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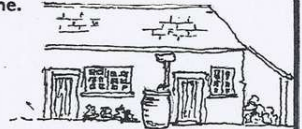
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Trinity 2 14 June	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Trinity 3 21 June	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
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St THOMAS 5 July	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist 2.00pm Baptism	9.30am Family Service & Baptism

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Dear friends,

The opening of the Churchyard Trail at Bekesbourne Church on 10 May was a wonderful afternoon. The sun shone, we learnt about wild bugs and flying bats, teas were served, the bells rang out, and we ended the day with Evensong. That beautiful service follows the words of Archbishop Cranmer written in 1662 - our next door neighbour to Bekesbourne Church in those days. Walking around the graveyard and finding out about the lives of people buried here, reminded me that we are all part of history and of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that make up the Christian Church. Those who have come before us are part of our church community, but on another shore, and when we celebrate the Eucharist we are joined by all the saints, angels and the company of heaven. So although at times we might feel rather small in number, let us never forget that our churches are already full.

That said, at St Peter's Church Bridge we face the challenge of our crumbling building. We are starting an important process of building a vision, listening to where God might be calling us and how we can respond. On Saturday 27 June there will be a Vision Afternoon (1-4pm) led by the Reverend Peter Ingrams, and all are warmly invited. Please see the notice on the church noticeboard in early June, for details of the venue.

Easter time was a lively time for us. We had both Archbishop Justin and Bishop Trevor with us, as well as Bishop Richard Llewelin leading Holy Week. On Easter Eve there were three baptisms and on 20 April we had the joyful occasion of the Confirmation of five adults and three young people from across the benefice.

As we look forward to the summer, please do join us at the Bridge and Patricbourne Church and School Village Fete on Saturday 13 June at the school. It is always a fantastic community event with lots of fun for all ages.

An important part of our ministry as a church is preparing couples for marriage, and this summer we have seven. Please pray for Sophie and Adam (4 July), Samuel & Polly (18 July), Luke & Gemma (18 July), Debbie and Malcolm (25 July), Nicola & Johnathan (12 August), Jasmine & Tom (14 August) and Camilla and Tom (5 September), as they approach their wedding days in one of our local churches.

Grace and peace,
Jonathan

Dates For Your Diary

June 2015

02/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's
06/06	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
08/06	19.30	Caring and Sharing	
09/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10/06	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall	
Hardres Reg	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower	
		19-20.30	Intercessions Workshop with Canon
13/06 Summer Fete, Primary School	12-16.00	The Bridge & Patrixbourne Church and School Bridge	
		16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.
15/06	19-20.30	Intercessions Workshop with Canon Reg	
16/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/06	12.30	Churchwarden's Lunch at Vicarage	
		14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
20/06	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
22/06		Deanery Synod meeting	19.30
Caring and Sharing			
23/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
	24/06 Bekesbourne PCC Meeting		
27/06 afternoon	13-16.00	Bridge & Patrixbourne Church vision Building	
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27/06	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages	

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For the evening outing this year, we have arranged a visit to the **gardens at Churchfield and neighbouring West Court Lodge at Postling**, near Hythe on **Tuesday 9 June**. The gardens nestle at the base of the Downs and the springs rising there form the source of the East Stour. Please meet at Green Court/Western Avenue at 6.00 pm to make car travel arrangements. There will be an admission charge of £6 to include refreshments and also an opportunity to purchase plants. Everyone is welcome to join us on this outing.

The date for the **Summer Show**, to be held this year on **Saturday 18 July**, is fast approaching. Entries for the three garden classes (Best Vegetable Garden, Prettiest Small Garden and Most Picturesque Garden) should be given to Kathy Walder (830057) by no later than **Wednesday 24 June**. The gardens will be judged at the beginning of July.

There will be details on times and arrangements in the next issue of "On the Nail", but we would like to give advance notice of the three open classes included in this year's show for everyone to enter, not just members. They are:

"Any Other Vegetable" not included in any other class (ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber). I assure you it still leaves a few! You should also use common sense on numbers.

"A Vegetable Oddity"

"Mixed Flowers" - a container (supplied by us) with anything in flower.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

On **Wednesday 10 June**, Barry Newman, the National Chairman of the Society and an excellent, entertaining and well-informed speaker, makes a return visit to talk this time on "**Growing for Showing**". The talk, as usual, is in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, and everyone is welcome to come along.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

For the June meeting on **Tuesday 16th**, we are lucky to have secured **Stephen Edney**, head gardener at the **Salutation Gardens in Sandwich**, to speak to us about this superb three and a half acre formal and ornamental garden designed by Sir Edward Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll in 1911. On this occasion, we should like to extend an open invitation to everyone to join us and enjoy what promises to be an excellent talk on these beautiful gardens. The evening starts at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

These were the ancient words of the Easter proclamation that rang out in St Peter's Church as the Easter Candle was lit from the Easter fire, and our Bishop, Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, led us in worship and presided at the First Eucharist of Easter. Nikki Brown and her daughters Holly and Esme were baptised at the service, and we were all invited to renew our baptismal promises as Archbishop Justin sprinkled everyone with holy water.

As our Diocesan Bishop, Archbishop Justin visits his parish churches in Canterbury Diocese alongside his national and international duties as Archbishop of Canterbury. On Easter Monday he was with us again as the Youth Pilgrimage set off from Patricxbourne Church to Canterbury Cathedral. This year we were joined by young Roman Catholics from our twin diocese of Arras in France, as well as a group of young people who had walked from Dover (leaving at 4am!). It was a delight to have Archbishop Justin with us, and please pray for him and his ministry.



