

JOHN WEBSTER BALDREY



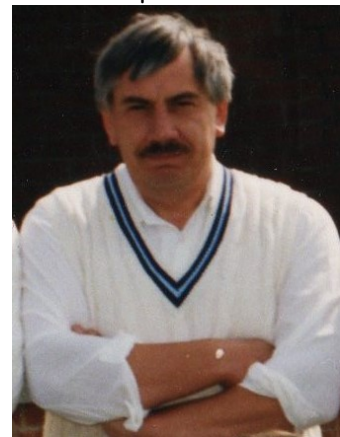
John, born in Keyworth on 30 January 1945, made his debut for the club in 1965 and for many years led the bowling attack with his steady right arm medium fast bowling providing consistency from one end and in 1982 he was rewarded with selection for the South Notts Village League Representative XI. Nicknamed 'Long John' after the pop singer he was also a hard hitting, right hand lower order batsman and in the outfield he had big hands and a good arm.



He stands fourth on the 'all time' first eleven appearances list and his 748 club wickets make him the second greatest wicket taker on record for the club and his 492 wickets at first team level is the fourth best on record. John took more than five wickets in a match on twenty occasions and the 67 wickets he took during the 1976 season is the fourth best on record for one season, 60 wickets in 1977, 58 in 1980, 47 in 1978 and 45 in 1979 were other outstanding seasons for him and in the field he clung on to more than one hundred catches and against Flintham CC on May 23rd 1982 he held on to 4 catches, the joint record for a non wicket keeper in a match and in the 1978 season he was presented with the South Notts Village League Trophy for the Best Fielder. Together with Boyd Wild, John set a club record ninth wicket partnership record of 57 runs against Notts County Officers CC in August 12th 1979 which remained unsurpassed until the monumental 141 between Steve Rendu and Rob Baker in 2010.

John, along with others worked very hard to re-build the club - both actively and physically when it struggled to survive in the late 1960's and then when it re-grew in the 1970's. He was Fixture Secretary from 1978 to 1982 and took on managing the Youth Team in 1981 and after retiring as a player in 1990 he served as Club Chairman from 1991 to 1993.

John's younger brother David Baldrey (pictured right), usually known as 'Dimp', played until the 2011 season and then continued as an umpire. David has made a record 493 first team appearances and a record 817 in any club eleven, scoring



8827 runs in his career with the club that started in 1970..



John's brother-in-law Brian Johnson (pictured left) was a leading player with the club between 1950 and 1979. An all rounder he made 3077 runs and took 89 wickets with slow off breaks. Brian was very active in developing the young players who joined the club.

John Baldrey's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 st XI	368	315	50	71*	2736	10.32	45	2386	449	8101	492	16.47	83	
2 nd XI	78	62	14	57	586	12.21	14	616.2	132	1730	139	12.45	20	
Evening	84	46	10	26	249	6.92	2	230.2	13	1214	117	10.38	11	
CAREER	530	423	74	71*	3571	10.23	61	3231.4	594	11045	748	14.77	114	