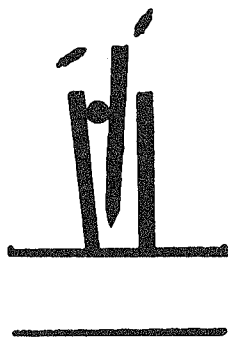


# THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

The increase in our joining subscription and in the cost of ties and brooches last year has obviously had a bearing on our record intake, but, in the main, it is the generosity of our members which has made this possible, and to all those who donated so generously we send our grateful thanks. Included, of course, are all those who pay by Banker's Order or Deed of Covenant, helping, as it does, to make life easier for us at this end.

All this has enabled us to extend our benefits still further and added to the list this year is St. Vincents School for the Visually Handicapped in Liverpool where we are supplying a Commando Slide for the children at a cost of £2,900. A further instalment for the Nature Trail at Conover Hall, the provision of a Taurus jogging machine at Henshaw School and £500 to enable the Sports Club for the Blind to stage their cricket competition at Derek Underwood's indoor cricket school at Beckton help to make up the total. The full summary of our donations is shown overleaf.

Included in our donation to B.A.S.R.A.B. was £1,000 to enable Simon Butler, a visually handicapped cricketer to compete in the Paralympics in Seoul. He promptly won a gold Medal in the 400 metres, so we consider that that was money well spent.

The Royal London Society for the Blind has spent £40,000 of Primary Club money, made up of this year's £29,000 and £11,000 unallocated from previous years. This covers the cost of a Multi-gym, the assault course referred to in last year's newsletter, the fees of an M.Ed. course at Birmingham University for their P.E. teacher at Dorton House so that maximum benefit will be gained from the various pieces of equipment provided by the Primary Club, and the provision of a recreation room within the new College of Further Education which has just been completed and which will be opened by Her Majesty the Queen on July 14th.

I mention here just a few of those who have given so generously over the past year. This is not to say that everyone's contribution, from the smallest to the largest, is not fully appreciated - it certainly is.

Sam Whitbread, by donating £1 for every run his side scored in twelve matches heads the list with £2124. New Brighton Football Club (R.U.) held a charity day in the Town and raised a splendid £1,000. The children at Yarm School in Cleveland, with many sponsored events including a sponsored silence, raised over £600. The Bacchanalian C.C. came up trumps again with a £500 donation. Various charitable trusts such as those of Harold & Kathleen Thompson, E. & M. Morris, Joe Peirce, and the Arthur Andersen Foundation join others like Keith Jackson (£148), Miss E. Cogden (£300), Anonymous (£350), Tony Eversden (£140 - London Marathon) and our old friends from Cheshire, John Hope and Ray Hallworth, each £120. There are also many members who gave £100, to whom we are equally grateful.

The Australian Primary Club, which last July at Beckenham avenged its previous defeat of 1985, by the members' highly amusing and quite outrageous system of imposing fines on friend or foe raised £800, all of which was given to us. I am sure that all those clubs whom they played in their tour of the British Isles look forward to seeing them again in 1991. In the meantime they would like to see a Primary Club of Great Britain side in Australia and, if anyone is interested in such a tour, please let me know. I would envisage a 3 or 4 weeks tour either at the end of 1990 or early in 1991 at a cost of some £3,000 per head, although sponsorship could possibly be secured. You can be assured of good cricket and wonderful Australian hospitality.

This year we are playing Addiscombe C.C. in their cricket week on Friday July 21st at 11.30a.m.. All who are interested in playing please let me know by the end of May.

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.

Armchair Cricket is an entertaining game for the long winter evenings, and makes a good Christmas or birthday present. Send to me for details.

With our best wishes for an enjoyable season,

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas  
Honorary Secretary

**Stop Press.** Tune into Brian Johnston on Saturday May 20th. During the lunch interval (Middx v Australia) he will be commentating on a demonstration of Cricket as played by the Blind.

### THE PRIMARY CLUB SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31st March	1989 (estimated) £	1988 (actual) £
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	45,500	42,500
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,500</u>
	48,350	45,000
Cost of ties and brooches	(6,350)	(8,200)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
	39,500	33,800
Undistributed income of earlier years	1,500	2,500
Donations (see below)	<u>(38,700)</u>	<u>(34,800)</u>
Undistributed income carried forward	<u>£ 2,300</u>	<u>£ 1,500</u>

#### DONATIONS

Royal London Society for the Blind	29,000	27,500
Metropolitan Sports and Social Club for the VH	500	500
British Association for Sporting and Recreational Activities for the Blind	1,500	1,500
Conover Hall School for Blind Children	2,000	3,050
Henshaw School for the VH	2,050	2,000
Birmingham Sports and Social Club for the VH	250	250
Sports Club for the Blind	500	-
St Vincents School for the VH	<u>2,900</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>£38,700</u>	<u>£34,800</u>