A thank you from Justin

Dear Jonathan,

I would like to thank you and all the team at St Peter's Bridge and the wider Benefice for your warm welcome on Saturday evening. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and the chance to share in the Easter Vigil with you. It was also a rare treat for me to be able to baptise in the Diocese so thank you for this opportunity!

Please pass on my thanks to all involved and be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you this Easter and beyond.

In Christ, +Justin

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be an evening walk around Elham led by Derek Boughton on Thursday 18th June. Meet in the Market Square, Elham at 6.00 pm.

Members £5.00, non members £6.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 18th April at Bridge Village Hall. £147.80 was raised, thanks to all who attended and those who have supported the group in the past year. £3301 was received during the year from subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a charity lunch, coffee morning, carol singing raffle and collection boxes.

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News. Tel. no: 07953 966 080

Thank you to all supporters of the Fish Bring and Buy. £250 was raised to go towards such costs as the telephone and the coach for the outing.

This year's outing on June 25th will be to the Turner Gallery at Margate.

The June Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday 10th and a representative of Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

Confirmations 2015:

WELCOME!

Bishop Trevor led our special Benefice Confirmation Service at Bridge Church on Monday 20 April 2015.

Pictured left to right with Bishop Trevor are: Jess, Ben and Ellie Mayne (from Lower Hardres Church), Victoria Pattison, Sarah Maginn, Katy Fuller and Nikki Brown (from Bridge Church), and Lorna Hull (from Nackington Church). Also in the picture is Djamilla our crucifer, who was confirmed last year, and is now in the Kent Athletics Team. Well done Djamilla!

It was a joyful occasion, and follows two months of preparation led by Canon Jonathan and Reader Margaret Clarke.

Lorna Hull writes: "I have been asked by Jonathan to give you my thoughts on my confirmation.

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Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council Statutory Annual General Meeting  
May 11th 2015

Councillors for the Parish for 2015 are Chairman Andrea Nicholson, Vice- Chairman Julia Maltby, Christine Sladden, Pauline Pritchard, Graham Duplock and David Muggridge. County Councillor Michael Northey attended the meeting, and the bad state of the local roads was discussed. Parishioners are urged to report new potholes on the roads, either to the Clerk, Gail Hubbard, or directly to KCC on their website, and that should result in prompt repair. The budget for future repair work is being decided at present, but resurfacing of the main road from the A2 through the Parish to Littlebourne is unlikely to be a priority item.

The Council discussed the possibility of having a mobile skateboard/bike park at the Recreation Ground for a day during a school holiday, but agreed that the Council would need help with funding this and would investigate sources of financial help for this venture. A request for the provision of such facilities in the Parish has been made by a young Parishioner.

Parishioners will soon receive a questionnaire to ask for views about the need for the provision of more local housing to rent for people with a local connection. If a need is identified then a local housing association may build some new homes in the parish. The survey is being conducted by the Rural Housing Advisor, an independent assessor.

Other items covered at the meeting were the adoption of the 2014 accounts, new financial regulations, the annual risk assessment, and current planning applications. The date of the next meeting is 13th July and all Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting. The Council currently has vacancies for additional Councillors. If anyone would like to consider becoming a Councillor please contact either the Clerk, or the Chairman, for more details.

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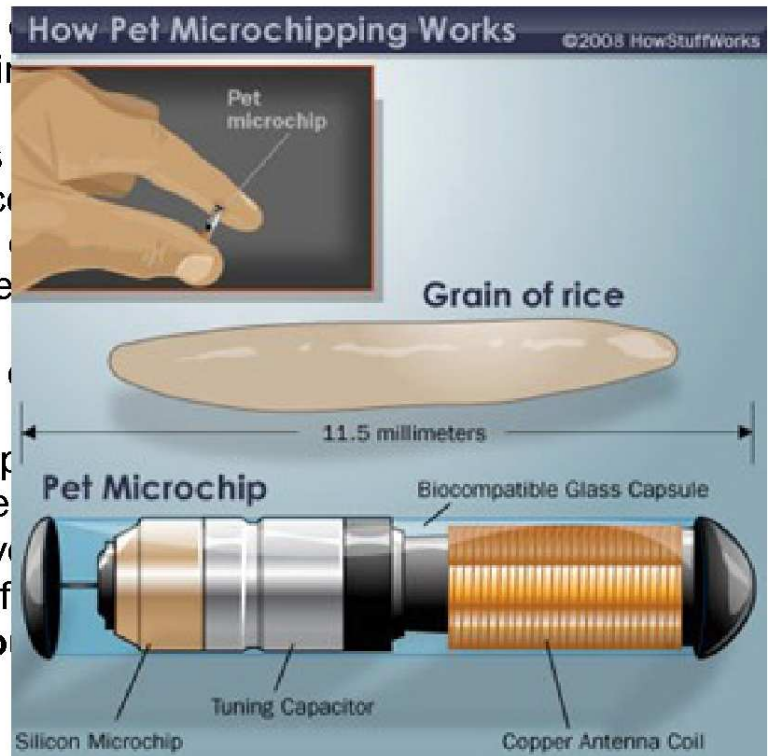
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**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Cllr Alan Atkinson was elected Chairman and Cllr Steve Fawke was elected Vice Chairman.

**Written report from PCSO Williams**

There has been ( 7 ) **crime report incidents** in the period 14/04/2015-13/05/2105 for the Bridge and Bekesbourne area.

**Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook;**

Cllr Cook reaffirmed his election commitment to table a motion to the new City Council in July reversing the decision taken by the previous Executive with regard to the future of the Mill Centre.

**Recreation Ground**

The clerk reported that the current contractor for the mowing of the Recreation Ground had requested heavy duty rolling of the grass due to the uneven surface. The Clerk will gather quotations for this work. Cllr Hodges reported on recent voluntary activities on the Recreation Ground including from the local Girl Guides. It was noted that the landowner has taken appropriate landlord actions with regard to illegal access to the Recreation Ground from certain properties on the boundary. The Clerk was asked to inform the landlord of current concerns about this matter.

