

HARRY R HENSON



Harry was born on 21 April 1915 in Keyworth and brought up in Blind Lane - now known as Commercial Road.

A long serving player with the club following his debut in 1932, by the time Harry retired from playing in 1963 he had taken over 600 wickets with his fast medium bowling, delivered from balancing on the wrong foot, as against the normal action. He took the third most wickets by any player. His best bowling performance was 8 wickets for 30 runs against Bulwell CC in a Notts Amateur League Division One away match on the first of June 1957 and he took five wickets or more in an innings on twenty one occasions in all and he ranks second behind Rob Baker in taking the greatest number of First XI wickets for the club in it's long history and he was selected to represent South Notts by the Notts Cricket



Association in 1934.

Harry was wounded during active service in the Second World War although the injury never appeared to affect him and he captained the first XI from 1948 through to 1959, picking up the Wm Gunn Batting Trophy in 1954 and Bowling Trophies in 1956 and 1958.

Harry's name and middle initial meant that he was often referred to as HRH - 'His Royal Highness', a source of general amusement. A prominent member of Keyworth United Football Club, Harry was before the war a prolific goal scoring centre forward. After the war he became the club secretary and driving force behind the all conquering team that dominated local amateur league and cup soccer in the late forties and early fifties and he continued until 1967 when he became secretary of the Notts Spartan League. He was also a Keyworth Parish Councillor during the 1960's.

He served as a Vice President of the cricket club from 1974 and as an Honorary Life Vice President of the football club until his death in June 2001.

Harry Henson's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 st XI	268	219	50	59	1787	10.57	3	2211.3	483	4714	552	8.54	60	
2 nd XI	22	15	3	25	132	11.00		137.3	40	363	69	5.26	7	
CAREER	290	234	53	59	1919	10.60	3	2349	523	5077	621	8.18	67	