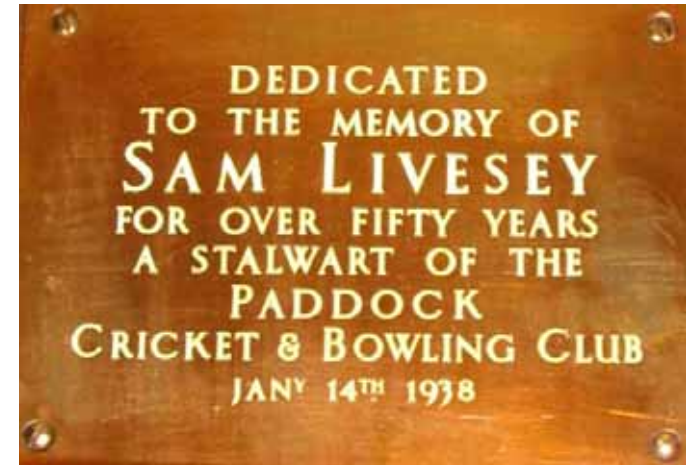
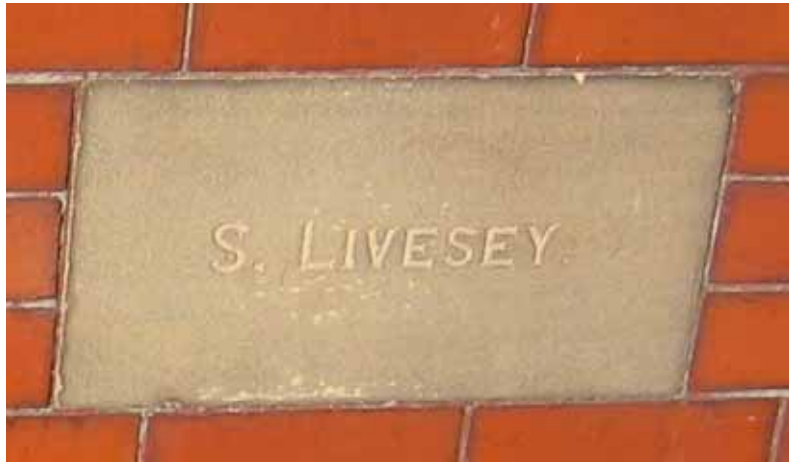


# Sam Livesey – Paddock CC

(Pavilion Inscription and Plaque)



Sam Livesey was a stalwart of the Paddock club in its formative years. His devotion to Paddock caused Herbert Robinson to remark, in the Paddock CC centenary brochure, 'I make no apology for mentioning, in the second part of the club's history, the part played by Sam Livesey. His loyalty remained as steadfast as ever and I am delighted in the fact that he lived to see the day when his beloved Paddock was again a power in the League.' Livesey was also known as the 'old warhorse' and it was partly through his efforts that the club was able to survive the Great War intact. In all he served the club for more than half a century.

THE present Paddock club had its origin in that formed by young men of Paddock Methodist Church in 1876, who at first played football and then turned their attention to the summer game.

Like most other clubs in this district Paddock have had their ups and downs, and have been concerned in many notable games.

The most famous of Paddock's former players is Percy Holmes, who joined the club after leaving school.

# PADDOCK

## Founded By Band Of Young Methodists

THE young men of the Methodist Church at Paddock were really responsible for the formation of the Paddock Cricket Club. They banded themselves together in 1876 and took a ground at the old depot, where Paddock Institute and Adelaide Terrace now stand. They played on the site as the members of the club, which was known as Paddock Rangers. Cricket was introduced later.

Their first ground was St. William High Dyson's field, and then they transferred to Mr. G. H. Hanson's field. Both these fields are now occupied by Garth Road. Later, still another party was made, this time to what was known as the Old Jubilee Field, and it was from there that they moved to their present ground in 1885. The condition of the ground was a tremendous task. There was no large field and there were four smaller ones. When the land was taken, the members, all of whom spent their spare time on the job, took of the work very right to the very frontiers. Mr. Tom Bailey, who has been associated with the club for many years and was the first life member, claims, "We handled the rough ground well and got it laid. The field was as good as best as it is now, and the wickets, in those days, had to be pitched the opposite way to that of today. A spring was opened, however, and gradually the field came to bear its present aspect."

Before Paddock entered competitive cricket each club as Old Ed, Middlefield United, Liversedge, Ripston, Ribblesdale, Burnley Bridge, Middlewood, and Clackwater signed on their colors.

