Alsager Branch

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion-Alsager Branch is extremely proud to share with you, a unique hybrid rose.

This spectacular rose has been created by the very talented James Campbell ONC/HNC/Bsc, a local, trained Botanist, and has developed as a Hybrid . Mr Campbell also served his country and is an ex-submariner. He approached the Branch with the offer of many plants, including poppies to be planted in the Garden of Remembrance . Specifically the Rose has been specially created to raise funds for Alsager Branch, but is available to other branches. The Rose is dedicated to "Ted White" .

In addition Mr Campbell has a collection of over 70 types of spring bulbs which are available from brochures within his garden. 100% of all profits will be donated to the branch. For further information please go to facebook.com/groups/bagendshireplants and join the group.

Edward (Ted) Dennis Bioletti–White was born in 1924. He joined the Merchant Navy in 1939 after, like many others at the time, lying about his age. His first posting was on the Alderamin in 1941, a Dutch ship that carried cargo between Hull and Africa for the war effort. In 1942, Ted contracted malaria and left the ship. Unfortunately, the ship was torpedoed by a U-boat in 1943 and sixty four crewmembers were killed.

Ted was transferred to the Royal Navy as a Merchant Seaman due to the RN needing experienced sailors. After serving on various vessels in the Atlantic and Baltic during those difficult times, Ted caught Tuberculosis and was discharged from the Navy. He thankfully recovered from TB and moved to Alsager in 1945, where he met his wife Eileen. They married in 1946, at St Mary's Church, Alsager. In 1947, Eileen and Ted were blessed with their son, Peter.

Ted spent the rest of his life in Alsager where he was an important part of the community. He was a member of The B'Hoys, a Freemason and the 41 Club amongst others. As a treasured member of the Alsager Branch of the Royal British Legion, Ted had held the positions of President and Chairman to name but a few. On two occasions, the Merchant Navy Association asked Ted to lay their wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

Sadly, in January 2020, Ted passed away at the age of 95. We decided to name the rose after this much missed gentleman in tribute to his service, sacrifice, community spirit and friendship.

To order the "Ted White" rose please complete the order form and return to:

Des Margett—Treasurer at 15 East Court, Alsager, ST7 2DJ or email it to alsagerrbl@gmail.com.

A 50% deposit must be made at time of ordering.

Payment can be made by **cheque** made payable to James Campbell   or

bank transfer to Royal British Legion Alsager Branch   s/c 20-24-09   a/c 3059003702 with ref. ROSE