

CHARLES WILLIAM UNDERWOOD



Born in 1920 the son C W Oliver Underwood, Charlie, usually known as 'Chuckie' was a left hand batsman and one of the best ever to play for the club. He was also brilliant anywhere in the field.

During the Second World War he served under B H Valentine (Captain of Kent CCC) and was considered an outstanding prospect by him. He was KCC Batsman of the Year in 1948, 1955 and 1957 and between 1935 and 1965 scored nearly 4700 runs - he rarely bowled.

A reserved man, Charlie could be ruthless at the wicket and recorded three centuries, 100 not out against Sandiacre CC on the 12th of August 1950 and then in two successive matches 113 against Hucknall CC on 10 August

and giving Sandiacre CC another headache scored 105 not out on 16 August in 1952, this double has only been achieved by Charlie and Ian Graham. In addition, Charlie went past 50 on twelve occasions and his total career run haul at first team level places him fifth on the all-time list.

The 594 runs he garnered in the 1952 season stood as a club record until 1976 and has only been bettered in seven other seasons by an individual batsman and Charlie's partnership of 124 runs with Gerald Starbuck in a match played on the 1st of August 1959 against Raleigh Athletic CC still stands as the club record for a seventh wicket batting partnership.

Charlie was also an outstanding footballer and captained Keyworth United FC to Realm & Spartan League and Cup honours in the late 1940s and early 1950's.

He served as a Vice President from 1982 to 1987 and was elected as an Honorary Vice President in 2008.

Charlie worked as a 'Gypsum Miner' and married Ethel Longworth on 23 March 1950. He was 29, she 22 years old.

Charlie's father, Oliver Underwood played for Keyworth from 1922 to 1933 making a top score of 83 and later was the club's groundsman and occasionally an umpire and Charlie's grandfather William Underwood was a bowler with Ruddington CC who gained selection for Notts Colts in 1875 and 1876 and made one Nottinghamshire CCC appearance in 1881.

Charlie's two brothers in law, Jimmy Longworth and William (Bill) Attewell both played for Keyworth in the 1940's and 1950's. Jimmy was also an outstanding footballer.

Charlie spent his final years residing in a Nursing Home in Cotgrave and died 17th June 2010. His family presented a bench to the club as a memorial which can be found on the boundary on match days. Charlie Underwood's Keyworth career statistics...



	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 st XI	245	233	20	113	4672	21.93	9	51.4	4	169	8	21.63	75	2
2 nd XI	12	12	2	50*	135	13.50		2	0	14	1	14.00	3	
CAREER	257	245	22	113	4807	21.56	9	53.4	4	183	9	20.33	78	2

