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BIFD Member Ann Hollowell, from Abington in Northampton has generously provided details of a charitable trust that she has devised to assist in the bereavement process of infant

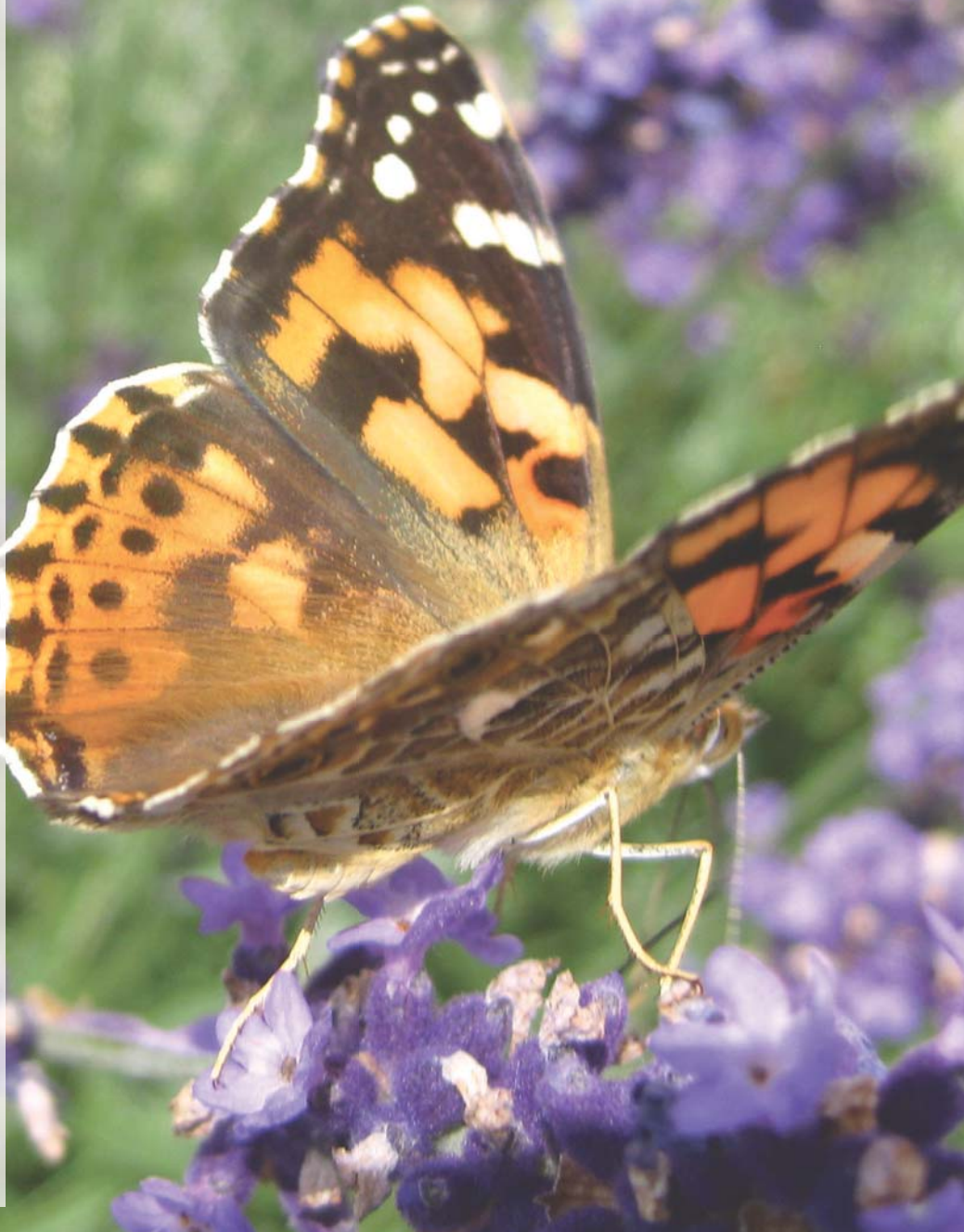
death. She approaches this most emotive of subject with a unique authority; she has suffered the loss of children at various gestational periods from 6 to 21 weeks.

Children Are Butterflies, is the thoughtful and well-considered response to Ann's experience. It is a multi-faceted bereavement support organization, and is further enhanced by a dedicated website.

Recently Ann organized a butterfly release, at a special picnic for families who have suffered the loss of a child, from a baby who dies in the womb to adult children. A total of 30 Painted Lady butterflies, which had been hand-reared for the event by Ann, were released in turn by each family attending. The correlation between death, the spirit and butterflies, was a very powerful image from the childhood of Ann. When she was small her grandmother told her that when one dies they become a butterfly, and that is why there were so many about. This simple dialogue, between young child and her grandmother seems to have endured in the kindest possible way.

Ann has also agreed to contribute in the Still Life section of the next edition of the Journal.

Full details of the trust can be found on www.childrenarebutterflies.org.uk



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