

MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Lydd Town Council celebrated Merchant Navy Day by holding a flag hoisting ceremony and flying the Red Ensign to remember the sacrifices and courage of those who served. This took place at 11am on Saturday 1st September 2018 outside the Guild Hall, 13 High Street, Lydd.

The Mayor of Lydd, Councillor Bob Jones and Lydd Town Council are supporting Seafarers UK's Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day campaign.

Lydd Town Council was one of more than 600 councils across the UK that hoisted a Red Ensign to help raise awareness of our island nation's ongoing dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers. The flag will be flown throughout the week.

The official Merchant Navy Day was on 3rd September which marks the first major British maritime casualty, the merchant vessel SS Athenia, was torpedoed just a few hours after hostilities were declared in 1939. 128 passengers and crew were lost and 3rd September is now enshrined as Merchant Navy Day to honour the brave men and women who served during both World Wars.

To support the future of our Merchant Navy we have a collection tin available at the Guild Hall and your donations will be gratefully received.