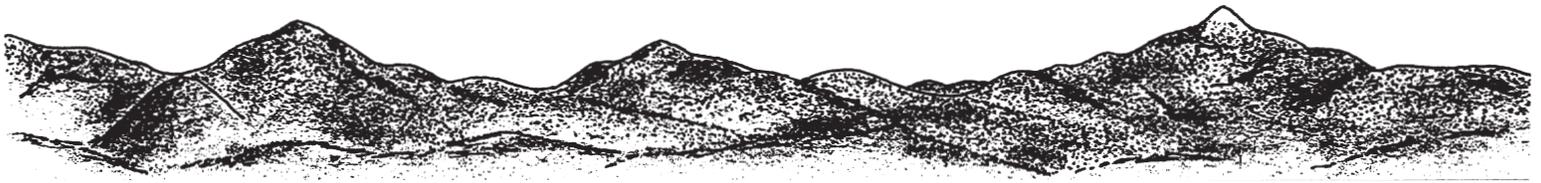


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REPAIRING THE CHOCORUA DAM

Anyone who has lived in the village of Chocorua is familiar with the mysterious rumble which on occasion emanates from the dam, capable of rattling windows at some distance from the pond. This has been happening for as long as anyone can remember. Thanks to the efforts of Peter Smart (who with Judith Reardon is the moving force behind Chocorua Park LLC) and a crew of volunteers, these strange sound effects should continue well into the future, if perhaps at a different frequency.



At the end of July the pond behind the dam was drained for a hectic week of repairs to this unique wooden dam. Originally built in 1889 by Charles Bowditch on the site of earlier dams, this is one of the last A-frame dams in the state. Many of us were unaware that this unusual structure lurked behind the black curtain of water, assuming it was the more common stone or concrete construction. The mostly original white oak framing was on the verge of collapse near the lip of the dam, although the timbers further back in the 'cave' are still remarkably sound. The effort was therefore focused on replacing the missing or damaged front struts. Using local hemlock supplied through the generosity of Whit Patridge of Patridge Custom Sawing, Don Johnson of Forest Land Improvement, and Jim Alt and Eric Dube of Tamworth Lumber, the structure was

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June 18th

Patrolman Dana Littlefield met with Bob Streeter regarding the parking and pedestrians in the village during farmers' market hours. They will try using traffic cones to solve the problem. ♦ Road Agent Richard Roberts reported on replacing some culverts, on the cleanup at the town garage, and that there is a healthy amount of sand in the sand pile. ♦ Bob Streeter and Peg Loughran discussed their wishes to have the Tamworth Farmers' Market remain at its present location. It was strongly suggested that they work with the selectmen to find an alternative, mutually acceptable location such as behind the town parking lot. Loughran suggested building sidewalks to lessen the danger to pedestrians. Bill Rich stressed the inevitability of the need to relocate to a more appropriate place.

July 2nd

Transfer Station Supervisor Glenn Johnson requested permission to try using Coastal for recycling electronics, as they pay for items and the hauling fees are less than the town is paying presently. Trying Coastal does not affect our current contract with Waste Management. ♦ Continuing with the discussion from the last meeting regarding the parking at the farmers' market, Chief Dan Poirier said the biggest issue is the pedestrian traffic and to face the possibility that the market may have outgrown this space. Loughran has drafted a letter to the NH DOT to request an additional stop sign at the junction of 113, 113A, and Main Street, making it a 4-way stop. ♦ Architect Michael Couture came before the board to discuss updating the plans he prepared last year to convert the meeting room at the town office into closed offices and move the meeting room to the back office. Couture charges \$110/hr and will contact Town Administrator Cassandra Pearce to discuss further space needs. ♦ Agreed to give planning board member David Little a thumb drive containing an updated property list and tax maps for the exclusive use of that board. ♦ Board discussed forming a records retention committee. It was agreed that a records retention policy would be created before a committee is appointed. ♦ Board will keep \$50,000 as a placeholder in the CIP plan for work to be done at the town office. No work is planned for the town house and replacing tax maps will not be included in the plan. ♦ American Air System was in to check on the HVAC system. The fan was fixed and someone from AAS will return next week to investigate making adjustments to get better circulation throughout the building. Dehumidifier not draining properly in the basement and a plumber will be in next week to look at it. ♦ Board agreed to place a computer and printer in the lobby for public access to assessment cards. Fee for assessment cards will be waived once the computer is set up. ♦ After a

brief discussion, board voted to approve the installation of an additional phone line at the town office.

