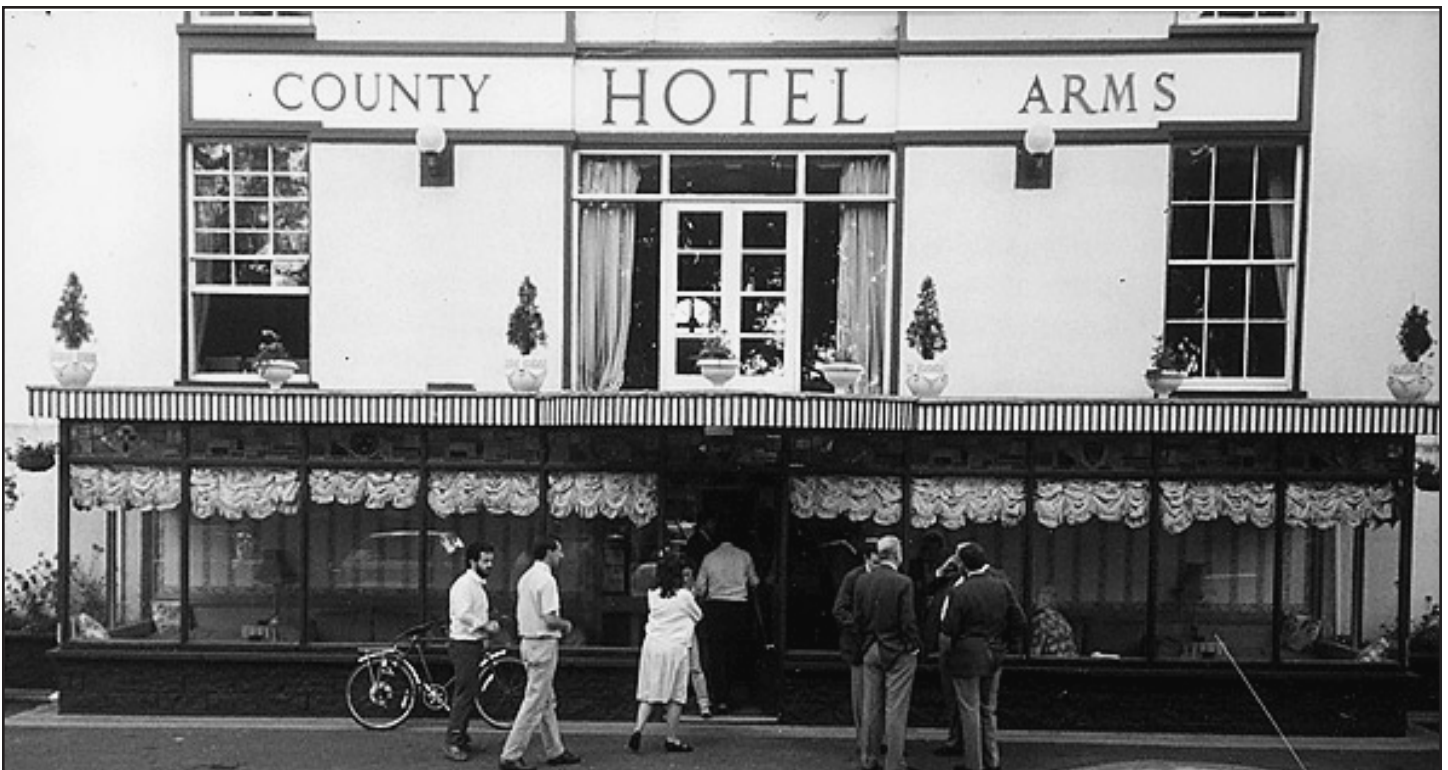




Memories of the first Irish Association of Barbershop Singers Convention

August 1989



The County Arms Hotel in Birr Co. Offaly - birthplace of Barbershopping in Ireland

The Opening Reception at Birr Castle



Barrie Brown
IABS Executive Director



Lord Rosse hosts IABS
Reception at Birr Castle



Four In A Bar from Dublin, IABS



Peppercorn quartet from LABBS, UK



Vocal Accord quartet from Wellesley SPEBSQSA



Sound Assembly Chorus from Wellesley, MA SPEBSQSA
Leo Larivee, Director

“Four In A Bar” from Dublin are 1989 Irish Quartet Champions



Four In A Bar as they sang their way to the Irish quartet championship in 1989.



Jon Clarke
Bass



Paul Walsh
Baritone



Joe Walsh
Tenor



Tony O'Reilly
Lead



Marian Hall in Birr was the sight of the 1989 Competition

Competition for Irish Barbershop Quartets



Mike Manske (center) and Leo Larivee (left) present the "Wellesley Cup" to IABS Executive Director Barrie Brown on behalf of Sound Assembly Chorus (Wellesley, MA Chapter of SPEBSQSA)



The Adjudicators:
Left: Joe Mason from Sound Assembly Chorus; John Grant from BABS in the UK; and (right) Leo Larivee, Musical Director of Sound Assembly Chorus



The children of Birr compete to for the best poster



The Wellesley Chapter Executive Board poses with the "Wellesley Cup"

Tri-Town Sound Quartet from Sound Assembly Chorus



Vocal Accord Quartet from Sound Assembly Chorus

*This Book is Dedicated
To the Memory of
Colm Nally*



Eight Feet Quartet, Co. Tipperary.

Left to right: John (bari), Vincent (tenor), Colm (bass), and Tom (lead).