



A DOUBLE DATE

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Four people, two male and two female, met at a 'speed dating for the over 70's' event. They arranged a 'double date' by telephone. This is what happened.

Cast list, all aged 70 or over, age could be reduced if necessary, the speed dating age would need reducing commensurately

Barry, outgoing

Graham, not so outgoing

Jean, a bit brash and feisty

Alice, more timid

*Barry and Graham are friends. They plucked up the courage to try speed dating for the over 70's and for the first time and, much to their joint surprise, they each met ladies they liked (different ones, of course!) They each got their respective lady's phone number and Barry suggested that, if possible, a joint first date would be the best way forward. Colin reluctantly agreed. It was arranged. Cut to the teashop on the High Street.*

**Barry:** Well, Gra, here we are, shall we go in?

**Graham:** I'm a bit nervous, I haven't done anything like this since my Gwen died 5 years ago. I'm not sure I'm up for it now it comes to the crunch.

**Barry:** Oh, Graham, come on! I can see my lady through the window there, we can't let them down and I don't want to go in on my own in case yours is in there and wonders what's going on.

**Graham:** Oh, all right. I hope I can think of something to say. I was ok at the speed dating but that was only two minutes, this is a bit different.

*They enter. The ladies are both there but as they didn't talk to each other at the speed dating they are sitting at different tables. Barry pushes Graham over towards his date and goes and sits down at his date's*

*(Jean's) table. Graham plucks up the courage to go sit down at his date's (Alice's) table.*

**All:** Hallo. *(Graham and Alice then sit in silence, both looking a bit embarrassed)*

**Barry:** Yes, hallo Jean. Lovely to see you again, thanks so much for coming. Shall we go and sit with Graham and Alice, they look a bit uncomfortable. After all, we did arrange this as a double date.

**Jean:** All right, they do look a bit frazzled. *(They get up, go over and sit down)*

**Barry:** Hallo, it's Alice isn't it? *(Shake hands)* I'm Barry, pleased to meet you again.

**Alice** *(shyly)*: Hallo.

**Jean:** Hallo Graham, I'm Jean, good to meet you again too.

**Graham:** Hallo.

**Barry:** Well, this is nice, teas all round is it? *(All nod and murmur agreement)* Shall I get them in? *(He goes)*

**Jean:** Well. Here we are, three strangers sitting together. Alice, have you ever been on a double date before?

**Alice** *(shyly)*: No.

**Jean:** What about you Barry?

**Barry** *(also shyly, but prepared to open up a bit)*: No, Jean. In fact, I haven't done any socialising with a lady for about five years. I've not really been very well.

**Alice** *(sadly)*: Oh, Graham, you poor thing, nor have I. I've had some health issues too.