

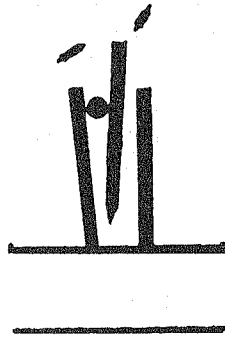
# THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

Every year we think we must have reached a limit to the generosity of our members, yet once again you have enabled us to give more help to more visually handicapped children and adults than in previous years, as the increase in income has allowed us to extend our activities further afield.

You will see from the enclosed form that we have increased the subscription rate and the price of the ties this year. The rising cost of printing and postage, as well as the manufacturer's charge for the ties, has made this necessary if we are to continue to give the same level of help to the visually handicapped. In view of these rising costs, we hope members will understand that, unless we receive a donation from them during a period of three years, while they will still remain members, we shall be unable to send them the annual newsletter. This does not, of course, apply to members with Banker's Orders or Deeds of Covenant.

As is my custom, I list below some of those who have contributed more than £100 in the twelve months, but the largest part of our income still comes from the many people who donate smaller sums - long may it continue!

Sam Whitbread's sponsorship this year of £1,175 was run very close by eight soldiers of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, who took part in a sponsored net. They bowled and batted non-stop for 24 hours and raised £1,102 - a great feat of endurance and a wonderful result for the Primary Club. We are not suggesting everyone should undertake such exhausting means of raising money, but there must be many other ways - any ideas? CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) of Canterbury contributed £750 from the sale of various brewers' complimentary barrels. Malcolm Alcock and his two friends produced £600 from their efforts in the London Marathon, a similar amount coming from Christchurch and East Dorset Conservative Association. Another London Marathon runner, Ted Hefford, raised £229 - and he's in his sixties - what a great performance!

Four Charitable Trusts contributed £1,750 between them, £250 each from that of W. & M. Morris, Miss I. G. Coleman and Joe Peirce, with the balance of £1,000 from that of Lillie C. Johnson who, in her lifetime, favoured those charities connected with the deaf or the blind.

Four schools have also raised money for the Primary Club, being interested as they are in helping their sightless contemporaries: St. Ignatius College, Enfield, £130, by virtue of a cricket match v. the Staff, St. Martins School, Northwood, £157, Towers Junior School, Hornchurch, £160, and Hilden Grange School, which raised £403 during their annual fun day, which included an afternoon of music and singing with pupils and staff of Dorton House School.

Cricket Clubs include many staunch friends who contribute regularly: Wimbish, Thames Ditton, Hove Medina and Old Ashfordian Cricket Clubs gave us generous support, as did the companies of Thomas R. Miller (Home) Ltd. and Eric Paul Ltd. Our old friends in Cheshire who sent £10 each per month (for the fourth year running), John Hope and Ray Hallworth, must come in for a mention. Ray runs The Cock at Henbury, near Macclesfield, and he'll be glad to take off you any money for the Primary Club should you be in the vicinity. The Rotary Club of Axminster's contribution of £100 was earmarked by them to help the West of England School to add to the £2,500, being our second instalment towards the new Soft Play Area.

These Soft Environment Rooms are a wonderful boon to all Schools for the Blind, enabling children to throw themselves around with complete abandon and in total safety. Those members in Scotland will be pleased to hear that we are funding another of these Soft Play Areas at the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh - starting with £5,000 this year, the remainder to be paid in two annual instalments in 1992 and 1993. To St. Vincents, Liverpool, we are sending £3,000 for the complete resurfacing of their mobility and running track. Henshaws College in Harrogate is looking to expand its gymnasium facility, and our £2,500 will provide it with a purpose built multi-gym. To Dorton House School goes £29,500 for the second year's scholarships as mentioned last year. This is a great success and the scholars, carefully selected and extremely suitable, will benefit enormously from this experiment. A further sum of £7,000 is earmarked for a long jump/triple jump.

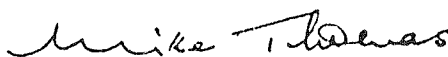
Members might be interested to know that Mr. John Major, who is well-known for his love of cricket, has accepted membership of the Primary Club.

A number of members responded to English Test Cricketers' primaries by sending in their £2 for each default notably the Captain's! As usual, I enclose a form for your annual donation, and you can, of course, include your fine for future English primaries in advance, in expectation rather than hope! The other form is for the enrolment of a new member. The simplest method of making a regular donation is by a Deed of Covenant covering four years, enabling the Primary Club to recover income tax. Please apply to me for details. I also have details and forms for the purchase of Armchair Cricket to keep you amused during "rain stopped play", and during winter evenings.

Members of the Primary Club of Australia are making their fourth tour of Great Britain this summer. Their final match is against the Primary Club on Tuesday, 30th July, starting at 11.30 a.m. at Beckenham Cricket Club. Anyone who is interested in playing please let me know by 30th May - we need a strong side to regain the "Ashes"!

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful season,

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas  
HONORARY SECRETARY.

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**THE PRIMARY CLUB  
SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Year ended 31st March	1991 (estimated) £	1990 (actual) £
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	59,500	52,800
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	<u>5,500</u>	<u>4,700</u>
	65,000	57,500
Cost of ties and brooches	(9,000)	(8,100)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>(2,700)</u>
	53,500	46,700
Undistributed income of earlier years	2,000	2,600
Donations (see below)	<u>(54,100)</u>	<u>(47,300)</u>
Undistributed income carried forward	<u>1,400</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
Royal London Society for the Blind	39,000	32,500
Metropolitan Sports and Social Club for the VH	500	500
British Blind Sport	1,500	2,900
Henshaw School for the VH	2,500	2,200
St Vincents School for the VH	3,000	2,500
West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight	2,600	2,500
Royal School for the Blind, Edinburgh	5,000	-
Conover Hall School for Blind Children	-	2,500
Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the VH	-	600
London Sports Club for the Blind	-	400
White Rose C.C. for the Blind	-	200
The Bats	-	500
	<u>54,100</u>	<u>47,300</u>