

## Search is on for Hampshire's 'diamond' volunteers

As national and local plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee start to take shape, the search is on for people in Hampshire who have given 60 years of voluntary service to take part in a special Service of Thanksgiving at Winchester Cathedral on 27 May 2012.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will mark the 60th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the throne, and there will be a special programme of events over an extended bank holiday weekend from 2-5 June 2012. The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Dame Mary Fagan, is working with representatives from all walks of life in Hampshire to co-ordinate a countywide programme of events to mark this special occasion. The Service of Thanksgiving will be a key part of the celebrations.

Dame Mary explained, "Hampshire people of all ages and backgrounds are well known for their tireless voluntary work and, like The Queen, some of them will have given 60 years of their time and effort to help others.

"I would like these 'diamond' volunteers to be part of our Service of Thanksgiving and I am asking organisations and residents to nominate these long serving people so we can recognise their achievements also on this special day."

Nominations are requested before the closing date of 6 February 2012. Nominations can be made online through Hampshire's Diamond Jubilee website,

<http://tinyurl.com/d5nv96p>

or by writing to: Hampshire Lieutenancy Office, Serle's House, Gar Street, Winchester, SO23 8GQ, e-mail [lord.lieutenant@hants.gov.uk](mailto:lord.lieutenant@hants.gov.uk)