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***The Necessary Aptitude:
A Memoir***

**MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011
11.00 AM – 12.30PM**

The Necessary Aptitude: A Memoir

Pam Ayres is one of Britain's best-loved personalities. She appears regularly on TV and radio, and has her own Radio 4 programme Ayres on the Air. She performs her solo stage show annually to sell-out audiences throughout Britain and around the world and her poetry collections are bestsellers. A key part of Pam's shows and collections are her wonderfully wry and evocative anecdotes about her own life. Her autobiography will satisfy fans eager to hear more of these stories, and will follow her early life up to winning Opportunity Knocks in 1975. Growing up in a council house on the village green in (what was then) Berkshire, in the 1940s and 50s, Pam started her working life at 15 as a civil servant. However, she was so bored by the daily routine that she quit to join the Women's Royal Air Force where she began to perform for the first time. Writing with her usual mix of good humour and poignancy, Pam's autobiography is a classic memoir of a post-war country childhood in the vein of Cider with Rosie.

Since her first appearances on television over 35 years ago, Pam has been an audience favourite throughout the world for her observations on the comic details of everyday life, and for highlighting the absurdity lurking behind the mundane. Pam's poetry books, CDs, and DVDs have sold in their millions over the years. Pam has performed several times for HM The Queen, including a private performance at St. James's Palace in London, and was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2004.

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