

# And pigs might fly...to coin a phrase

Most occupations have their enthusiasts. Luckily for society as a whole, vocational occupations are full of them: doctors, nurses, policemen, dentists, vets, teachers and so on. Some industries are rather more prone to their own enthusiasts than others. The railway industry is clearly one and aviation is, of course another.

It seems that coin design is one I hadn't thought of. Step forward Matthew Dent, a 26-year old from London who, while continuing the day job as a graphic designer, worked through the night designing the stunning new coins to be issued this year. You can see the designs by clicking [here](#).

It transpires, according to media coverage yesterday, that Matthew has been enthusiastic about coins and their designs since he was eight and given a shiny new five pence piece in the school playground. He followed his dream of designing coins (a narrow and specialised field and one with few potential clients) and has produced coins which the nation can be proud of. For this significant act, he receives £35,000 in a one off payment.

Not many people I know have ended up doing the job of which they dreamt when they were small. One airline pilot I knew and several airline cabin crew have. My own dream has always been, and continues to be, owning a pig farm in the Southern Home Counties...until then, I suppose its back to aviation!

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