July 16th

Both Poirier and R. Roberts, along with members of the public, were present to discuss with the board the recent posting of at least six no parking signs by the state at White Lake on Irene's Way. After much discussion, it was decided to arrange a meeting with someone from the State of NH to discuss. Poirier will see if he can get the park manager to remove the no parking signs until after the issue is resolved. ♦ David Farley said, with consent from Poirier, he had installed signs on behalf of the Chocorua Lake Conservancy regarding parking for Tamworth residents on the southern section of the Old Route 16. Board plans to review the current ordinance and look into the possibility of making the entire section for Tamworth residents only. ♦ Johnson was able to renegotiate fees with Waste Management. We will not be charged a hauling fee on glass and the price for the electronics was changed to \$.25 per pound. ♦ Board was asked if they had any comments, concerns, or items they wanted discussed with the architect regarding town office remodel. Selectman John Roberts and Selectman Jim Hidden stated they were good with incorporating Hidden's plan with the one from the architect that was similar, along with two other minor changes. Selectman Steve Gray stated he did not really review Hidden's plan because it was not to scale so he did not have comments at this time. ♦ Board was informed that Pinetree Power has been contacted and is interested in negotiating a new PILOT.

July 30th

Art Charbonneau and David Krause were present from the state to discuss the ownership of Irene's Way. Krause stated he had researched records from the state and county, back to the 1920s, and could locate nothing showing it was or is a town road. After extensive discussion, other options for guarding the beach entrance to the park were discussed. The town will continue to research the issue, but also thought the state should look into additional signage for the fee area warning of penalty to violators. ♦ Board updated Tamworth's building requirements by striking the years from the construction, plumbing, and electrical codes so that it will always be the most current. ♦ Architect's draft drawings regarding town offices were received by email, but were not legible so board requested a set be mailed to the office. ♦ Received a proposal from American Air Systems on HVAC system to help control temperatures in the town offices. ♦ Pinetree Power was going to submit a proposed schedule of payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for this meeting, but one was not received.

A group of Tamworth quilters are in the process of creating a quilt that will be raffled off in August 2016 to benefit the Tamworth Scholarship Program. Donations of 12"×12" quilt squares are needed. The squares can be any color or pattern and should be made with washable cotton. The deadline for submitting your square is November 30th. Place finished work in a Ziploc bag with the creator's name on the outside. If you wish to sign your block, do so where it can be seen once sewn into the quilt.

Mail to Tamworth Quilt, PO Box 401, Tamworth, NH 03886 or drop off at the Tamworth Town Clerk's office.

For more information call Libby at 323-8674.

—Melanie Streeter

August 13th

R. Roberts reported that the new grader is in use and working well. ♦ Pat Farley reported on the last EDC meeting. ♦ There was discussion of the parking and pedestrian issues at the Tamworth Farmers' Market. The idea of posting "No Parking" signs on the east side of Tamworth Road (113) was revisited. After some discussion by the board, it was decided there could be a trial of posting "No Parking" signs on 113. One handicap parking sign near the K.A. Brett tree is allowed. Market managers must contact the Tamworth Police Department regarding modifications to the parking on Main Street. Additionally, they are to develop satellite parking sites. ♦ Hidden said that at the upcoming meeting of the 250th Committee he will discuss with them the handling of the revenues, expenses, and administration of funds. ♦ Gray stated initially he wanted to talk about the public computer again, but decided he wants to put the discussion off for another time so that he can look into additional items. There were questions as to "why?" from the public, and he answered that it was due to a variety of related costs. ♦ Board reviewed plans for town office modifications provided and asked to have architect do "building specific detailed plans." ♦ Packets are together for planning board. Selectmen's rep will present these at next planning board meeting so that they may hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the flood plain ordinance. ♦ Dorothy Solomon is looking for a letter of support to start a transitional housing facility for homeless veterans in the two wings of the old county nursing home. The selectmen's response to her email will be: "Unfortunately the board is of mixed opinions and are unable to write [such] a letter at this time. However, we do as a board support your efforts on behalf of the veterans."

We need your support! Send a check to Tamworth Civic Association, PO Box 402, Tamworth, NH 03886 or visit our website, tamworthcivicnews.org and click the "Donate" button.

