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Charlie and Doris Woods celebrate their platinum wedding

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Devoted couple toast 70 years of marriage

AN in-love elderly couple celebrated their platinum wedding last Tuesday.

Charlie and Doris Woods, both residents of the New Grange care home in Homefield Road, Worthing, marked 70 years of marriage with a party attended by family, residents and staff, Worthing's mayor and mayoress and the Rev Brian Penfold, from St George's Church in East Worthing.

Doris, 88, said: "I love him a lot and he loves me a lot. You make the most of it don't you?"

"We just had a good laugh together and I hope it will continue, especially as we are both in the same home. It's lovely here, everyone is

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so kind."

When asked what their secret was, she joked: "We have always agreed. I was a bit bossy but he took it."

The couple, who met in Clapham Junction, have two sons, Derek 69, and David, 67, four grandsons and seven great grandchildren.

They married in a registry office, which they attended on a tram. "When you think back, it's funny," said Doris.

A munitions worker in the Second World War, Doris said she was initially attracted to Charles'

uniform and auburn hair.

Charlie, 90, a former RAF serviceman from Bradford, has suffered with dementia for a number of years. Despite his condition, the couple are inseparable.

Emma Harris, care home manager, said: "Seventy years is absolutely amazing. She is absolutely devoted to Charlie, she always wants to be around him. They have certainly had a very happy marriage."

David Wood, from Essex, said they were a couple who had not even spent days apart.

Grandson Daniel Woods, 40, of Roman Avenue, Angmering, said: "I think it's fantastic.

"It's nice that after all these years they are still together. I have got fond memories of them when I was young."

Worthing mayor Vic Walker read the congratulatory card from the Queen out loud at the party.

Speaking on the day, Mr Walker said: "Isn't it wonderful that Charlie and Doris have been married for so many years?"

"Behind every good man there is a great woman. This is about you today, Charlie and Doris, you look absolutely amazing. You must have been married at birth."