



THE COMMUNE

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Is a 'commune' for the aged a possibility? This sketch investigates that theoretical possibility. It also explores a potential romance.

Cast list (both aged over 70)

Frank  
George

*There is a 'commune' set up for the over 70's. It's aim is to provide company for people and to combat loneliness. Frank and George are just standing, having a chat.*

**Frank:** So, George, what are your thoughts having joined our commune for the over seventies?

**George:** Well, so far so good it seems. I've only been here for three weeks but I've enjoyed it up to now.

**Frank:** Oh good, well done George. We've been a bit worried about taking on someone new. You're the first since one we started our project four years ago.

**George:** Yes, I was very pleased that I satisfied all of your conditions and was accepted. I managed to buy myself in after I sold my bungalow. My wife and I lived there for fifteen years before she, sadly, died two years ago and, after the initial shock and sadness, I've been rather lonely so your living arrangements really appealed to me.

**Frank:** Yes, a few of us old friends were in a similar position when we decided to embark on our rather unusual lifestyle. It was a big decision and some of our families were a bit sceptical about it but we went ahead anyway and we haven't really looked back.

**George:** Brilliant! I'm so glad you did!

**Frank:** We had to devise a constitution of course which limited our residents to twenty, mixed male and female as you have experienced. Part of the deal is that if one person leaves for whatever reason or dies, someone else is invited to join after a vetting process and their contribution helps pay out the departing person or their family a reasonable sum.