

PRESTON BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SEPT 14th 1989.

Having been Chairman for only 10 months, the time has really flown and now we are back to A.G.M. time again.

I must say how proud I have felt and the thrill it has given me to lead the Club on such a momentous year. Let me remind you of some of those tremendous moments.....

15th Dec 1988 - the dual sing-out at the Howard Arms & also Leyland Masonic.

17th Dec 1988 - Our Christmas Party.

20th Dec 1988 - Whittingham Hospital sing-out, where we went down the right road instead of the usual "we shouldn't have come down here" road. Remember the get together at Mold B.H.C. on 28th Jan this year, what a super venue and among so many great guys. The first great spotlight was 9th Feb - our Recruitment Evening. This went so well and our grateful thanks go to Frank Fitzgerald for his getting everybody together. Do you recall the Saturday afternoon on 25th Feb at Wigan ?, aren't they a generous crowd over there?.

A personal date for me was my first visit to the Spring Council meeting of BABS on 5th March, thanks for your company Brian, we certainly learned a few things didn't we?.

The evening of 16th March was my second great spotlight, the announcement to the Club of Jim Turner's Company to sponsor our quest for risers. A bolt out of the blue could'nt have a bigger thrill and the Club will be forever grateful. Then on the 30th March was my biggest night of all when I proudly cut the tape to stand on our very own risers and what a realisation at last to us all, especially those longer serving members who had for so long only dreamed of this ever happening.

We must record the Club's grateful thank's to Bernard's design, Norman's supply of wood, to Brian for his tremendous efforts to get his Company to make the risers also to Brian's Dad for his assembly & paint work - well done to you all.

Now before moving to Convention, do you remember the special rehearsal on Saturday 23rd April and the arrival of our yellow shirts via Simon's parents and also our gold waistcoats?. What a wonderful change that made to our image, I feel it has helped tremendously to project and establish further Preston B.H.C.

Now to Bournemouth - well what can I say - marvellous, wonderful, superb, I could go on and on . OK so we didn't go up the ladder, but we participated and we enjoyed the company of fellow Barbershoppers which is why this Society has got so much going for it.

There are many other events too numerous to mention in this report, but they all add up to one thing - Barbershopping, Singing in Harmony and Enjoying ourselves. So lets make 1990 another year of get together and pass on the good word to other fellows, bringing them into this wonderful hobby of ours.

In conclusion , may I thank most sincerely all the members of the Committee for their terrific support. To Brian who has work piled on him and never complains. To Les who keeps on cooking the books but never lets them burn. To Bernard who's always thinking of something different like pulling leaflets or sticky labels out of the bag at the right moment. To Jim, Dennis, Norman, Ray who all play their roles on Committee and do it so well - a big thanks. Also to the rest who serve on the administration side of the Chorus I include Alwyn, Jeff Jack & Pete. Finally our Musical Director Simon who works so hard for us and sometimes doesn't always get a lot back, but nevertheless keeps on relentlessly to make us better Barbershoppers. To Karen who has also worked hard to make us flat footed gangling so and so's into budding Fred Astaires. To Neil our Assistant Musical Director who keeps us on the right track and does a great job - my thanks to you all. May I also just offer a special thanks to Mike Firth, a very knowledgeable Barbershopper who is always glad to help and advise any member who seeks it. - Thanks Mike!. That was to have been the end of my report, but I feel I must just say a quick word of thanks for the support of everyone at Chorley on Saturday, a really super night. To Ian for a first class M.C. job - but where did you get the jokes! - put your hands on't "th-eyes" and my friend the little Indian - wow - thanks Ian - To Bernard Dickinson too for your behind the scenes assistance. Well that is my report and it only remains for me to wish you all good health and happiness throughout the coming year and lets keep the whole world singing.

Alan Corner.