

Diamond Jubilee Medal announced

THE design of the medal to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was unveiled by Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt on June 28. The medal to mark HM The Queen's 60 years on the throne will be made of nickel silver and has been designed by Timothy Noad, a professional calligrapher and illuminator, a Fellow of both the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, and the Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society. The announcement also included details of who will receive the medal. It will be awarded to: members of the Armed Forces (Regular and Reserves) who have completed five full calendar years of service on February 6, 2012; emergency services personnel who have been in paid service, retained or in a voluntary capacity, who have to face the prospect of dealing with emergencies as part of their conditions of service, and have completed five full calendar years of service on February 6, 2012; operational prison services personnel who are regularly exposed to difficult and sometimes emergency situations and have completed five full calendar years of service on February 6, 2012; all Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who are in service on February 6, 2012 and have completed five full calendar years of service; living holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross; and Members of the Royal Household. The medals will be awarded during the first half of 2012.

Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, Jeremy Hunt said: "The Queen has dedicated her life to the service of this country and the Diamond Jubilee will offer us all the opportunity to celebrate the commitment, loyalty and faithfulness with which she has led the country across the last 60 years. It is right that we reward those people who, like The Queen, also dedicate their lives to public good and who represent the very best of the British spirit. I hope the official medal will serve as a mark of thanks to all those who give so much in the name of society and public service and I extend my congratulations to all the recipients".