**Nailbourne River Management-**

Cllr Atkinson stated that the river poses no threat to the village even though there are some emerging issues elsewhere along the course of the river. CCC will decide on the eventual removal of the floodgates in Brewery Lane. This is unlikely to be before June at the earliest.

**Neighbourhood Plan-**

Joe Connor explained that good progress is being made with the revision of the plan. It should be completed by the end of May and the plan then submitted to CCC.

**Co-opting another councillor.**

It was decided to advertise the vacancy as widely as possible, invite written applications by 1 June and to decide on the co-option at an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 4 June at 7.00 p.m. 7

**The audited parish accounts for 2014-2015 were signed.**

**The future of the Mill Centre.**

The election outcome in Canterbury may well have changed the prospects for the Mill Centre-though the Committee is clear that it cannot afford to buy the building if that is still what is required.

**Bridge participation in the Elham Valley Walkers are Welcome festival and footpath publication.**

The Clerk will approach parishioners to see if they would be interested in taking this initiative forward.



### **Insurance renewal.**

Councillors and decided to opt for a three year agreement with Came and Co.

### **Future developments of the refurbished pavilion.**

Cllr Hodges informed the meeting of the need to refurbish the toilets and the kitchen area. It was decided to invite quotations for this work, to be presented at the next meeting.

### **Skateboard park request.**

It was decided to pursue an offer made by Bekesbourne Parish Council to run a funded skateboarding day-date and time as yet to be arranged. The Parish Council was keen for the event to take place in Bridge if possible.

### **Publicity about the new Council.**

Cllr Corfield's suggestion that the new council should publicise its membership and work through a colour edition of the parish newsletter costing approximately £70, if delivered by councillors, was agreed. He was also encouraged to develop a strategy for communication using email and social media, reporting back at the next meeting.

### **Local Warden Support Officer.**

Members agreed to express an interest in taking part in the forthcoming pilot scheme.

### **Any other business**

Cllr Corfield relayed thanks from former Cllr Ward for the assistance offered by villagers at the litter pick on 18 April 2015.

Councillors were reminded to remind unauthorised advertising from lamp posts and fences.



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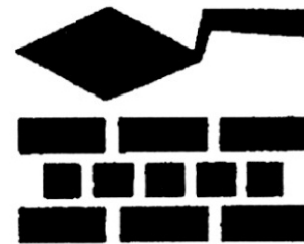
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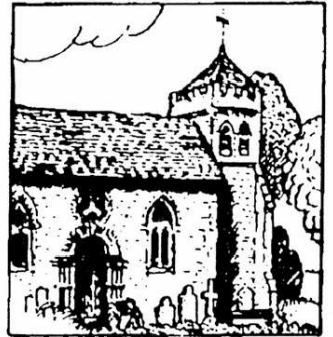
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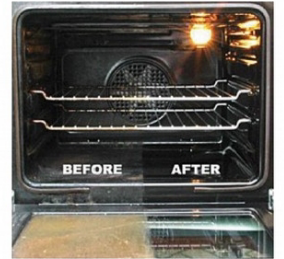
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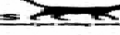
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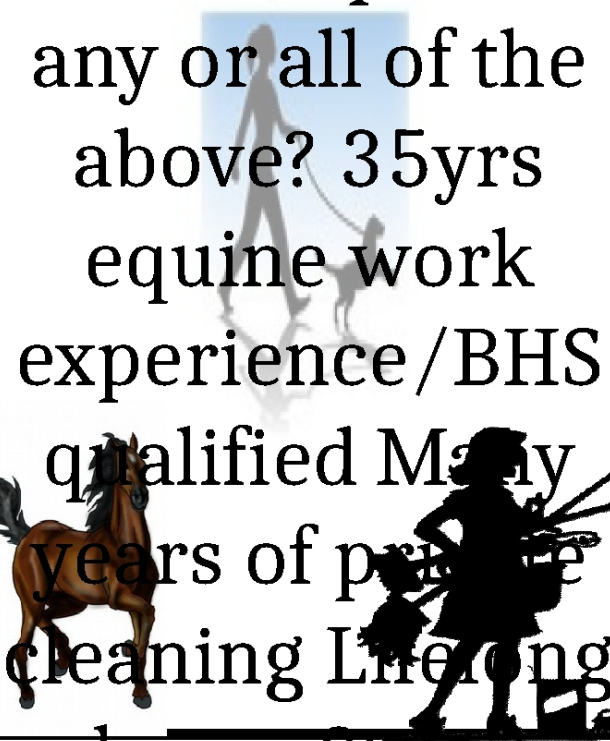
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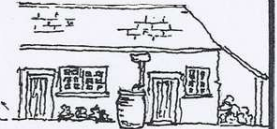
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| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2015</b>                                                                | <b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>                                     | <b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>                          | <b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>                                              | <b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>                                                      | <b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>St Thomas 5 July</b><br><i>Ephesians 2:19-end</i><br><i>John 20:24-29</i>                        | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion                              | <b>11.00am</b> Family Communion                       | <b>6.00pm</b> Evensong                                              | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist<br><b>2.00pm</b> Holy Baptism of Niall Bachmann    | <b>9.30am</b> Family Service with Holy Baptism of Imogen Boarman and Anna Latchford |
| <b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity 12 July</b><br><i>Amos 7:7-15</i><br><i>Mark 6:14-29</i>              | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                  | <b>6.00pm</b> Evensong                                | <b>11.00am</b> Family Communion                                     | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i>                   | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion                                                    |
| <b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity 19 July</b><br><i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i><br><i>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i> | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i> | <b>9.30am</b> Family Service                          | <b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist                                     | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion                                                | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                                        |
| <b>St James 26 July</b><br><i>Acts 11:27-12.:2</i><br><i>Matthew 20:20-28</i>                       | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                  | All welcome at the other services across the Benefice | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion<br><b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist | <b>9.30am</b> Mattins                                                           | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice</i>                        |
| <b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity 2 August</b><br><i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i><br><i>John 6:24-35</i>        | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion                              | <b>11.00am</b> Family Communion                       | <b>6.00pm</b> Evening Prayer                                        | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist<br><b>12.30pm</b> Holy Baptism of Wilfrid Coldhart | <b>9.30am</b> Family Service                                                        |

