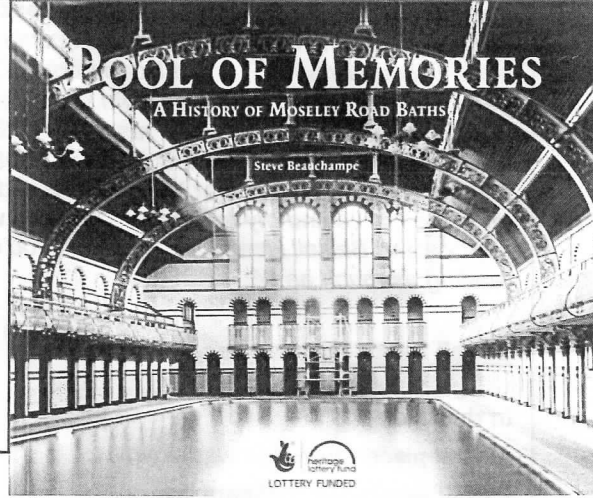




## Pool of Memories makes a splash!

The Baths open day on 24<sup>th</sup> February was well attended by crowds of former and current users. The event was marked by the launch of Steve Beauchampe's book about the baths and the Pool of Memories history project. The book is beautifully presented, well researched and a very good read with some fabulous pictures. We have copies available at our meetings and we can take email enquiries for anyone who would like them by post. The latest on the baths is they are said to be closing in two years time – the fight to save them continues.



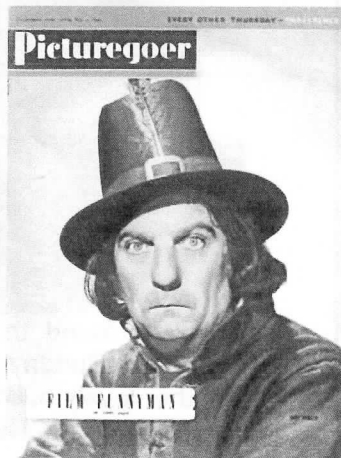
## March Meeting: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30

**The Venture (on Malvern Street by the farm)  
Personalities of Birmingham**

“What A Performance!” as legendary Birmingham comic Sid Field would say. Our Chairman, Patrick Baird, is the speaker for a nostalgic talk about some of our well known luminaries, including Sid. Sid was born at 103A Bell Barn Road in Ladywood on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1904. His cousins, The Workmans, performed at Moseley Road Baths while his mother Bertha worked for a dressmaker on Moseley Road.

Prompted by Bertha, Sid joined his cousins onstage aged nine, singing “What A Life” and continued appearing at the baths for some years as a child star. Sid was much admired and loved, playing to sold out theatres everywhere - but sadly there is little film evidence of his great talent remaining. Patrick was there when the Civic Society put a blue plaque up at 152 Osborn Road, Sparkhill where Sid spent most of his childhood. Come and join us and Patrick for more about Sid and many other legends.

- Sid aged 12 and on screen as “The Cardboard Cavalier”



## Help!

Miriam Thornton is hoping someone out there remembers her family's old shop which was going throughout the fifties and sixties.

The Jewish delicatessen was at 93 Court Road and was called 'Loveys'; underneath the shop name was the name Celia Blakemore. If anyone has any memories or photos of the shop Miriam would be very grateful.

- Court Road in 1949



- Oldfield Road circa 1960s/70s

