

Zeebrugge Raid

(St. George's Day 1918) Commemoration

100th Anniversary St. George's Day 23rd April 2018

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The day commenced with a reception at the Maison Dieu (Town Hall). Everyone then assembled in the Maison Dieu car park to board buses for St. James's Cemetery and the Zeebrugge Memorial and graves. Amongst the 350 to 400 people in attendance were representatives from many other countries including those from Belgium, Holland, Germany and New Zealand. After a moving service, accompanied by the Royal Marines Band, and the laying of wreaths all present were then transported to the Market Square.



Chairman ready to lay wreath



Mayor Rix prepares to ring Zeebrugge Bell

The parade formed up and paraded, through a large crowd, from the Market Square to the Maison Dieu (Town Hall). The crowd by now over 500 then witnessed the Town Mayor Neil Rix ring the Zeebrugge Bell and took part in a short service of remembrance.

During the afternoon the event moved to the open green space behind Deal Castle to witness the launch of the Royal Marines Heritage Trails.

Blessed with good weather the day's events were well organised and a complete success.



Wreath Laying Ceremony



Parade to Town Hall