



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Dowers Drive**
Name of Veteran: Leonard (Jim) Dowers
Rank: Royal Marine
Ship Served: HMS Ajax
Date of Service on Ship: 1939 to 1945
Year of Visit/Dedication: October 1989
Veteran or Family Visit: Jim Dowers and wife Pat
Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: Yes Died at Battle: No

Jim Dowers visited the Town of Ajax in October, 1989 with his wife Pat for a dedication ceremony and tree planting.

An active member of the Felixstowe Fuchsia Society, Jim asked that special varieties be produced to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate. The hybridizer created an Ajax, Exeter, Achilles, Graf Spee and Altmark Fuchsia. Upon his visit he presented the town with a plaque, from the Felixstowe Town Council given to him by the mayor of his hometown in Suffolk, and the 'Ajax' Fuchsia.