**9.30-10.00am Every Tuesday at Bridge Church: Holy Communion, followed by coffee at Florries:**

**7 July** (Thomas More & John Fisher 1535), **14 July** (John Keble 1866), **21 July** (Mary Magdalene), **28 July** (Mary, Martha & Lazarus). **4 August** (Jean-Baptiste Vianney 1859).





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DEAR MEMBERS,

In May I spent ten days in The Holy Land, with a group from the Diocese led by Bishop Richard Llewellyn. . It was a challenging experience (in 48 degrees of heat), and one that left me with mixed feelings. On the one hand it was very special to paddle in the Sea of Galilee, visit St Peter's house, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and worship Jesus at the place in Bethlehem where he was born. On the other hand, walking through the market in Hebron and seeing and feeling the sharp political tensions, and seeing the huge concrete Israeli walls that divided Palestinian communities, left me feeling overwhelmed. There is such deep division that seemed even more entrenched than when I was last there twenty years ago. Our group had meetings with various different grassroots community organisations working for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. This is where the hope laid. On the 'security' wall there was a lot of artwork, including a few Banksies. One slogan caught my eye '*We cannot afford the luxury of despair*'. And another '*We refuse to be made enemies*.'

Local people coming together, committed to non-violent engagement, taking risks to find common ground. This is where the hope is. At Easter we pray in our Vigil '*We pray for the peace of Jerusalem*', and this prayer came alive for me as I visited the Holy City, yearning for peace and hope. My favourite stop was the Chapel of Dominus Flavit (Jesus Wept) which overlooks the city, and has a powerful mosaic on the front of the altar depicting Jesus as a mother hen with her chicks,

This month in Patrixbourne and Bridge churches is a special time. We are building our Vision for the future, and strengthening our financial base through a focus on Stewardship. A Christian approach to money is that all money is God's. We give back to God what is already God's, as a thanksgiving for God's overflowing love for us. Please pray with us for a positive response.

This month we start the main wedding season, which I greatly enjoy. I meet each couple three or four times for preparation meetings, and it is a great honour for me to prepare couples for married life and help them plan their service. Please pray for Sophie and Adam (4 July), Samuel and Polly (18 July), Luke and Gemma (18 July), Malcom and Debbie (25 July).

Have a lovely relaxing summer,  
Grace and peace, Jonathan



## Dates For Your Diary

July 2015

|                               |          |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/07                         | 14-16.00 | Vicar's pop in at the Shepherd's Hut,<br>Chalkpit Farm,<br>Bekesbourne |
| 01/07                         | 19.30    | Lower Hardres with Nackington PCC<br>John Baker White Hall,            |
| Lower Hardres                 |          |                                                                        |
| 03/07                         | 11.00    | Burial of ashes – Joyce and Bob Hopkins<br>St Peter's, Bridge          |
| 04/07                         | 13.30    | Wedding of Sophie Noel and Adam<br>Stoneham, St Mary's,                |
| Lower Hardres                 |          |                                                                        |
| 04/07                         | 16-17.30 | Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-<br>15. Meet at the            |
|                               |          | Pavilion, Bridge Recreation                                            |
| Ground                        |          |                                                                        |
| 05/07                         | 14.00    | Baptism of Niall Bachmann, St Mary's,                                  |
| Patixbourne                   |          |                                                                        |
| 05/07                         | 09.30    | Baptisms of Anna Latchford and Imogen                                  |
|                               |          | St Peter's, Bekesbourne                                                |
| 06/07                         | 19.30    | Caring and Sharing                                                     |
| 07/07                         | 09,30    | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                   |
|                               |          | Holy Communion at Bridge Haven                                         |
|                               |          | After 8's at Mansfield Court                                           |
| 08/07                         | 14-16.00 | Vicar's pop in at the Shepherd's Hut,                                  |
| Chalkpit Farm,<br>Bekesbourne |          |                                                                        |
| 08/07                         | 10.00    | FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall                                     |
|                               |          | 14.00                                                                  |
|                               |          | Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,                             |
| Lower Hardres                 |          |                                                                        |
| 11/07                         | 09.30    | Bekesbourne churchyard gardening team                                  |
| 11/07                         | 16-17.30 | Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-<br>15. Meet at the            |
|                               |          | Pavilion, Bridge Recreation                                            |
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| 16/07<br>and 6.               | 09.30                   | Church Service for Bridge School for years 4, 5<br>St Peter's, Bridge                                 |
| 17/07<br>Years 1, 2<br>Bridge | 09.30                   | Church Service for Bridge School for Reception and<br>and 3 St Peter's,                               |
| 18/07<br>Mary's,              | 13.30                   | Wedding of Polly Ward and Samuel Petersen, St<br>Lower Hardres                                        |
| 18/07<br>St Peter's,          | 13.30                   | Wedding of Gemma Martin and Luke Samarasinge,<br>Bekesbourne                                          |
| 18/07<br>at the<br>Ground.    | 16-17.30                | Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet<br>Pavilion, Bridge Recreation                       |
| 21/07                         | 09.30<br>15.00<br>20.00 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge<br>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge<br>After 8's at Mansfield Court |
| 22/07<br>Farm,<br>Bekesbourne | 14-16.00                | Vicar's pop in at the Shepherd's Hut, Chalkpit                                                        |
| 24/07                         | 09.15                   | Bridge School Year 6 Leavers Assembly                                                                 |
| 25/07<br>Cumming,             | 12.30                   | Wedding of Deborah Ribchester and Malcolm<br>St Mary's, Nackington                                    |
| 25/07<br>at the<br>Ground.    | 16-17.30                | Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet<br>Pavilion, Bridge Recreation                       |
| 27/07<br>Wardens at the       | 12.30                   | Lunch for Church Wardens and Deputy Church<br>Vicarage                                                |
| 27/07                         | 19.30                   | Caring and Sharing                                                                                    |
| 28/07                         | 09.30                   | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                                                  |

