

# Narragansett Historical Society

## On the Common in Templeton MA

# June 2021

July's membership meeting will be held Tuesday night July 13th

These lovely ladies spent the day in the garden on June 12th to celebrate 100 years since women fought for the right to vote and won! Originally planned for 2020 but we all know what happened with that year.

A great celebration and presentation given by "Lucy Stone" portrayed by Virginia Strahan. Thank you to all who helped and for those who came to enjoy the afternoon.

*Made possible in part with a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council.*



Twin City Toastmaster's of Leominster visited on June 8th for a Tuesday night at the Museum event.

They worked with us to create a scavenger hunt sending members throughout the building in search of specific items. Everyone truly enjoyed the search and eventually everyone found all of the items. Once the hunt was over, the members gathered outside with us and held a short meeting sharing stories and testing their speaking skills. This was our second meeting with the Toastmasters and we look forward to the next one.



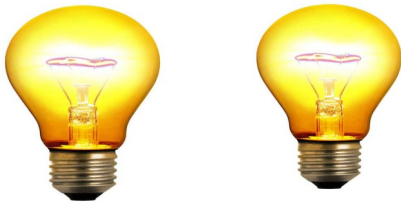
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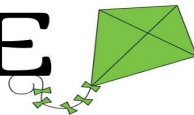
**August 15th Kite Festival in Brooks field Baldwinville Rd from 11 to 4 Sun.**

**September 26th Motorpalooza 2021 on the Templeton Common Sunday with  
Music in the gazebo by: Boothill express 12-4**



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## LET'S FLY A KITE



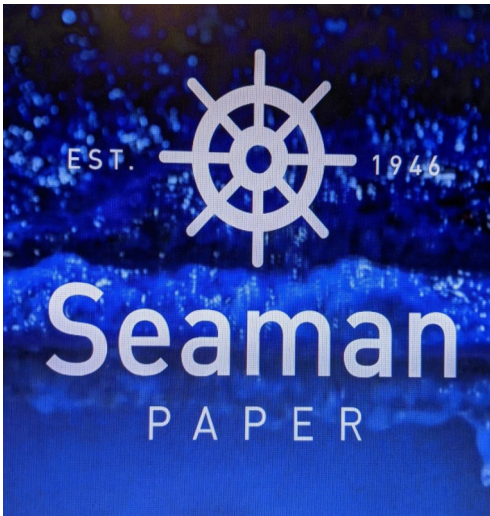
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Lifetime memberships are still only \$100.00 sign up a friend today!

# Motorpalooza 2021

September 26, 2021 on the *Templeton Common 12 to 4pm*

Vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles & engines

Music by: *Boothill Express*

Food tent & open house **Narragansett Historical Society**

*Sponsored in part by: the Templeton Cultural Council Grant*



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## *"A moment in time"*

*By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

### **ROADS FROM THE PAST**

Since the town was incorporated, there have been many roads that have been discontinued, abandoned and renamed. In Otter River there are three listed in the 1912 street list. One was called German St. Back in the day when Otter River was known as Factory Village, There were quite a few German immigrants living in the village and what is now Liberty Street was then German Street. Another one was River St. which went from Crotty Avenue to Main Street connecting just below the Otter River Hotel. This street was abandoned but never discontinued. There was also a street called Murray Avenue. I have not been able to find where this street was located.

In Baldwinville there were several. One was North Main St. which crossed over the railroad tracks at Circle St and went on to what is now Bridge St. After the bridge was built over the tracks, it became Bridge St. Day Mill Road was cut off when RT. 202 was relocated due to the flood control project. Mechanic St., Meadow St., and Rosemont St. are streets that were done away with after the flood in 1938 for the Birch Hill dam project after being taken over by the U.S. Government. There were two named Cross St. and Depot St. That I have not been able to locate.

In Templeton there was Harold Road off Otter River Road which is now part of North Main Street and Old Otter River Road which went from Otter River Road to Lord Rd is now part of Lord Road. There was an old cart road known as Robbins Rd. which came off Baldwinville Rd. before the RT. 2 bridge and went down to Trout Brook and connected with Church Hill Rd. and there was West Rd. which went on to RT. 202 in Baldwinville. The Haskell Rd. which goes off Cook Rd. and connected with Farnsworth Rd back in the day. Lamb City Rd. was abandoned at one time but never discontinued and years later had to be put back into shape after someone built a home on it. There was also a road in Brooks Village that went from Carruth Rd to Phillipston Rd. This road was Valiton Rd. and was named after my great grandparents who owned the old Carruth farm. The farm was destroyed by a fire.

East Templeton had Underwood Road which went from North Main Street by Underwood pond and connected on to Otter River Road. Underwood Pond is today known as the Ridgely Club. There was Ahlstrom Avenue that today is Lake Avenue. Most of Mechanic Street which merged with Sawyer Street was destroyed by the flood in 1938. Pail Factory at one time connected with Mill Street. It was what is known as a corduroy road which is a way they use to build roads in swampy areas by laying logs down and building the road on top of them kind of like a floating road. This portion of the road sank while being worked on and had to be abandoned.

# President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



**Happy 4th of July 2021**

**Enjoy your time off from work, away from the normal, or home sweet home. Either way you celebrate I hope you continue to be healthy and safe.**

**Remember to visit the building on Tuesday nights from 6-8 at 1 Boynton to discover the many hidden treasures throughout the many rooms. We are still in the process of displaying the photographs of Oren Williams, Albert Phelps, and Wallace Underwood. Many albums and individual pictures are shown featuring people and places around Templeton some dating back to 1890.**

**You can try to find the items on the scavenger hunt created for the Toastmaster's Club meeting but a wonderful idea for visitors no matter how many times you've been inside. There were several that stumped me and I've been digging into this collection for over 30 years.**

**Keep those membership applications coming, we are almost at 500 members. A testament to the collection we have and how we share so much on social media. We have members who moved away and now live in Japan, Alaska, Colorado, California, Florida and so many more places. Their favorite pastime is to catch up on the history of Templeton by following our Facebook page. We also appreciate the many donations that arrive almost weekly including documents, furniture, photo albums, books, ephemera, and odd items once used in Templeton households.**

**Projects are starting up again, painting, cleaning, displays, and repairs. To those who take the time to get things done and make the place look as good as it does, Thank you very much.**

**Let's keep the momentum going and set a good example for others.**

**Keep smiling, at the least, it will make others wonder what we are up to.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

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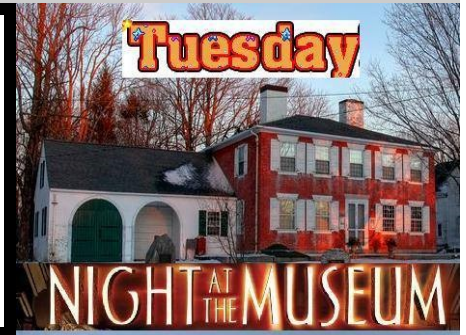
**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.**



**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**

**July 13th Monthly Membership meeting!**

*Tuesday nights we are open from 6-8pm*



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