THE PRIMARY CLUB Recognised Charity

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Dear Member,

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There being no response to my last year's plea for someone to come forward to take over the running of the Primary Club, here I am writing yet another Newsletter.

Members will no doubt recall that in 1980, the donation to Dorton House School for Blind Children amounted to the magnificent figure of £6,000 and I felt sure our full potential had been reached. But thanks to the continued generosity of so many Members; a wide variety of activities carried out by individual Clubs; and the publicity the B.B.C. Test Match radio commentary team graciously provide, it is with much pride that I tell you the cheque recently forwarded to The Royal London Society for the Blind amounted to £6,800. To this sum may be added a further £1,000 generously donated by The Lords Taverners which will be devoted to the purchase of equipment for the new gymnasium. A plaque will be erected in recognition of this splendid gesture.

One of the nicest things to come our way during the year under review resulted from a talk Brian Johnston and I gave to the pupils of The Augustus Smith School in Berkhamsted. Each year the School launches a special project to collect money for deserving charities, and in 1980 decided the Primary Club should be one of the beneficiaries. This gesture produced the magnificent sum of £750, and I should like to publicly thank and congratulate the Staff and pupils for all their hard work.

Before detailing some of the other kindnesses referred to, I am happy to report that the £2m reconstruction of Dorton House is now under way. The Primary Club's aim is to provide the new gymnasium, and the £22,300 already set aside for this particular project will go a long way towards meeting the estimated cost of £50,000.

I am also indebted to Brackley (Kent) C.C. who, with the help of sponsorship by Gartmore Fund Managers Ltd and Invicta Management Services Ltd again organised a cricket match which produced £202; to staff of British Airways for £200 which resulted from their participation in The Sunday Times Fun Race; to Charlbury (Oxford) C.C. who the previous year had arranged a game against Gloucestershire C.C.C. which raised £130; the Andrew Farrow Memorial Fund for a donation of £78; the Swire Trust for a gift of £50; Mr. J. Evans of Cardiff for £50; Stamp Publicity (Worthing) Ltd. for a donation of £50; the Trustees of the Joe Peirce Trust for their annual donation of £100; and to individuals, too numerous to list, who devote much time to recruiting new Members. May I also add a personal note of thanks to Brackley C.C. for their kind presentation of a silver ash tray to mark my 50 years in cricket at County and Club level, and to Neath C.C. for arranging a special match for a similar celebration. Two touching and thoughtful gestures.

From time to time, I take this opportunity of reminding Members (other than those who have taken our Life Membership) that the annual subscription is but 50p (minimum). There are many hundreds who continue to overlook this, and I trust they will forgive my jogging their memory, especially in this, The International Year of the Disabled.

In conclusion, my thanks to Mrs. Hanneman and her husband, and to my wife, for their dedicated assistance.

L. J. HARRIS

Honorary Secretary.