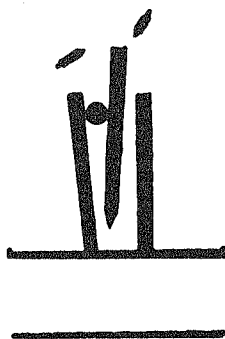


THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

In July last year Her Majesty officially opened the College of Further Education at Dorton House School, and my wife and I had the great honour of being presented to the Queen and Prince Philip. I feel that this presentation was in recognition of all that has been achieved by the Primary Club over the years, especially the late Charles Langford and his wife, Barbara, and the late Leslie Harris and his wife, Joan, who continues to do much valuable work.

These achievements would not have been possible without the efforts and generosity of a large number of Primary Club members, and the accounts overleaf indicate the extent of that generosity. Our thanks go to all those who have contributed in one way or another, and who will, we hope, continue their support.

Of all the cricket clubs who contributed this year pride of place goes to Dymchurch C.C., a small but flourishing club near the Kent coast, which, in its centenary year, raised £800 for the Primary Club. Other clubs to reach the three-figure mark include Royal Household C.C., Windsor, Brackley C.C., Wimbish C.C., I.C.C. (Paints) C.C., I.B.M. Hursley C.C., Christchurch Conservative C.C. and Midland Bank Insurance Brokers C.C., one of whose members went on a sponsored diet to raise £240, Addiscombe C.C., Thames Ditton C.C. and Royal Blackheath Golf Club. A splendid effort from the University of Aberdeen on a sponsored walk raised £350, and another London marathon from Tony Eversden pulled in £225. Sam Whitbread's team, captained by Jim Parks, played fewer matches in 1989, but were still able to raise the fine sum of £1,230.

More and more sports and recreational facilities are being provided out of Primary Club funds, and now the whole concept of 'sport for the blind' is being given a fillip by the Primary Club, in conjunction with the R.L.S.B., sponsoring two scholarships at Dorton House School for any visually-handicapped boy or girl who shows exceptional ability in sport and who, it is hoped, will take up a career in the teaching or administration of sport when they leave school. This is one method by which we hope to spread the gospel of how the visually-handicapped can enjoy and benefit from their sport, of whatever kind, in the same way as their sighted peers.

Apart from the projects carried over from previous years, we are providing Henshaw School, Harrogate, with a play area for the older blind children, St. Vincents School, Liverpool, with canoes and ancillary equipment and the West of England school for Children with Little or No Sight, of Exeter, with a sophisticated soft play area, costing £10,000 over four years.

British Blind Sport have received £2,000 for their archery section, and for the provision of a tandem cycle for international competition; also £500 to provide new goal posts for 'Goal Ball', a sport unique to the blind. We have given £500 to help B.A.T.S. to stage the finals of the Indoor Bowls Tournament for the Blind, when David Bryant will be presenting the prizes.

White Rose C.C. (for the Blind) in Leeds receive money for new equipment; they and the Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the V.H. are also getting help in staging knockout cricket tournaments in their respective areas. Condover Hall School for the Blind, near Shrewsbury, have received the final instalment of £2,500, completing the £10,000 which has enabled them to build the Nature Trail in their grounds.

With the new legislation for the B.B.C.'s radio due to go through Parliament in the near future, the Test Match Special cricket commentaries are certain to be severely cut in 1991. For those who live their cricket through Test Match Special, especially the blind, this is going to be a severe blow. Please lobby your M.P. to try and help to have this overturned.

Last year I mentioned the possibility of the Primary Club sending a side to Australia at the end of 1990 or early 1991. I am sorry to say that we have had very little response, and regretfully must disappoint those few who might have been prepared to go.

It has been proposed that, on each occasion an English cricketer collects a primary in a Test Match, members send a donation of £2 to the Primary Club. Hopefully, it will not happen too often, but some members may find this a congenial way of contributing to Primary Club funds!

The lives of thousands of visually handicapped people, especially the young, are given an added dimension by the Primary Club's provision of sporting and recreational facilities. Please help us to do more by a Donation or a Deed of Covenant. Two forms are enclosed as usual, one for your donation and one to enable you to enrol a new member.

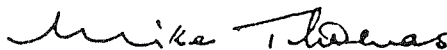
Fixtures for 1990:

Primary Club v. Beckenham C.C. at Beckenham, Wed. 11th July 11.30 a.m.
 Primary Club v. Hezo, Holland at Beckenham, Wed. 18th July 2.00 p.m.
 All those who wish to play please let me know by 31st May.

Exhibitions of Blind Cricket:

Lords – lunch interval, Sat. 19th May (Commentary by Brian Johnston)
 Hove – lunch interval, Sun 20th May (Commentary by Johnny Dennis)
 For the entertaining game of Armchair Cricket send to me for details.

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas
 HONORARY SECRETARY.

**THE PRIMARY CLUB
 SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Year ended 31st March	1990 (estimated) £	1989 (actual) £
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	52,500	45,500
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	4,800	3,200
	<u>57,300</u>	<u>48,700</u>
Cost of ties and brooches	(8,000)	(6,300)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	(2,300)	(2,600)
	<u>47,000</u>	<u>39,800</u>
Undistributed income of earlier years	2,600	1,500
Donations (see below)	(48,000)	(38,700)
Undistributed income carried forward	<u>£ 1,600</u>	<u>£ 2,600</u>

DONATIONS

Royal London Society for the Blind	32,500	29,000
Metropolitan Sports and Social Club for the VH	500	500
British Blind Sport	3,000	1,500
Condover Hall School for Blind Children	2,500	2,000
Henshaw School for the VH	2,500	2,050
Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the VH	600	250
London Sports Club for the Blind	400	500
St Vincents School for the VH	2,500	2,900
White Rose C.C. for the Blind	500	-
West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight	2,500	-
The BATS	500	-
	<u>£48,000</u>	<u>£38,700</u>