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News: tel no: 07935 966 080**

The Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday July 8th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge Village Hall.

If you have any spare knitting wool please remember to bring it along.

Thank you.

### **RNLI House-to-House Collection**

Many thanks go to the loyal band of collectors in Bridge, who raised the splendid sum of £675.86—slightly up on last year. The overall amount collected for the Canterbury area was £9,264.22. RNLI relies entirely on voluntary donations and thanks go to all those who collected and all who contributed, to such a worthwhile cause.

John Hill, Village Co-ordinator

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

We would like to report that our recent Cream Tea Afternoon proved to be a great success. We raised over £520 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to all those who helped especially the "tea ladies" who worked so hard in the kitchen and the waitresses. We hope to keep this as an annual event as it seems to be so popular. We would like to see more of our members coming along to our monthly meetings if they possibly can. We do have quite a few members, but do not see many of them at meetings. Please come along and join in - your input would be valuable.

Our next 2 monthly meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 14th July and 11th August (always 2nd Tues of the month) both at 8pm.

## **EDITORS MESSAGE. Will all**

**contributors please note that the next edition of On the Nail Will be the combined AUGUST / SEPTEMBER one. Could I please have all items for this edition By WEDNESDAY 15th JULY Preferably by email, laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.co**

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# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015

In this 70th anniversary year of the founding of Christian Aid it is encouraging to report that the Christian Aid Week collection in the Bridge Benefice was a record £2293.24 (increased to £2654.26 with added Gift Aid). This excellent result is due to the hard work and commitment of our team of collectors and the generosity of everyone who donated. Many thanks to you all.

The money collected will enable people like Loko Tarso, the young Ethiopian woman who featured on this year's Christian Aid Week poster, to buy a cow and start to improve her prospects, not be forced to rise at dawn and walk miles to collect thorny firewood, so that her children can have a daily meal.

For more information about how Christian Aid works in helping communities grow out of poverty, go to [www.christianaid.co.uk](http://www.christianaid.co.uk)

Jean Barber

**Bridge Fete**—To date we do not have a final total but it is expected to be in the region of £6000+

Thank you to the committee who pulled out all the stops and produced yet another successful community event. Also to the many loyal helpers who turn up year after year.



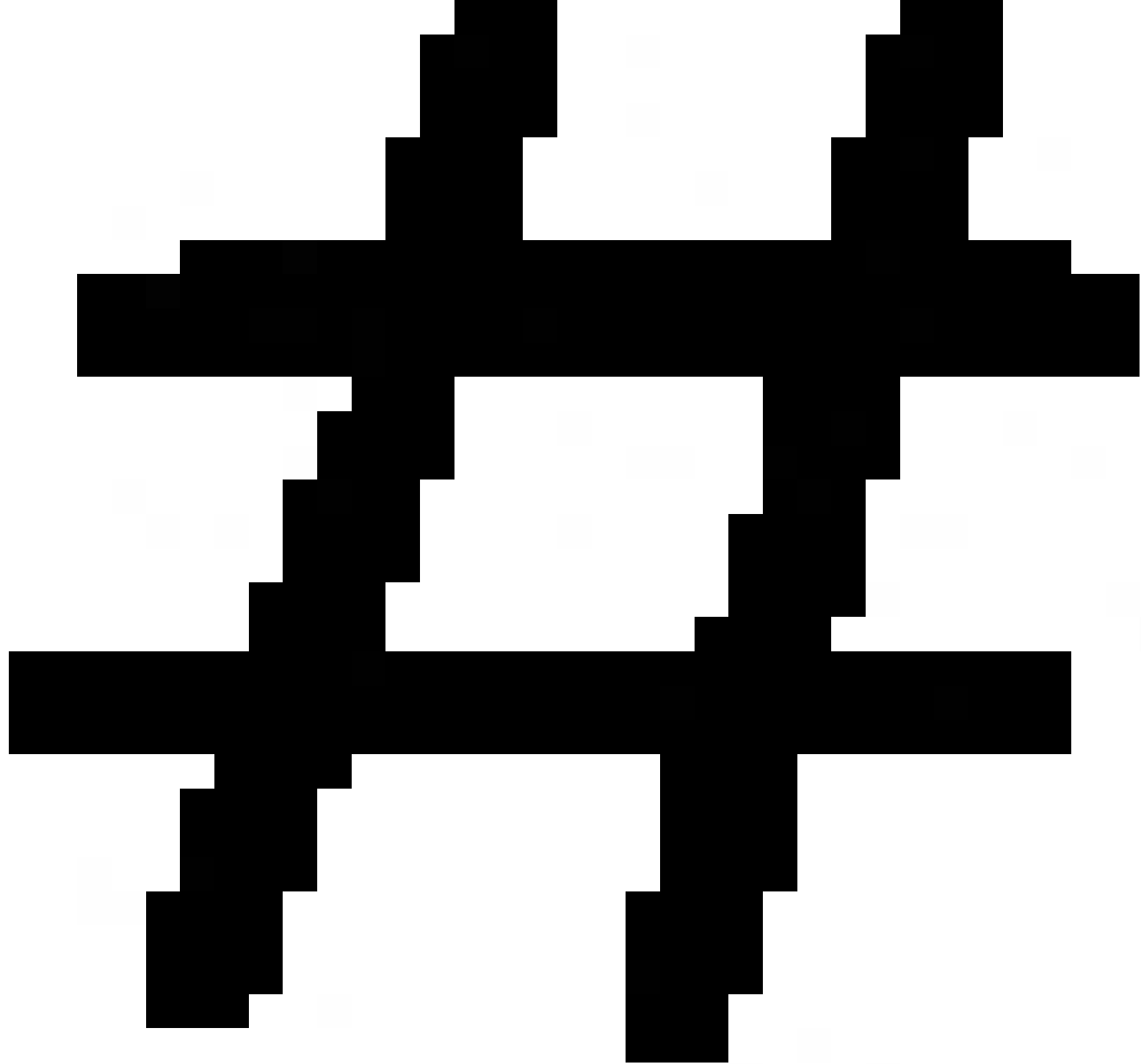
# Refugee Tales at Patrixbourne 14th June 2015