AN INVITATION TO WRITERS

As Tamworth prepares to celebrate the milestone of 250 years, plans are underway to publish a commemorative book to mark the occasion. Tamworth's history, culture, people, natural resources, and so much else, can all find a place in this snapshot of our town.

The book will be published in the spring of 2016.

To bring this book to life requires a variety of perspectives, including yours. What stories can you tell about Tamworth? What do you love about this town? What would you share, in words, with our audience of readers today and those who will pick up this book fifty years from now with a curiosity for what life was like "way back when . . .?"

We welcome your contributions on a Tamworthy topic of your choice. Possible subject areas include (but are not limited to):

- Tamworth's five villages: Tamworth, Chocorua, South Tamworth, Wonalancet, & Whittier
- The land and waters around us — recreation and conservation
- Learning and literacy — schools, libraries, and beyond
- Creative pursuits — arts, crafts, music, and more
- Earning a living — what we do to make ends meet
- Growing up or growing old in Tamworth
- Caring and serving in our community
- Governing and democracy in a small town
- Faith — churches now and over the years
- Farm and table — what we grow, what we eat, and how we often combine the two
- Any other topic relevant to Tamworth that you are knowledgeable and passionate about.

ESSAY GUIDELINES:

In an effort to include as many voices as possible in this book, we ask that you keep your submission succinct. Concise essays packed with great content and purpose are welcome and appreciated; long-winded pieces will be edited. Editors reserve the final say as to book content.

Essays should be identifiable as specific to Tamworth and her villages. Although writers do not necessarily need to paint a perfect and entirely rosy picture of life in here (after all, conflict is often the spice of life in this town!), they should refrain from negative comments directed at specific individuals or groups.

DATES:

- Tuesday, September 29th:** Writers meeting at Cook Library, 5PM.
- Tuesday, October 20th:** Submit intended topic
- Monday, November 23rd:** Final essay copy due

Submit inquiries to tamworth250book@gmail.com

QUILTING AT UNION HALL

On the first night that the new quilting group gathered at Union Hall, the room upstairs was filled with supporters rallying for a presidential candidate. That's just one of the things to love about this building: it has plenty of space to accommodate two very different community functions simultaneously.

And so began our Wednesday weekly gathering of crafters in South Tamworth. It started out as a way for me to get motivated to finish a quilt I started years ago. Why not use quilting as an excuse to be social in a low-key way that would fit into a busy schedule? Ah, the paradoxical world of multi-tasking to slow down!

The schedule for the Wednesday night group is easy. I'll be there from 5:30 to 9:00. Come and stay for the entire evening, or just an hour. Bring your craft to work on and enjoy the company. So far

SHARING THE STORIES THAT CONNECT US

The Chocorua and Cook Libraries, with the Tamworth Historical Society, are collaborating on a venture to record and preserve our stories. We will encourage people to tell personal stories that embrace a span of time, a spectrum of memories. Stories – long or short, funny or sad; moments that were memorable; happenings that are vaguely or clearly recalled; times that are ready to be told about; perhaps dark, dusty corners brought back to life.

Stories connect us. They are, after all, an old and highly revered form of communication. Imagination is brought into play when listening to a story and provides a stage on which we can each find and create our own connections to what we

hear. Stories can help us know our town and each other better. By recording local stories, we hope to create an oral tapestry of the town, rich in detail, and eventually a "Story Path." A map will indicate locations throughout Tamworth where collected stories can be listened to and read. The material will be digitally preserved and filed for easy access. A staged reading of selected stories is planned.

Volunteers, with training, can help with collecting, recording, and transcribing stories during the October 2015 to October 2016 Tamworth 250th celebration period. Call 323-8510 (CML), 323-8610 (CPL), or stop by either library to find out more.

like-minded people from my community. Call or email me if you have questions: Annie Provenzano, 323-2348 or annieprovenzano@gmail.com.



Sue Stowbridge crochets while Ebony Fullilove quilts.

UNION HALL STAGE CURTAIN TALK

The Tamworth Historical Society and the Union Hall Association will present a joint program on Monday, September 21st at 7PM at Union Hall in South Tamworth.

Christine Hadsel will speak on the Historic Painted Stage Curtains of Northern New England. The fine example pictured here hangs in the second floor of Union Hall.

