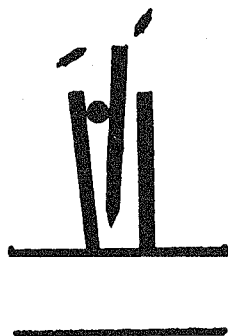


# THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

I am delighted to be able to report on another splendid year, during which the Primary Club has distributed a record amount for the benefit of the visually handicapped. We thank all those who have made this possible.

We rely heavily on donations from our members for our income and, as I state in my welcoming letter to new members, we hope that everyone will respond to the annual newsletter with a donation, however small.

There is a special reason for everyone to contribute this year. The Royal London Society for the Blind is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its founding. We congratulate the Society on reaching this milestone in its history and are glad that we in the Primary Club have been able to make a substantial contribution towards improving the lives of their pupils at Dorton House School for Blind Children.

This year we are distributing £34,750, the lion's share going to the R.L.S.B., whose intention last year was to build a 400 metre running track at Dorton House. However, it was decided to drop this project in favour of an artificial pitch for six-a-side football, which, with its surrounds, will be able to be used for other activities as well. This is now under way as also is an artificial cricket pitch, the total cost approaching £40,000. Following these will be what can best be described as a modified form of an assault course. What will children, even the visually handicapped, get up to next?

For the record, since the construction of the gymnasium, our donations have provided two mini-buses, ski slope with attendant hut, an outdoor adventure playground, an indoor soft play area, dinghies and canoes.

I was very pleased to visit Condover Hall near Shrewsbury last August to see the progress they are making with the Nature Trail. The first section was well on its way and we are giving a further £3,000 this year for the next stage.

£1,000 goes to BASRAB for their Judo section to help promote Judo in schools, colleges, clubs etc. for the VH, and a further £500 for them to stage the National Knock-out cricket competition for the Primary Cup. To the Cricket Club METRO, we have given £500 and to the Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the VH £250. Another school to benefit is Henshaw School for the VH in Harrogate where £2,000 is enabling them to purchase various types of gymnasium equipment.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of members and the influx of new ones, around half of whom enrol as a direct result of the publicity given by Brian Johnston during Test Match Special. We are indeed grateful to you, Brian. Also to Dick Taylor of the Software Design Association for £1,000; to the Peter Saunders Foundation for £250; The Gentlemen of Essex C.C. £200; Yarm School, Cleveland £204; Sam Whitbread who donated £1 for every run his side scored in its twelve matches, totalling in all £1,927; The Bacchanalian C.C. whose fundraising activities provided us with £2,000, a truly wonderful effort. On a sadder note, The Centurions Cricket Club generously donated £257 on its winding-up. Others, whose contributions reached the three figure mark, include Bishopswood Bowling Club, C.A. Carter, Thames Ditton C.C., Addiscombe C.C., P.J. Kleeman, Tate & Lyle, Britannic House C.C., Hursley C.C., A.G. Baker, Johnson Matthey who were associated with the founding of the RLSB, Ray Hallworth of "The Cock at Henbury" and IBM Hursley C.C.

We thank those cricket clubs who diligently collect their fines for not wearing their ties or for failing to survive first balls. May I ask other clubs to do the same. It should become a significant source of income.

The Primary Club of Australia are making their third tour of the U.K. this summer. One of its fixtures is against the Primary Club at Beckenham's ground at Foxgrove Road on Wednesday July 27th at 11.30 a.m. Anyone who is interested in playing in this game or the one against Beckenham C.C. on Wednesday July 6th, will they please let me know before the end of May.

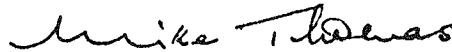
More members are now donating by Deed of Covenant. Although the Chancellor doesn't help by reducing income tax, we still recover tax of 1/3rd of the amount donated. Please ask for details by ticking the appropriate box on the membership form, of which I again enclose two copies, one to make that donation which you vowed to do when you read the beginning of this letter, and one to enable you to enrol a new member.

We are adding below a summary of income and expenditure for the last two years so that members may see where the money comes from and where it goes to.

Many have found "Armchair Cricket" a very absorbing game. Please contact me for details - it makes an excellent Christmas present.

We all send our thanks for your support and our best wishes for a successful season.

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas  
Honorary Secretary

*P.S. Please Note my New Address*

### THE PRIMARY CLUB SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Year ended 1988 (estimated) £	31 March 1987 (actual) £
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	41,000	39,500
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	43,500	42,500
Cost of ties and brooches	( 7,750)	( 6,750)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(3,250)</u>
	33,750	32,500
Undistributed income of earlier years	2,500	4,000
Donations (see below)	<u>(34,750)</u>	<u>(34,000)</u>
Undistributed income carried forward	<u>£ 1,500</u>	<u>£ 2,500</u>
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
Royal London Society for the Blind	27,500	28,500
Metropolitan Sports and Social Club for the VH	500	500
British Association for Sporting and Recreational Activities for the Blind	1,500	2,500
Condover Hall School for Blind Children	3,000	2,500
Henshaw School for the VH	2,000	—
Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the VH	<u>250</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>£34,750</u>	<u>£34,000</u>