

## ALAN JOHN COPSON



Alan was born in 1939 at Leicester then moved with his family to Oakham in 1941 and on to Melton Mowbray in 1949 where he lived until moving to Keyworth in 1966 during the period when the village was expanding through the construction of new housing estates. Alan had played cricket at Oakham School then Melton Mowbray Grammar and joined Keyworth CC at a time when the club was floundering and struggling for players. Alan helped rebuild the club and has been around ever since as a Player, Club Treasurer 1969 to 1978, a long serving Club President 1994 to 2007 and now as an Honorary Vice President Grandfather supporting grandsons Greg & Matt Mills

currently playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs and daughter Anne playing with the Ladies team. A genial right hand opening batsman, for many years Alan could be relied upon to deliver a fair proportion of the team's runs and he attracted the nickname of 'Scoop' as a consequence of a favoured style of shot. When required, he would also employ his steady right arm spin bowling and occasionally he kept wicket.

He had the pleasure of captaining the First XI (pictured right) in their triumphant 'winner takes all' match against Whatton & Aslockton CC to clinch the Division One championship title in the 1976 season of the South Notts Village League and had the dubious honour of captaining the team that was bowled out for a League Record low score of 14 runs by Thurgarton CC on 18 June 1978. He also served as vice captain from 1970 to 1977 and took on Second XI captaincy in 1980. He often captained



the Evening League & Salaman Cup teams through the 1970's and his playing career with the club lasted from 1968 to 1990 and in that time he scored more than 4600 runs, with a top score of 88 among ten half centuries that he collected.

Alan has the seventh most first eleven appearances for the club and his honours include the Presidents Clubman Trophy in 1976, the Highest Score Trophy in 1973 and 1982, the William Gunn Batting Trophy in 1971 and 1972 and he was the club's Single Wicket champion in 1971. The club's Six Hitting Trophy awarded annually is in his name.

Alan Copson's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	283	270	24	86*	3283	13.34	26	209.5	18	830	49	16.94	63	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	100	89	6	88	1016	12.24	6	144.5	10	659	43	15.33	10	
Evening	37	33	12	52	316	15.05	3	9	0	56	2	28.00	3	
CAREER	420	392	42	88	4615	13.19	35	363.4	28	1545	94	16.44	76	