

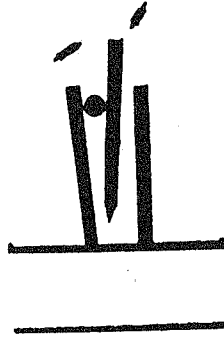
THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

A bad year for charities! Some must have found it so, and yet, thanks to the generosity of our members we have had another record year. Your subscriptions and donations will enable us to meet our commitments and, hopefully, extend our help to more visually handicapped people.

To the countless members who contribute every year we send our grateful thanks. Added to these are what we may call our "special" donors, such as Sam Whitbread's Cricket XI, which last year produced £1,164. This team led by Jim Parks will, in the coming season, play under the name of National Westminster Bank, and we are grateful to its Chairman for continuing the practice of donating £1 for every run that the team scores in their six matches. The Primary Club of Australia XI again visited these shores and, by dint of imposing fines on friend and foe during their one month's tour, collected around £850. This included the not inconsiderable sum which was collected during the last day of their tour at Beckenham, when rain washed out the game at tea time.

Of the schools, mention must be made of St. John's School, Warminster and St. Martin's School, Northwood, whose concert produced £140 for the purchase of something musical for blind children; of the companies, Eric Paul Ltd., Thos. R. Miller (Home) Ltd., Rodney Minchin Ltd., Shorrocks Securities Ltd. and Tate and Lyle Ltd. all contributed handsomely. Of the cricket clubs, Archway Vagrants, I.C.I. Paints division, Thames Ditton, United Services (Plymouth), De La Salle O.B.'s, Amptill Town, I.B.M. (Hursley) and Waxford C.C. all came up with donations. "The Pro, the Org. and the Owl", three cricket loving gentlemen in Warwickshire, bamboozled so many fellow cricket lovers into giving gifts for charity that they collected £300 for the Primary Club.

We are indebted to the Trustees of the Priory Foundation, the Lillie C. Johnston Charitable Trust and the Joe Peirce Memorial Trust for their continued support. We received during the year a legacy of £10,000 from the charitable funds of the estate of Michael Sellers deceased. This is being treated as distributable in equal instalments over a period of four years. A cricket match between The Plough and The Anchor at Little Downham in Cambridgeshire produced £350. What a memorable day that must have been! We have also received a donation of £283 from Heston St. Leonards C.C. who, sadly, had to fold up after the 1991 season.

You will see from the list of beneficiaries overleaf that we have added new names this year – those of Queen Alexandra School Birmingham for the purchase of Judo mats, and the Joseph Clarke School in East London for an outdoor adventure playground, this being the first instalment.

A new sports and social club for the blind in Leeds has come into being, and we have been able to help by the provision of sets of woods for flat green bowling, cricket bats, balls and stumps, goalball equipment (a game solely for blind players) and archery equipment. This includes special bows, suitably adapted stands, mats, arm and finger protectors and, of course, arrows. We wish them every success and are glad to help them get off the ground. Our donations include further instalments for the soft play areas at West of England School and the Royal School in Edinburgh, and £3,500 for an air pectoral machine at Henshaw's College in Harrogate. The major part of our gift to British Blind Sport is for a Braille convertor which will enable them to print their quarterly magazine and any other publications in Braille.

The two scholarships mentioned in previous newsletters have been very successful, both for the young people concerned and for the positive contribution they have made to Dorton House School. We wish them well in the future, and hope that what they have learned may bring benefit to other visually handicapped people. We are contributing to a further scholarship this year, before starting another large project at Dorton House – probably a separate small pool specially designed for the growing number of very young pupils in the Kindergarten.

One very good thing that has happened this year is the saving of Test Match Special. While we can hardly claim it as our own victory, I am sure the concern shown by our members, and their letters to the B.B.C. and Members of Parliament must have helped to keep T.M.S. going.

I think you may be interested in how the Club operates. The "working" trustees are Joan Harris, the widow of the previous long serving honorary secretary Leslie Harris, Tony Bentall, my wife Tonie and myself. The other trustees are Ron Pocock, the chief executive of the R.L.S.B., the Club's main beneficiary, Edna Hanneman, the

previous honorary treasurer, Andrew Dixon and Michael Sheeres. Other than Ron and Edna, all of us are closely connected with Beckenham Cricket Club, where the primary Club started in 1955. The trustees meet formally in February each year to decide on the year's distribution; additionally they receive periodic reports on financial and other matters.

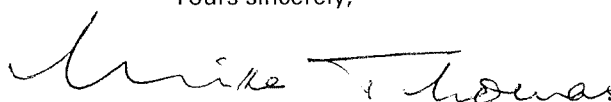
The Club currently has 350 four year deeds of covenant running in its favour. The average annual amount receivable per deed including the related tax repayment, is £23. This provides a good base for each year's income. We thank all those who donate in this way, and should be delighted and most grateful if more of you would be prepared to commit yourselves in similar fashion!

Our three annual reminders are:-

1. We regret we are unable to keep members on our annual mailing list if we have not heard from them for a period of three years.
2. Two forms are enclosed – one for your donation and one for introducing a new member.
3. Armchair Cricket – a card game for all seasons and a nice Christmas present for £8.50; you will help the Primary Club at the same time. Details from me.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful season in 1992.

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas
HONORARY SECRETARY

THE PRIMARY CLUB
SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31st March	1992 (estimated) £	1991 (actual) £
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	62,100	59,500
Allocation from legacy fund	2,500	–
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	5,700	5,200
	70,300	64,700
Cost of ties and brooches	(8,300)	(8,600)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	(2,000)	(2,200)
	60,000	53,900
Undistributed income of earlier years	1,300	2,000
Donations (see below)	(60,000)	(54,600)
Undistributed income carried forward	1,300	1,300

DONATIONS

Royal London Society for the Blind (Dorton House School)	43,150	39,000
Metropolitan Sports and Social Club for the VH	500	500
British Blind Sport	2,600	1,500
Henshaw's College for the VH	3,500	2,500
West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight	2,500	2,600
Royal School for the Blind, Edinburgh	2,500	5,000
Leeds and District Sports & Social Club for the Blind	1,250	–
Queen Alexandra College	1,500	–
Joseph Clarke School	2,000	–
London Sports Club for the Blind	250	–
White Rose C.C. for the Blind	250	–
St. Vincents School for the VH	–	3,000
Birmingham Sports & Social Club for the VH	–	500
	60,000	54,600