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I am sixty years old and since my marriage broke up have been living on my own. When my job disappeared under restructuring in the civil service I got a clear steer from my manager that I should consider retirement so I took the hint and retired.

Frankly if it were not for my local pub I would not have anywhere to go where I could spend time talking to other people. I do visit other places and go to pubs where I find there are always lonely people who want to chat about nothing in particular. Pub closures do affect elderly men (and to a much lesser extent elderly women - as women seem to have better support networks than men).

The large pub companies are making it very difficult for their licensees and at the very least licensees should be able to have guest beers which they could probably get more cheaply than from the large pub companies.

It would be a service to the community if you made it easier for tied licensees to survive.

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