Paddock played in the Combination in 1892-4, they had two seasons in the Alliance, and joined the Ribblesdale and District League in 1895 with Littlewood. They were winners of the Lamb Cup in 1907 and 1908, beating Thengholme at Selous in the latter

year and Almsbury at Dallas in the latter. The District League Championship went to made 418, of which W. A. O'Sullivan scored 220 in record for the district, and Paddock led in the regular league with 14, 16, 18, 19, and 20 runs off the bat in every match.

An incident of the early history is worth recalling. A Paddock cricketer, Chadwick, in a match against Leeds, Duff, was bowled a batsman, having all three wickets out of the ground, and was one of the best batsmen of the club.

The taking of two wickets in an innings has been accomplished only once for Paddock—on May 21, 1895, when J. T. Smith, of Hall House, who was professional at Paddock, bowled out E. Roberts, who scored only 16.

In 1908, one of Paddock's championship years, they played in an exciting match at Thengholme. Bill Johnson had an important part in the match, which, after having scored 20 runs off the bat, was to win the match for Paddock.

The founders of the club were J. H. Crossland, the present licensee of the Griffin Inn, at Thengholme Lodge, H. Whitaker, E. Thompson, J. Rotherham, W. Smith, and William Smith, and other prominent players were D. Robinson, F. White, a very fine batsman, A. Pellingham, T. Wood, J. Schofield (later Alderman), H. Foxwood, F. Mitchell, A. Waghorn, E. Crossland, and Harry Edwards.

### A Family Affair

Paddock has for long the reputation of being something of a "family" team, and there are numerous instances of members of a family playing together. These were the brothers Grimshaw, Cross, Kaine, and Fred, the Edwards (Richard, Tom, and Herbert), the Foxwoods (Richard, Percy, and Fred), the Middlefields (John, Fred, and Fred), the Middlefields (James, Percy, and Harold). In 1908 a match for the Paddock Cricket Club fund was played at Thengholme between seven Clackwater and a team in which, among others, Bill Fielding had been a member of guide with the club, and they enjoyed a high reputation in the district in this respect some years ago. Six talented cricketers of the club were Fred Bailey, Tom Edwards (regarded as one of the best ever in the district), Harry Bates, George Buckley, Dick Robinson, and Harry Malins, who, at the time they had three Old outfields in E. Moss, G. E. Pearson,



MR. SAM LIVERIST, who has had a very long association with Paddock Cricket Club.

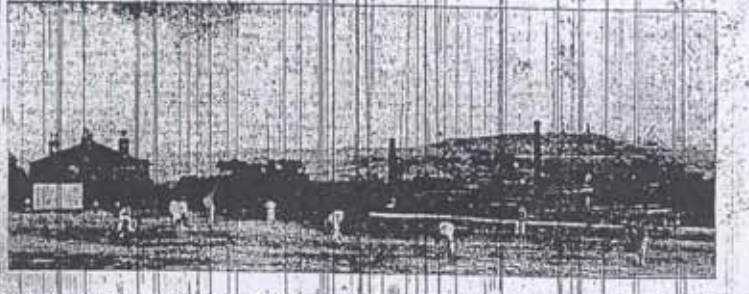
### Percy Holmes

The best known and the most famous of all Paddock players is, of course, Percy Holmes, who after leaving school at Oakes joined the club—his first step on the road to county cricket and world fame. Subsequently he attended Selous, and then went into the Bradford League. Holmes is the only Paddock cricketer who has become a regular county player. In 1911 while with Paddock he won the Huddersfield and District batting medal.

Other noted winners have been L. Linaker 1905 (batting), Wright Jersey 1910 (bowling), W. W. Linaker 1911 (batting), and A. Taylor 1912 (batting).

Former past-time cricketers of the club have been Herbert Robinson (now captain of Huddersfield), Andrew Taylor (now at Selous), Edgar Vicker (this season's professional at Armistead Bridge), A. Hicken, and Don Rigley.

Following is the list of professionals who have played with Paddock—G. E. Swinder (Paddock), Jack Schofield (Huddersfield), W. Ridge (Rochdale), Tom Taylor (Burnley), H. T. Smith (Hall Ings), W. W. Linaker (Huddersfield), G. A. Freer, W. George (Rich-



Paddock in 1908 and 1924, and the British Commercial Club, Middlewood.