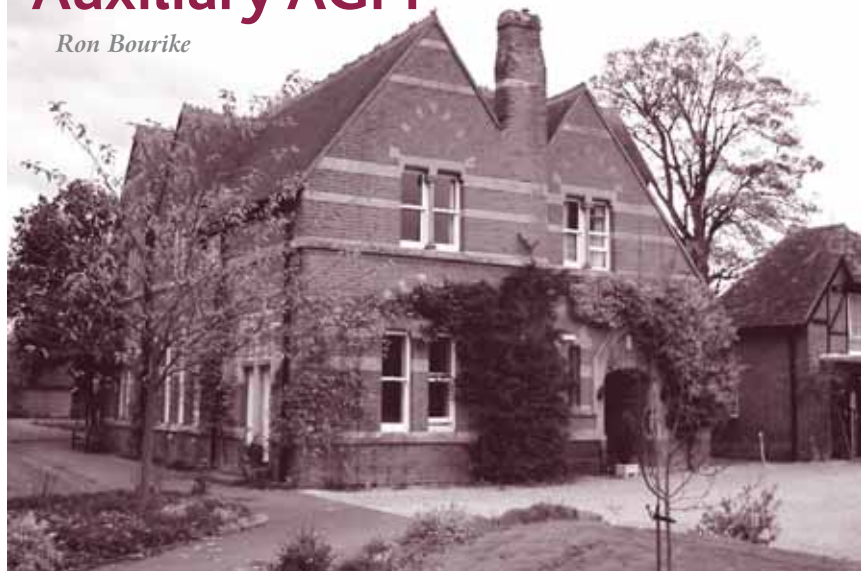


*In the picturesque Oxfordshire village of East Hanney on the lovely Spring evening of Saturday 17th April some 50 supporters gathered at the Baptist Chapel for what was to be a memorable time. Pastor Glyn Oliver of Wantage Christian Fellowship brought a very encouraging message based on Daniel 9:1-3. The Lord has a purpose for His older peoples, it is possible to remain faithful to Him in all circumstances remembering that God is in control.*

## **Framland's Anniversary and Wantage Auxiliary AGM**

*Ron Bourike*



Beth Kneale, the manager at Framland gave an upbeat, illustrated report on the past year at the home. Residents had enjoyed outings, and welcomed visitors at the summer garden party and Christmas Fair. They had also been entertained by school and male voice choirs and a local brass and silver band. The interior of Framland had been partially redecorated and a new large screen television installed. Staff training had continued and new care staff welcomed to the home.

Barbara Margetts then gave an overall view of the exciting new developments within Pilgrim Homes, showing slides of the Ernest Luff care home and telling us about the Redbourn Trust in Hertfordshire.



Robin Turnbull, Chairman of Wantage Auxiliary

### 40 years of service

After this it was the turn of Robin Turnbull, Chairman of Wantage Auxiliary, to give a report, which was to be his last one since he and his wife Margaret are resigning from the Auxiliary, retiring and moving home to the South Coast. This was an event which the Auxiliary members could not let pass without recognition of the 40 years or more that Robin had worked for the Auxiliary and been involved with Framland for the 24 years the home has been open. Philip Grist, another long term

member of the Auxiliary, surprised Robin with a short speech of thanks for his many years of work and time given locally and nationally for Pilgrim Homes. As a token of esteem, Philip then presented Robin with an ESV Study Bible and a bouquet of flowers was accepted by Barbara Margetts on behalf of her mother, Margaret Turnbull, who was unable to be with us.

### An appeal to fill the vacancies

An appeal was made, on behalf of the Auxiliary, for others to come forward to fill the vacancies; as with other auxiliaries around the country, we need younger men and women to fill these gaps, bringing fresh and contemporary ideas for fund raising and publicity. An invitation was given to those God was calling to join the next committee meeting in June to learn what was involved.

No such gathering is complete without refreshments and the ladies of East Hanney chapel provided us with a great variety of cakes and the teapot was bottomless. Our thanks go to them and to Bob Pritchard for chairing the evening.

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