

DENYS JESTON - Marriages

Denys Jeston married his first wife Eve after his return from the Second World War. She shared his life at Grenham House School and entered into its workings with zest. She acted as a 'House Mother' and part-time Matron, along with full-time people, including Staff Nurse Meg Stringer in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

She died very suddenly in the early 1970s, much to the devastation of Denys and all at the School.

Denys soldiered on alone for a short while, until he met up with Mary Barkley, a teacher from the private sector, whose father ran a school in Hythe. They married on 12th April 1977 and had many happy years together, with Mary sharing some of the burdens of managing the School with Denys, just as Eve had done.