

GERALD STARBUCK



Born 20 June 1930 in Hickling but moved to Willoughby on the Wolds at the age of 5 years.

Gerald was a larger than life man who made a big impression during a short career with the club between 1958 and 1962 and was a very lively fast bowler. His build and height meant that on hard, dry wickets the bounce he generated made him almost unplayable. He loved to bowl up the hill and had the stamina to keep going for long spells and is reputed to have



once bowled a 35 over continuous spell.

Whilst on National Service, Gerald played some matches for Hampshire County CC and considered joining them as a professional and whilst with Keyworth he was twice selected in the 1960 season to represent the Notts Amateur League, the only player not with a top division club to be chosen.

He was the club's Bowler of the Year in 1960 and Batsman of the Year from 1960 to 1962 and enjoyed trying to hit the ball out of the ground. Gerald was captain of the 1st XI in 1961. Captained the Sunday team in 1959 and 1960 and scored over a 1000 runs in four and half seasons with the club and passed 50 on six occasions with a top score of 86 not out and the 124 runs that he and Charlie Underwood put on for the 7th wicket in a match against Raleigh Athletic on August 1st 1959 still stands as a club all time batting partnership record.

The 91 wickets he took from 360 overs during the 1958 season is the club record by any player in a season from the most ever overs bowled in a season and he took 301 wickets in total for the club which equates to an amazing 3 and half wickets on average for every match he played in and on seventeen occasions he claimed more than 5 wickets in an innings - the equal seventh most ever by a bowler for the club. His best performance was 7



wickets for 11 runs against Hucknall Colliery CC in a Notts Amateur League Division Two away game on August 20th in the highly prolific 1960 season and when he took his 100th wicket the ball was mounted (see photo).

Gerald also played locally with Brush Sports CC, Upper Broughton CC and Willoughby CC.



He married Jocelyn, the sister of fellow Keyworth cricketer Arthur Wood (photo left) who played through the 1950's and was a Vice President for many years. Gerald died 22 June 1999.

Gerald Starbuck's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 st XI	84	77	12	86*	1233	18.97	15	1282.1	376	2411	293	8.23	23	
2 nd XI	2	1	1	21*	21			24	10	37	8	4.63		
CAREER	86	78	13	86*	1254	19.29	15	1306.1	386	2448	301	8.13	23	

