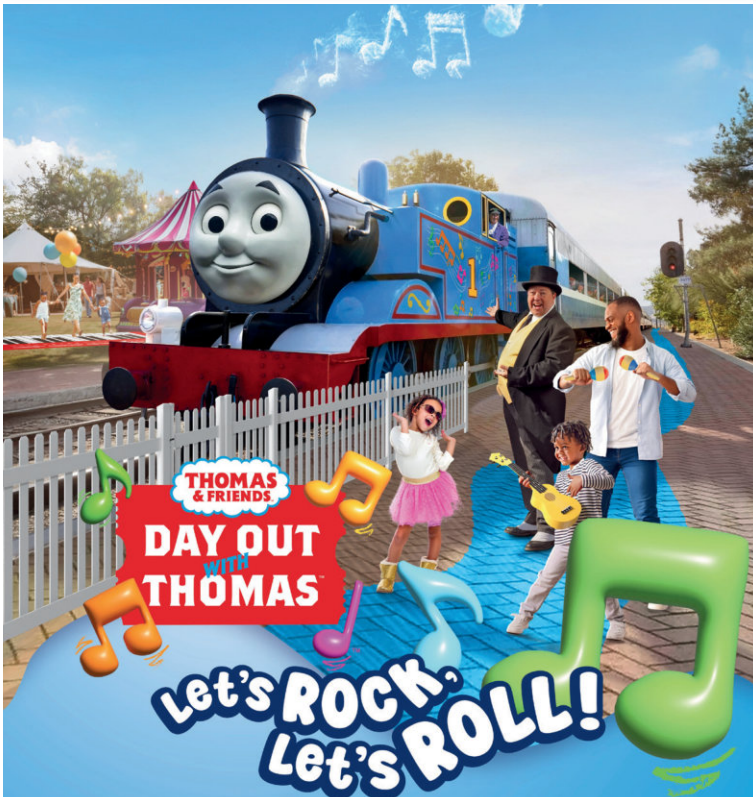
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On Sunday 26th April members of 1st Berryfields Scout Group proudly took part in the annual St George's Day Parade in Aylesbury town centre.

We had Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts alongside our leaders, celebrating the patron saint of Scouting with many other groups from the district. Wearing their uniforms with pride, the young people marched through the town centre lead by other members of the community dressed as St George on his horse and even a dragon!

This years parade also celebrated Women in History with characters such as Florence Nightingale and Anne Boleyn taking part. Everyone then gathered in the town square to take part in a special service including a speech from the Mayor, singing of hymns and renewal of their Scout Promise.

The parade was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the values of Scouting, celebrate achievements, and come together as a community.

We are incredibly proud of all our members for representing our group so positively and demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the event.



If you're interested in getting involved with Scouts and volunteering with us please send an email to

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5am 5k Walk

On 1st May, a small group of local residents set out on a simple challenge: meet at 5:00am and walk 5 kilometres every day.

Today marks Day 40 of our 50-Day Challenge (9th of June 2026). The idea was simple: mindset, consistency, and turning awareness into action.

Since then, people of all ages and backgrounds have come together before sunrise to improve fitness, build positive habits, and connect with others.

Over the past 40 days, we have walked through sunshine, wind, and rain, witnessed stunning sunrises, watched deer pass right in front of us, and shared the early morning with foxes, geese, and sheep peacefully going about their day.

It has been a wonderful reminder of the beauty that exists in the quiet hours before the world wakes up.

A unique part of the walk is that the first and final kilometre are walked in silence, a chance to appreciate nature, the sunrise, and the simple power of being present.

The challenge is not really about walking 5 kilometres. It is about showing up.

Showing up for yourself.
Showing up for others.
Showing up consistently.

The biggest lesson has been the power of community. There is no competition or pressure—just encouragement, connection, and support.







The 5AM 5K is open to anyone who would like to join.

Scan the QR code or WhatsApp 07778 894883.

We also have a Strava group for progress, motivation and sharing photos.



About Me

I'm a mum of three with a background in technology and business. My husband, our three children, and I have lived in Berryfields for over 6½ years.

Since stepping away from the corporate world, I have spent time travelling, deepening my meditation and pranayama practice, and exploring the power of awareness in everyday life.

