

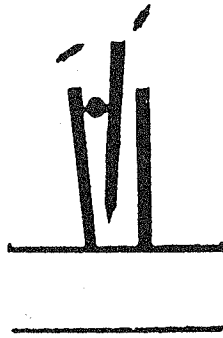
# THE PRIMARY CLUB

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Dear Member,

April 1995

We enjoy composing our annual newsletter, telling you all of our activities throughout the past year, but it is sometimes difficult to make each one different from the ones that have gone before! As usual, our priority must be to thank our members and friends for their generous support which, this year, has resulted in a record amount being available to help the visually handicapped enjoy their sport and recreation.

Most of our money still comes from voluntary subscriptions and donations, but members may be interested to hear how our funds are increased by the initiative and ingenuity of some of our supporters: Nidderdale Amateur Cricket League ran a sweepstake based on the number of runs scored in the league during the season and Beckenham Hockey Club organised a hockey fantasy league during the winter, both of which produced very welcome cheques for the Primary Club. Two members opened their garden to the public, supplying refreshments and plants for sale. The W. G. Grace Pub, in Elmers End, Kent, ran various functions to support us, and we much enjoyed our visits there to see the huge display of memorabilia from the career of the great man. We had a donation from the charity committee of the Bruce platform in the North Sea. To all these and the clubs, schools and other organisations who ran raffles, undertook sponsored events and instituted "fines boxes" from which we benefited we are most grateful.

The National Westminster Bank again sponsored Jim Park's Old England XI for £1 per run during the season. Their last match was against Hambledon, captained by David Gower. Tony Bentall and I were invited for the occasion and had a most enjoyable day, culminating in the presentation to us of a cheque for over £2,000. We have also received very welcome contributions from various charitable trusts and companies' charity funds, and we are most grateful to members who bring our name to the notice of those who administer such monies.

We were honoured to be asked to write an article about the Primary Club for inclusion in the tribute to Brian Johnston "Summer will never be the same". He did so much to help us, and we are very thankful to the present Test Match Special team for their continued support. Our article generated some interest from those who read the book, and through that we have acquired a number of new members. The Primary Club was well represented at the Celebration of Brian Johnston's life at Westminster Abbey last May. We saw many Primary Club ties among the huge congregation who, as Pauline Johnston had hoped, enjoyed this special and moving occasion.

Our sponsorship of the British Blind Masters Golf Tournament last year was a great success. Anyone who has not seen blind and partially sighted golfers play would marvel at their ability. Each player has a personal guide whose function is to describe each hole, assess the distance and line up the club with the ball. The game is played with as much commitment and determination as that employed by sighted golfers, and with a great sense of fun. We shall be sponsoring the event again this year in conjunction with Royal Blackheath Golf Club, whose interest and support is very much appreciated. The tournament will be held at Patshull Park, near Wolverhampton, on 2nd, 3rd and 4th August, and any members of the Primary Club who would like to attend will be welcome.

We have again helped to sponsor the final of the Blind Cricket National Knock-out Competition, held at Lords (Nursery pitch). We were delighted that White Rose, whose square we financed over the last two years, and which is now up and running, managed to get into the final, though they were then beaten by London. This year we are helping White Rose with the provision of a small pavilion with changing facilities. The final of this year's National Knock-out will again be held at Lords on 12th August, and Primary Club members will be welcome to join in the fun.

Dorton House School has had a lot of problems in planning their kindergarten pool, but at last it looks as if building will start this summer. They are hoping to develop the pool, which the Primary Club will finance, in conjunction with a purpose-built kindergarten unit for pre-school children from the age of three years. Other donations we have made this year are shown with the accounts overleaf, together with a brief description of what was provided in each case. The name of Exhall Grange School, Coventry, appears on our list of beneficiaries for the first time; we are providing them with a number of pieces of equipment for their gymnasium.

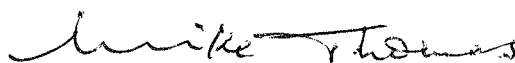
Next year, we shall probably have to put up the charge for membership, including ties. It will then be five years since the last increase, and we are sure members will realise that this is necessary every so often!

Our four annual reminders are:

1. Deed of Covenant forms can be obtained by ticking the box at the bottom of the application form.
2. We regret we are unable to keep members on our mailing list if we have not heard from them for a period of three years.
3. Two forms are enclosed - one for your donation and one for introducing a new member. This year we are also enclosing an up-to-date history of the club, which we hope members will find interesting.
4. Armchair Cricket - a card game for all seasons and a nice Christmas present, which will also help the Primary Club. Please apply to us for details.

Wishing you all an enjoyable season in 1995.

Yours sincerely,



E.C.M. Thomas  
HONORARY SECRETARY

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**THE PRIMARY CLUB**  
**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31st March	1995 (estimated)	1994 (actual)
Subscriptions and donations, including sales of ties and brooches	70,500	63,900
Allocation from legacy fund	3,600	3,500
Interest receivable and income tax on deeds of covenant	<u>6,300</u>	<u>4,600</u>
	80,400	72,000
Cost of ties and brooches	(6,000)	(6,200)
Printing, postage and other administration expenses	<u>(2,200)</u>	<u>(2,100)</u>
	72,200	63,700
Undistributed income of earlier years	2,400	1,800
Donations (see below)	<u>(72,400)</u>	<u>(63,100)</u>
Undistributed income carried forward	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,400</u>

*Note: The Royal London Society for the Blind meets the cost of printing and posting this newsletter.*

**DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS AND CLUBS FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED**

Dorton House School, Sevenoaks	Kindergarten swimming pool	50,000	45,000
Metropolitan Sports and Social club	Cricket equipment	750	750
British Blind Sport	Lords National final	500	500
British Blind Sport	Goalball Equipment	500	500
Birmingham Sports and Social Club	Midland Cricket tournament	750	750
White Rose C.C., Leeds	Cricket pavilion	3,400	2,750
St. Vincents' School, Liverpool	Infants' play area	3,000	2,500
Leeds Sports and Social Club	Cricket and Goalball equipment	1,500	
Royal National College, Hereford	Liferower machine	3,500	2,850
English Blind Golf	English Masters Tournament	2,500	4,000
Pennine Bowling Club	Green surrounds	3,000	
Exhall Grange School, Coventry	Gymnasium equipment	3,000	
Jordanstown Schools, Belfast			3,000
Peterborough Association			<u>500</u>
		<u>72,400</u>	<u>63,100</u>