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Primary Club Six-A-Side for the Brian Johnston Trophy

A new trophy in memory of 'Johnners'

Entrants to the Primary Club Six-A-Side Tournament, an annual cricket tournament that raises money for the Primary Club, will from this year be competing for the Brian Johnston Trophy. This year's competition will take place on Friday 18th August 2006 at Shenley, Hertfordshire.

The Club was presented at last year's Jubilee Dinner, by Pauline Johnston, Brian's widow, with a new trophy in the form of a silver-plated wicket-keeping glove mounted on a wooden "chocolate cake", which will be presented to the winners by Mrs Johnston. Each of the twelve competing teams will be joined by a guest professional cricketer.

"It promises to be a wonderful day," said Chris Larlham, Hon Secretary of the Club. "We have the use of both grounds at Shenley, enabling us to expand the competition to twelve teams. The teams will have a sit down lunch in a marquee and there will be a 'player of the day' and, of course, a 'champagne moment'. We are hoping to raise a lot of money for the Club."

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About The Primary Club (www.primaryclub.org)

Founded in 1955, The Primary Club's mission is to raise money to fund sporting and recreational activities for blind and partially sighted children. Now in its fifty-first year the Club has almost 9,600 members having raised a total of £2 million. In 2006 the Club donated £200,000 to a number of UK-based charities including Linden Lodge School, The Royal London Society for the Blind and British Blind Sport.