To mark Refugee Week 2015 the pilgrims' route of the North Downs way was walked by a large contingent of people. This was to highlight the current plight of refugees and detainees across the world. The walk started at Dover and will end at Crawley and the first night's stopover was at Shepherdswell. On the second day, at lunchtime, the group came through Patrixbourne. At St Mary's church the 80 walkers rested, and were served tea and cake. Neil, Will and Tom, musicians walking with them, entertained the group with music before they all set off for their afternoon walk to Canterbury. At each evening stop along the route well known authors and actors presented modern day versions of the Canterbury Tales.

Thank you to everyone who came to look after the group at the church, who made cake and served the many cups of tea. The musicians hope to come back to the church sometime and will give us a concert in which woodwind instruments, the organ and the church bells may feature!

Walkers resting outside the church.







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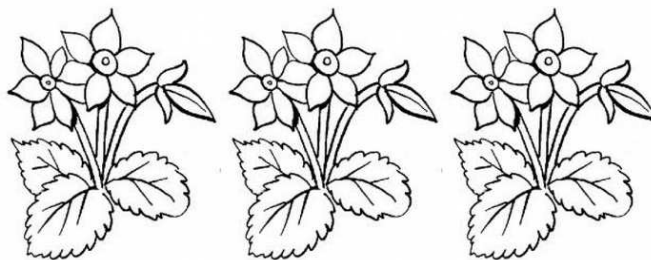
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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A reminder too that we have included **four open classes** (not three as previously mentioned) for everyone to enter, not just members. They are:

**"Any Other Vegetable"** not included in any other class (ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber). I assure you it still leaves a few! You should also use common sense on numbers.

**"A Vegetable Oddity"**

**"Mixed Flowers"** - a container (supplied by us) with anything in flower

**"Patterns in Nature"** - a **photo**, framed or unframed, not to exceed A4 size overall (get your cameras clicking now!)

Entries for these Open Classes should be brought to the hall by 10.00 am on the morning of the show. The hall will be open from 8.00 am. Members should submit their completed entry forms by Thursday 16th to Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (830057). Please do have a go. Without your entries there would be no show and we will always help you if you are unsure. And for those of you who are carefully nurturing your "Chairman's Challenge" geranium, remember to bring it along too! We look forward to having an even better show than last year. So do come along on Saturday the 18th and enjoy it.

## **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

For our meeting on **Tuesday 21st July**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, we have invited Christine Fisher to give us a talk about the **"National Trust at South Foreland Lighthouse"**, a Victorian lighthouse and, most interestingly, the first lighthouse to display an electric light anywhere in the world. If you are interested in hearing about this or are interested in the WI generally do join us at our meeting. You will be most welcome.

## **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

There is no meeting this month. Instead, the Society has a stand at the Kent County Show on the weekend of 10/11/12 July.



### **Bekesbourne 100 Club**

The winners in May were: Rod Denne £50; Andrea Nicholson £25; and Martin Fry £15. The numbers were drawn by Terry Palmer. The winners in June are: Carmen Pearson £50; Micky Chalk £25; and Mary Butlin £15. The numbers were drawn by Derek Dawson.

Mary also won the special June prize of £100. Members may wonder if this is fair, however, Mary holds ten numbers and therefore has a high chance of winning more than once in any draw. She lives in Cardiff and her interest in St Peter's is because she is a descendant of the Reverend William Bedford who was the Vicar from 1726 to 1783. William built Bekesbourne vicarage.

Mary has kindly donated Bedford's diary from 1760 to the Bekesbourne village archives and it is available to view by appointment. Contact Jill Thomas on [s.thomas@which.net](mailto:s.thomas@which.net) or 01227 832573

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Management Committee to

understand how the community  
wants the Recreation Ground to be  
managed and learn about how it is

**Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday 11 June in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

2 parishioners asked to speak. Mrs Barbara Beinder spoke of her concerns about safety on the High St—to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Mrs Emily Shirley outlined her concerns about the process adopted by Canterbury City Council for the consideration of the Local Development Plan. Her financial request and indeed the whole issue of the village's response to the Plan would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Gully cleaning by Kent Highways** will happen by July 7 2015

**The Pavilion booking** form is now online (village website)

**All bins are now to be used for dog mess** and other items of rubbish.

Cllr Sole will join the recreation ground committee, act as Snow Warden, check the monthly bank reconciliations and join the Neighbourhood Plan group.