Chris is the director of Curtains Without Borders (CWB), a Burlington, Vermont-based group that has been locating, preserving, and documenting these curtains since 1996. Largely painted between 1890 and 1940, they

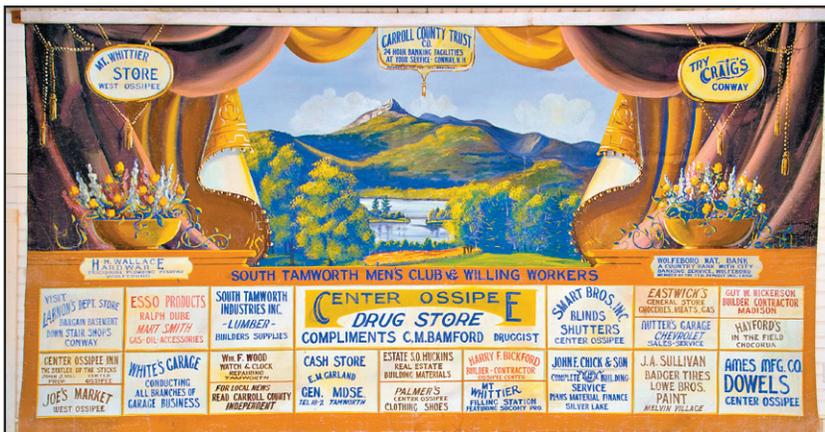
are found in town halls, grange halls, theaters, and opera houses. A hundred years ago, these colorful grand drapes and

painted backdrops were the primary artistic feature in the cultural life of almost every village and town in northern New England.

This illustrated talk will cover discovering the curtains, the stories of their painters, and how CWB restores them. Chris's new book on painted stage curtains, *Suspended Worlds*, will be available for sale.

Call 323-7762 for more information.

—Kate Thompson



TAMWORTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All month during September and October

Art exhibit: "Our Hearts' Desires", photos by Susan Lirakis, Cook Memorial Library.

Sundays

Live from the Lyceum. Featured musician at 1:30PM, followed by song circle & jam session at 2:30PM. Free.

Dinner Bell community meal. 5PM at St. Andrew's Church.

Monday–Friday

The TCNA hosts an informal walking group that meets in Tamworth Village at 9AM.

Tuesdays

Storytime for young children 10:30AM. Cook Memorial Library. First three Tuesdays of every month.

Tuesdays, Sept 22nd to Oct 27th

Mindfulness Meditation led by Diane Johnson, 5:30–7:30PM. Hosted by Tamworth Comm. Nurse. Register at 323-8511.

Tuesdays & Fridays

Community food center at St. Andrews. Open 10AM–noon. Call 960-4067.

Wednesdays, beginning September 30th

After school Lego (and more) club for school-age kids at Cook Library, 3:45–4:45PM. Call 323-8510 for more info or to sign up.

Thursdays

Farmers' Table Lunch. Tamworth Comm. School. Starts at noon. By donation. Reservations helpful. 323-7000.

Saturdays through October 24th

Tamworth Farmers' Market, 9–1, rain or shine. Unitarian Universalist Church parking lot.

UUFES Thrift shop, 9–1, Unitarian Universalist Church. Donations accepted.

Tuesday, September 15th & Saturday, October 3rd

Cellar Hole Gang meets at Cook Library. 2–4PM on 9/15; call 323-8510 for 10/3 time.

Wednesdays, September 16th & 30th

Home Funeral Series at Cook Library, 7PM. 9/16: Caring for our own: Home funeral stories from our neighbors. 9/30: Home funeral "how-to", the laws and logistics involved in planning a family-facilitated funeral. Presented by Julie Lanoie, RN, MA. Call 323-8510 or visit nhfuneral.org.

Saturday, September 19th

Friends of CML annual meeting, 11:30AM, followed at noon by "On This Spot Once Stood . . ." Remembering the Architectural Heritage of NH, presented by Maggie Stier. Includes a light lunch.

Fire & Home Safety by Police Chief Dan Poirier and Fire Chief Richard Colcord at the Lyceum, 10AM. Hosted by the Tamworth Community Nurse.

Tuesdays, September 22nd, October 6th & 20th

Fiber arts group meets at Remick Museum, 9:30–noon. Free. Call 323-7591 for details.

