



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Turnerbury Avenue**

Name of Veteran: Roy Turner August 5, 1927-March 27, 2017

Rank: Able Seaman, Radar Plot Operator

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: Dec. 1946-Dec. 1947

Year of Visit/Dedication September 26, 2009

Veteran or Family Visit Roy Turner and wife, June

Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: No Died at Battle: No

Roy Turner was born in August 5, 1927 in Stoke Upon Trent, the second of three sons. Stoke upon Trent was his home until April 1938 when the family moved to North Wales and the popular seaside resort of Rhyl. On completion of his scholarship he attended the local High School.



During the War, Roy joined the Air Training Corps, participated in glider training and graduated at the age of seventeen. He was accepted for pilot training with the Fleet Air Arm, but on the cessation of hostilities was transferred to the Royal Navy in November, 1945. Roy was trained as a Radar Plot Operator and joined HMS Ajax at Malta in December 1946. His action station was the main plotter on the A.R.L. table in the Action Information Centre directly under the Bridge and he served as the Meteorological Yeoman on board. He officially left the Royal Navy in January, 1948.



Roy and his wife June were married in 1952 and had two daughters and one son. Upon leaving the Royal Navy, Roy set up a new business with his father as Upholsterers & Flooring Contractors. He continued in this business until he retired in 1992 but held several other positions with other organizations. He was chairman of the local Operatic and Drama Society, founder of the Variety Club of Great Britain, North Wales Branch, founding member and first Chairman for the Rhyl Branch of the Royal Naval Association, School Governor and Chairman of the Council (Mayor) of Rhyl (1958/59), and Commissioner of Inland Revenue, eventually

Chairman for 37 years. In 2002 he was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to a Committee to oversee and programme the National Training of newly appointed Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Roy Turner died on March 27, 2017 at the age of 89.