

## APPLETON

Andrew Salmon, who lives in the village of Appleton, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, recently contacted TCA via our website. He is interested in building a model of the APPLETON M1106, famed for her exploits at Suez and later up the Gulf, to accompany other artifacts from the ship, including her photograph, on display in the Plough pub in the village,

We were happy to provide him with detailed plans of PENSTON, another Mirror-powered TON in Sweeper configuration, and Andrew has kindly thanked us with some photographs from the village. We look forward to seeing the completed model



The Plough" in Appleton (above) has a Date Stone set in the wall for 1683 and an oak plaque in the bar commemorates a visit to the village in 1969 by members of the Ships Company of APPLETON before she was de-commissioned.



The ship's name plate is now displayed in the village hall and an Ensign was presented to the church. A ship's lifebuoy (since gone adrift) was placed at nearby Northmoor Lock.

This lock is the last "paddle and rymers" weir on the Thames; an ancient way of controlling the flow of a river by placing large wooden posts – rymers – into the bottom of the river and inserting paddles of different heights against them. Rymers and paddles are now made of fibre glass; both lighter and easier to position and longer-lasting than the old wooden ones.