**Skateboard park request-** Rural Areas members Panel funding has been applied for.

**Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)**

There have been some problems with rubbish collection in the last month, both in Bridge and around the district. Serco's performance has not been what it should have been and officers are reminding them of their obligations. He also mentioned the Lord Mayor's awards.

**Disposal of business from the last meeting**

**A Recreation Ground**

Cllr Hodges thanked children of the village for planting wild flowers. A request was made for larger bins by the school gate entrance and for the repair to lids of existing bins. Councillors were informed of the felling of two trees on the recreation ground one a sycamore tree and the other a dead elm tree.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** Redrafting of the plan has been continuing (22 and 29 May) and should conclude on 19 June 2015 at 17.30 p.m. in the Hunter Room

**Matters for discussion and action.**

**A Communication and decision making. Cllr Brooks**

**B BVST-Cllr Brooks**

These items were conflated in the course of wide ranging discussion about the status and role of the BVST as part of a wider consideration of the relationship to the Parish Council of various sub or affiliated groups. It was agreed by all Councillors that a set of options with regard to the BVST should be worked up by a group of councillors.

Cllr Brooks fed back on the BVST AGM held on 18 May 2015. Plans for the internal refurbishment of the pavilion have now been drawn up and now need to be costed.

**A £200 grant from the main budget for the EPC to spend in the Financial Year** was approved.

**Canterbury City Council Local Plan.** The council is to seek clarification from Professor Church and the Association of Canterbury Residents Associations that the points made to the Local Plan by Bridge Parish Council are to be aired during the Inspector's hearings.

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**E** **Parish allowances.** Cllr Atkinson informed councillors that an annual allowance of £150 can be made available from the Parish budget for each Councillor. Councillors were reminded that they can forego this allowance if they so wish.

**F** **Green Court/Western Avenue** After discussion of the current neglected state of this area, it was agreed that a meeting on 23 June 2015 between the Clerk and the local KCC Highways steward should be used to point out its poor state.

### **Any other business**

Cllr Fawke is conducting an online questionnaire about heritage trees in Bridge and asked for councillors' support in this process. A hedgerow survey of the village has just been completed.

Cllr Hodges asked for the Mill Centre to be restored as a standing agenda item for future agendas.

**The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9 July 2015 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.**





dition that can affect rabbits in the summer when the weather is warmer. It is caused when flies lay eggs on the rabbit and the eggs hatch out into maggots on the poor rabbit. Usually you will notice the rabbit is constantly grooming all the time in an attempt to get rid of them or he may be feeling so poorly that you find maggots on your rabbit it is

an emergency as they can cause a lot of damage very quickly and it is important that you take your rabbit to your vet practice immediately as without rapid treatment affected rabbits can die.

To avoid fly strike happening to your rabbit it is important to make sure your rabbit's environment is clean. The hutch should be regularly cleaned out and we recommend that during the summer months you inspect your rabbit's bottom for cleanliness and any signs of fly eggs at least once a day, ideally twice a day as the eggs hatch within hours in warm weather. If your rabbit's bottom is dirty you should seek veterinary advice as this can be a sign of underlying disease. It may be caused by inappropriate diet, dental disease, diarrhoea, urinary or genital problems, obesity or spinal problems such as arthritis and old age which mean the rabbit does not groom itself as well. If the dirty bottom can be treated then fly strike is less likely to occur.

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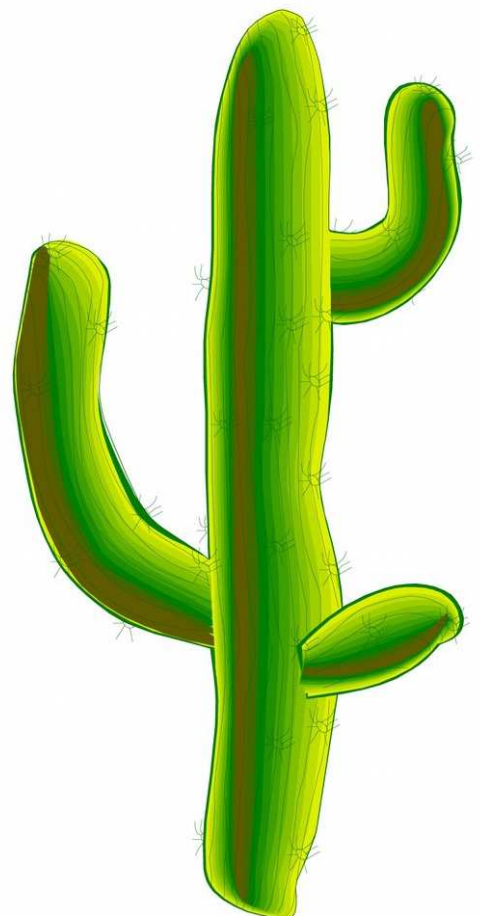
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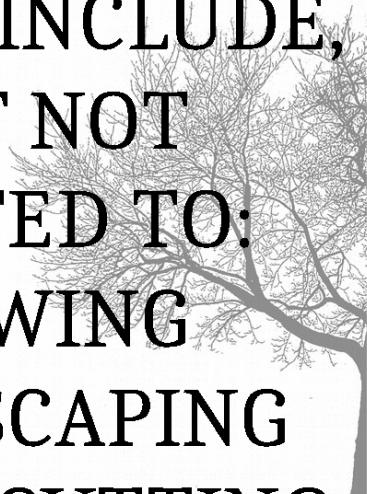
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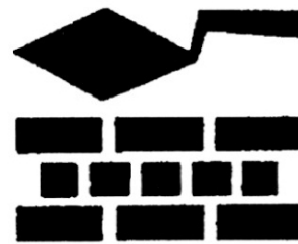


