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## DISTRICT AWARDS DAY

*It was our District Awards Day on Sunday 1st November.*



### Chief Scout Gold Award Winners' Presentation

*After a special guest talk and some promotional videos we spent the afternoon giving out certificates to around 80 of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts who had earned their various Chief Scout Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum).*



### Long Service Award to Clare Butterworth

*We spent the evening giving out Long Service awards and Chief Scout Commendations to some of our Leaders and other Adult members.*



**Chief Scout's Commendation for Dr. Charlie Scott – Group Chairman of the 1st Southport**

*Our Jamboree Contingent gave us a talk about their experiences in Japan and also presented District with a framed momento.*



**D.C. Chris Scott receives the Japan 2015 Memento from the Jamboree representatives**

*Many Congratulations - to all those who have put in a lot of hard work to receive these awards. Well deserved!*



**23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015 - Memento for the District H.Q.**

*Mark Furness  
A.D.C. (Cubs)*

# REMEMBRANCE



Sorry for the late notice.

I hope to see you all on Sunday for the Southport Remembrance Service and Parade.

I hope those groups and sections who meet at their own church or memorial have a great attendance and your young folk do us proud.

For those attending the cenotaph on Lord Street we will muster outside the British Heart Foundation from 10:15.

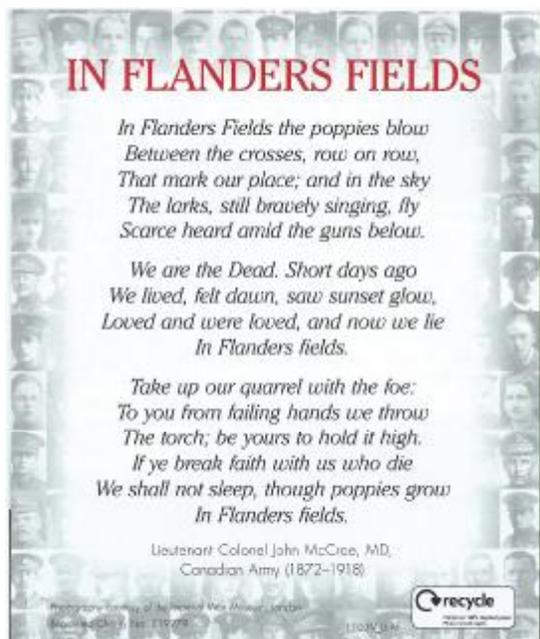
The service will start at 10:45 and we need to be in position beforehand.

Please share with all your teams and friends.

Yours in scouting

Chris Scott

Southport District Commissioner



## The story of the Unknown Warrior

The Reverend David Railton, a Chaplain at the Front, is believed to have had the idea of honouring the unidentified dead of the Great War. In 1916 he noticed a grave in Armentières which had a rough cross bearing the words "An unknown British Soldier". After the war, in 1920, he suggested that Britain honour its unknown war dead officially.

Between four and six bodies were exhumed from the main British battle areas in France. The remains were covered with a Union Jack and left overnight in a chapel at St. Pol. Brigadier-General L.J. Wyatt who was the commander of British troops in France and Flanders selected one. Placed in a coffin made of oak from Hampton Court, the body was transported to Dover on the destroyer HMS Verdun.

On the morning of November 11<sup>th</sup>, the second anniversary of Armistice Day, the Unknown Warrior was drawn on a gun carriage in a procession to the Cenotaph where King George V placed a wreath on the coffin. At 11.00 a.m. the nation observed the Two Minute Silence and then the body was taken to Westminster Abbey and buried at the west end of the nave.

The grave contains soil from France and is covered by a slab of black Belgian marble. Inscribed upon the marble are these words from the Bible:

*"They buried him among Kings because he had done good towards God and towards his house."  
(2 Chronicles 24:16)*

Within the first week, 1,250,000 people filed past the Unknown Warrior to pay their respects to all unidentified war dead. It is one of the most visited war graves in the world and is the only part of the Abbey floor that is never walked on.

## PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE

On 26 October 2015, a powerful 8.1-magnitude earthquake rocked the border of Pakistan, causing more than 300 deaths and injuries to at least 2500 people. Thousands of houses were damaged across the country as a result of the earthquake.

The day after the earthquake the newly-elected Chief Commissioner of the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association with others visited Peshawar Scout Headquarters and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Boy Scouts Association as a show of support for the Scouts of Khyber and others, who are actively engaged in the rescue of the survivors. Scouts at Swat Valley, one of the badly affected areas, are also helping the survivors to search for their belongings from among the rubble of damaged buildings, and providing them with shelter and necessities. Scouts have once again shown to affected communities that they rise to the occasion to provide the support that is required.