The 5AM 5K began as a personal commitment. As others started asking to join, it naturally grew into a community experience.

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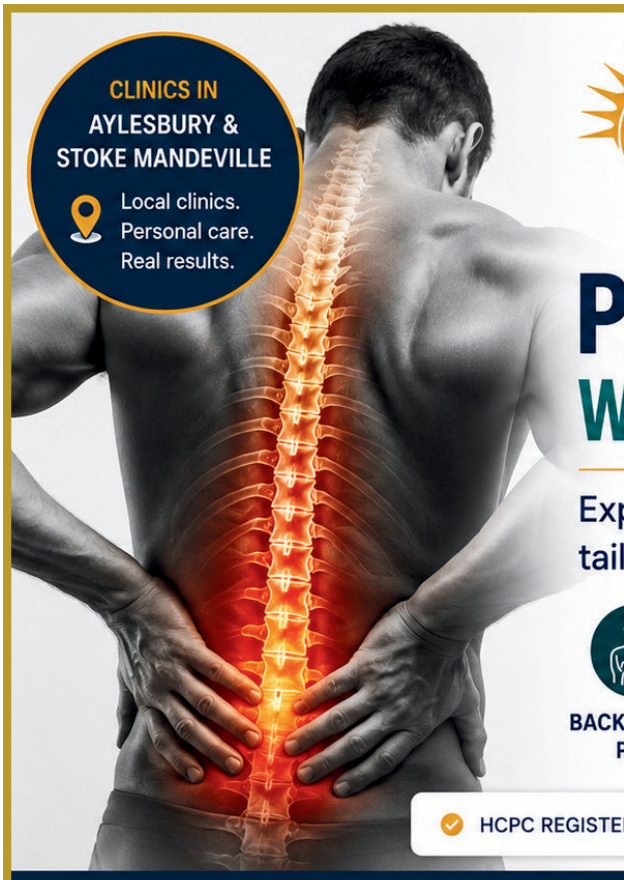
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- ✓ **Care leavers**
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NEW BIKE DONATION POINT: ROMAN PARK, BERRYFIELDS

In partnership with Berryfields Parish Council, we're excited to launch our first local collection point at Roman Park.

- ✓ Got an unused bike in your shed or garage?
- ✓ Has your child outgrown theirs?

Donate it. Give it a second life.

We accept bikes in **any condition** — even those beyond repair are valuable for spare parts. Nothing goes to waste.

HOW TO DONATE

Simply drop your bike off at **Roman Park, Berryfields.**

GET IN TOUCH

For more information, please contact:
Ashley – 07977 401548



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CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 115 g butter, melted
- 150 g light brown sugar
- 115 g granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 180 g plain flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 200 g chocolate chips

METHOD

- Combine melted butter, light brown sugar and granulated sugar. Mix until a smooth paste forms.
- Add the egg and vanilla extract. Beat until the mixture is thick and smooth.
- Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda and salt. Fold the dry ingredients into the wet mixture until just combined.
- Fold in the chocolate chips.
- Cover and refrigerate the dough for at least 30 minutes.
- Preheat the oven to **160°C (fan)**.
  - Scoop the dough into portions of approximately **2 tablespoons** each and place on lined baking trays, leaving space between each cookie.
  - Bake for **8–10 minutes**, or until lightly golden around the edges.
  - Allow the cookies to cool on the tray for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.









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Kitchen Corner



SOFTEN BUTTER

Cut it into small cubes and it'll soften much faster.



FRESH EGG TEST

Place an egg in water:

- Sinks = Fresh
- Floats = Time to replace it!



EASY GARLIC PEEL

Press the clove gently with the side of a knife and the skin slips right off.



STICKY INGREDIENT HACK

Lightly oil your measuring spoon before measuring honey or syrup.



KEEP HERBS FRESHER LONGER

Store them in a glass with a little water, like a bouquet.

FUN FACT: A wooden spoon placed across a boiling pot can help reduce boil-overs!



DID YOU KNOW?

Every Parish Council meeting begins with dedicated time for residents to share views, raise concerns and ask questions - so why not come along and have your say?

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