

Ninety-six year old keeps busy knitting

Marjorie Cross, 96, keeps busy knitting blankets for Romania. She enjoys knitting very much, and staff at Framland have taken photographs of her with different garments which she keeps in albums to hand in her room.

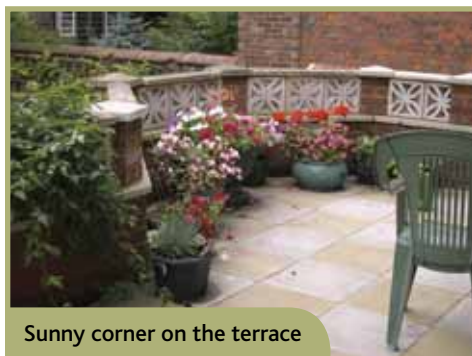
Marjorie has always had an active life. She used to go to Grove Chapel, in Wantage, where her grandparents had been amongst the first members. She left school at 16 and married at the age of 19, in 1934. 'Times were much different then,' she remembers, 'There was no running water in the house. We used to do our laundry in a big washing tub – we filled the copper and lit a coal fire underneath it.'



Marjorie has been living at Framland for nearly two years now. She said she didn't expect to find other residents as frail as they are, and was surprised to find some suffering with dementia. She said, 'I didn't realise it would be like this. But I am very happy here and would recommend it to anyone. Everyone is very kind.'

Respite care for caregivers

Deryn van der Tang, manager of Dorothea Court, points out that often it is caregivers who need respite care, especially if they're caring for someone with dementia. Our flats and bungalows, and sometimes our schemes' guest rooms are available for people who need a break from caregiving, as long as they fall within our scope (over 60, and agree with our statement of faith). They'd be surrounded with the peace and



Sunny corner on the terrace

spiritual support our schemes provide.

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