

# Story of Valley game to be told



**A NEW exhibition will tell the story of cricket in the Colne Valley.**

The special display, entitled 'Bat and Ball', will go on show at the Colne Valley Museum and will feature archive photos, documents and artefacts.

It has been researched and produced by the Cricket Heritage Project team at the University of Huddersfield.

"The Colne Valley has a distinctive crick-eting history," said project leader Dr Peter Davies.

"Clubs have been linked to churches and pubs and grown up alongside the local textile industry."

There are eight existing clubs in the valley - Paddock, Golcar, Leymoor, Linthwaite, Broad Oak, Slaithwaite, Marsden and Meltham.

And the list of former clubs is a long one - and includes names like Linthwaite Hall, Marsden Mechanics, Paddock Methodists, Westwood United and Gentlemen of Golcar.

Dr Davies explained: "There is a rich tradition of cricket in the valley.

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"In the past there was a Colne Valley Cricket League - and some villages had three or four clubs!"

Special guest at the exhibition launch will be Kali Mountford, MP for the Colne Valley.

And it is hoped that all eight current clubs will be represented on the opening night.

The launch event takes place on Friday, June 13, and the display will be open to the public between Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, August 3.

Opening times are Saturdays and Sundays 2-5pm, with admission £1.60 (adults) and 80p (children/concessions).

Colne Valley Museum is located at Cliffe Ash, Golcar, opposite St. John's Church.

Go to [www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk) for further details.

■ **HERITAGE:** Leymoor CC after reforming 1950 (above), Slaithwaite's wicketkeeper George Dawson (left) and (below) the Sam Livesey plaque at Paddock CC (S)

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TO THE MEMORY OF  
**SAM LIVESSEY**  
FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS  
A STALWART OF THE  
PADDOCK  
CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB  
JAN 14<sup>TH</sup> 1938