Wednesday, September 23rd

Book discussion of *The Story of Charlotte's Web* by Michael Sims. Cook Library, starts at noon.

Fridays, September 25th & October 23rd

Small Farmers Club at Remick Museum, 10AM. Pigs (9/25); chickens (10/23). \$5/child, ages 2-6.

Fridays, September 25th, October 9th & 23rd

"Plants of Field & Forest" outdoor walks at Remick Museum, 10AM. Included with \$5 museum admission.

Sunday, September 27th

The Western Den and Max Garcia Conover perform at the Tamworth Lyceum. Eclectic and ethereal folk. Door open at 7PM; show at 8PM. \$15 admission.

Saturdays, October 3rd & 10th

Captain Enoch Remick House guided tours, 11AM. \$5 admission. Call 323-7591 for details.

Saturday, October 3rd

Bean supper. So. Tamworth United Methodist at Union Hall. Adults \$8, children \$4. Two seatings: 5 and 5:45PM.

Sunday, October 4th

Arts Council of Tamworth benefit auction, Sunny Villa Restaurant, Ossipee, 8AM–noon. Silent auction, 50/50, live auction at 10AM. Info: artstamworth.org.

Wednesday, October 14th

Book discussion of *Euphoria* by Lily King, this year's One Book One Valley title. Cook Library, 7PM.

Saturday, Oct 17th

Slips, Trips, and Falling Down by Betsy Donovan, PT at the Lyceum 10AM. Hosted by Tamworth Community Nurse.

Sunday, October 18th

Tamworth's 250th Celebration kick-off party at Remick Museum, 1–3PM. Presented with the Tamworth Historical Society. Music, food, & more. Free to all!

Monday, October 19th

Remick Museum home school outdoor cooking class, 10–noon. \$5/participant; pre-registration required. Call 323-7591.

Friday, October 23rd

The Appleseed Collective, "a little gypsy, a little dixie," 7:30PM. Info: artstamworth.org.

Saturday, October 24th

Cemetery Trustees fall restoration project. 9–noon at Riverside Cemetery. Call 323-8510 for details.

Saturday, October 24th

Advice to the Players presents Shakespearean Idol at The Barnstormers Theatre, 7PM. \$10 suggested donation. Call 986-6253 for more information.

Wednesday, October 28th

Book discussion of *Composing a Further Life: The Age of Active Wisdom* by Mary Catherine Bateson. Cook Library, starts at noon.

Wednesday, October 28th

"Spirit of Place: Native Lands and Cultures of the American Southwest," presented by Patrick D. Anderson, NH Humanities Council. A One Book One Valley program. Cook Library, 7PM.

Send calendar items to TCNcalendar@gmail.com. Submissions for the November 1st TCN are due by October 10th.

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stabilized and straightened. Thanks to a pump kindly supplied by John Roberts, the crew was able to work in some comfort on the 'floor' of the dam.

The west abutment served as the staging area where the timbers were cut to size. Electricity from next door was supplied by David Hailson. A cable 'zip line' was used to carry the heavy 8"x8" pieces along the lip of the dam and lower them into position. Led by Larry Nickerson and Peter Smart, and helped by volunteers David Bowles, John Gotjen, Pat Shea, and Chris Frantz-Dale, the work went smoothly and was completed in about five days. Eventually, a real rebuild of the dam is planned, but the current repair should last until the money can be raised and the permits obtained for a total reconstruction.



The granite abutments at the east and west ends of the timber dam are in remarkably good condition, and needed only minor repair by Gary Jones and crew of Jones Brick and

Stone. Interestingly, Gary thinks he knows where the granite was quarried. There is a long-abandoned quarry behind Whitton Pond with stone of a similar color and texture. The quarried stone would have been skidded across the pond on the ice, as there is no road access to the quarry.

The lip of the dam having been carefully straightened and leveled, a more continuous curtain of water was produced when the pond was refilled. This had the surprising effect of altering the 'voice' of the dam. According to Peter, it was not the familiar throbbing of years past, but had morphed into a 'hum'. He added four small diverters to the lip of the dam in an effort to dampen this effect. It will be interesting to see what effect time and changing water flows will have on this unique phenomenon.

Other volunteers and supporters include Barbara Drake, John Robinson, Bob Seston, and Jim Weber. On the hottest day of the project, our thirsts were slaked in the nick of time with iced tea provided by Andrea and Crosby Kennett. An impromptu but well-attended barbecue was put together by Myles Grinstead on the final day of construction, probably the first real public event in the new park.

In addition to the dam repairs, many improvements were made to the new park below the dam and on the west side of the river. Brush, stumps, and debris were hauled to the staging area for removal. Some of the old white oak struts were even recycled for firewood, a testament to the durability of this more-than-century old wood. With the newly cleared paths and improved bridges and stairways, the park is seeing increased use by both residents and visitors. For those of you who have yet to explore this wonderful space, I suggest a picnic below the dam. It seems miles away from Route 16.

For now, Chocorua Park LLC is operating under the umbrella of the Chocorua Community Association (PO Box 185, Chocorua, NH 03817), which encourages tax deductible contributions to support this important village project. The CCA has established a dedicated account for the support of the dam and park. More information and photos are at www.facebook.com/chocoruaipark.

—Ned Eldridge

TAMWORTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Call Director Parker Roberts for program info, 323-7582

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi, Town House, Monday, 6–7:30PM; Tuesday, 9:30–11AM. Call Parker to find out which class is appropriate for you, as one is introductory and one is for more experienced students.

Step Aerobics, Town House, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8–9AM.

Living Strong, Town House, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8–9AM.

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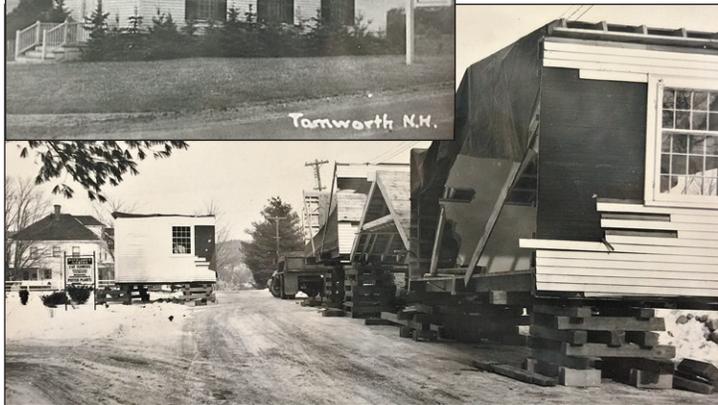
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MYSTERY

Does anyone remember this building? It was located along Route 113, not far from the four corners in Tamworth Village, heading east toward Page Hill. The congregation was defunct some time before November, 1955, when the building was bequeathed to a Christian Science congregation in Plymouth where friendly faithfuls still meet. It was cut into pieces by Bob Eastwick and trucked to its present location at 7 Emerson St. in Plymouth.

If you have any memories or information about the Christian Science Society in Tamworth, would you email



us at info@tamworth-civicnews.org!



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TAMWORTH 250TH CELEBRATION UPDATE

The year of 2016 will mark Tamworth's 250th anniversary. The celebration kick off is Sunday, October 18th, 2015 at Remick Farm, with events each month through October 2016.

As your steering committee, we are tasked with planning and coordinating this yearlong celebration. In addition to the October event at Remick Farm, keep an eye out for a November holiday craft fair, a 'bigger and better' 4th of July parade and fireworks display, a commemorative quilt and book, a special edition Tamworth license plate, historical displays, art shows, educational events, and more.

There are many ways to become part of the Tamworth 250th Celebration. Do you look at a piece of fabric and see a fabulous quilt? Have great crafts and nowhere to sell them? See balloons and envision a parade float? Have a knack for writing and story-telling? Or, perhaps, you have another idea for an event that defines Tamworth's uniqueness? We want to hear from you! Send an email to tamworth250thcelebration@gmail.com or connect on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tamworth250 and you'll hear back from us right away.

—Marletta Maduskuie for the
Tamworth 250th Celebration Committee

RECALLING TAMWORTH'S BICENTENNIAL

The Tamworth Bicentennial Booklet is now online! As Tamworth gears up for its 250th celebrations in 2016, it is fascinating to look back and see what was included in the 1966 Commemorative Booklet.

You can download the file from Dropbox, but you do not need to sign up for Dropbox to do this. To access the file, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <http://tamworthlibrary.org/find-info/local-history/local-history-digital-collections/>
2. This will take you to Dropbox
3. Close the popup asking you to download Dropbox using the X in the upper right corner of the box
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