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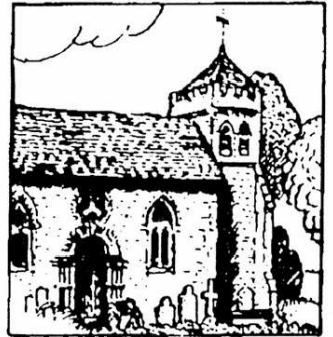
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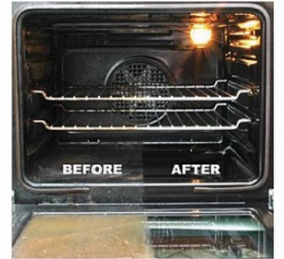
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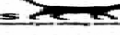



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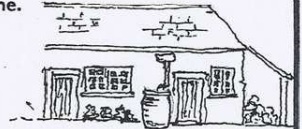
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| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2015</b>                                                               | <b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>                                                                                                                | <b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Lammastide<br/>2 August</b><br><br><i>Exodus 16:11-15<br/>John 6:28-35<br/>Green</i>              | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                                                                                                         | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Service                                                                                                            | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Evensong                                                                                                                   | <b>9.30am</b><br>Sung Eucharist<br><br><b>12.30pm</b> Holy Baptism of Wilfred Coltart                                                       | <b>9.30am</b><br>Family Service                                                                                                             |
| <b>Transfiguration<br/>9 August</b><br><br><i>2 Peter 1:16-19<br/>Luke 9:28-36<br/>White</i>         | <b>9.30am</b><br>Sung Eucharist                                                                                                             | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Evensong                                                                                                                   | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Communion                                                                                                          | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>                                                                                | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                                                                                                         |
| <b>Blessed Virgin Mary<br/>16 August</b><br><br><i>Isaiah 61:10-11<br/>Luke 1:46-55<br/>White</i>    | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>                                                                                | <b>9.30am</b><br>Family Service                                                                                                             | <b>11.00am</b><br>Parish Eucharist                                                                                                          | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                                                                                                         | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                                                                                                |
| <b>St Bartholomew<br/>23 August</b><br><br><i>Acts 5:12-16<br/>Luke 22:24-30<br/>Red</i>             | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                                                                                                | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>                                                                                | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion<br><br><b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist                                                                     | <b>9.30am</b> Mattins                                                                                                                       | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>                                                                                |
| <b>Trinity 13<br/>30 August</b><br><br><i>Deut 4:1-2, 6-9<br/>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23<br/>Green</i> | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden |

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge, followed by coffee at Florries.

4 August (Jean Baptiste Vianney 1858), 11 August (Clare of Assisi 1253), August (Bernard 1153), 25 August (Monica 387)

| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015</b>                                                                          | <b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>                                    | <b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>                                 | <b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>                                                  | <b>St Mary PATRIXBOURNE</b>                                  | <b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Trinity 14<br/>6 September</b><br><br><i>Isaiah 35:4-7a<br/>Mark 7:24-37<br/>Green</i>                          | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Communion                           | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Evensong                                               | <b>9.30am</b><br>Sung Eucharist                              | <b>9.30am</b><br>Family Service                              |
| <b>Trinity 15<br/>13 September</b><br><br><i>Isaiah 50:4-9a<br/>Mark 8:27-38<br/>Green</i>                         | <b>9.30am</b><br>Sung Eucharist                              | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Evensong                                    | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Communion                                      | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i> | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          |
| <b>St Matthew<br/>20 September</b><br><br><i>2 Cor 4:1-6<br/>Matthew 9:9-13<br/>Red</i>                            | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i> | <b>9.30am</b><br>Family Service                              | <b>11.00am</b><br>Choral Eucharist                                      | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                 |
| <b>St Michael &amp; All Angels<br/>27 September</b><br><br><i>Rev 12:7-12<br/>John 1:47-end<br/>White</i>          | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                                 | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i> | <b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion<br><br><b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist | <b>9.30am</b> Mattins                                        | <i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i> |
| <b>Harvest Thanksgiving (St Francis of Assisi)<br/>4 October</b><br><i>Micah 6:6-8<br/>Luke 12:22-34<br/>Green</i> | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          | <b>9.30am</b><br>Harvest Family Communion                    | <b>6.00pm</b><br>Harvest Evensong                                       | <b>9.30am</b> Harvest Sung Eucharist                         | <b>9.30am</b> Harvest Family Service                         |

**Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am all are warmly invited to the Benefice Holy Communion service at St Peter's Church Bridge, followed by coffee at Florries.**

1 Sept (Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 & 1942), 8 Sept (Birth of BVM), 15 Sept (Cyprian, Martyr, 258), 22 Sept (Lancelot Andrewes 1626), 29 Sept (Michael and All Angels).





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LOOKING FORWARD with vision is an important task for any church community. On 27 June a group of us from Patrixbourne and Bridge Churches met together for three hours to share our history, identify aims for the future and root our work in prayer and Scripture. These aims will be fed into the next PCC meeting on 9 September to take forward as a church community into a strategic plan. We have identified together four main areas to build on as our aims:

- 1) Deepening our community engagement, and developing further our links with our Church School.
- 2) Repairing Bridge Church building (short-term) and considering re-ordering inside (long-term) to maximise use of the building.
- 3) Ensuring worship is inclusive, welcoming and user-friendly, and exploring other ways of gathering for prayer and fellowship.
- 4) Reviewing our Christian Stewardship of time, talents and planned-giving to the Church.

We have many ideas, hopes and plans. Here are a few:

We are planning a questionnaire to get the views of the people of Patrixbourne and Bridge about your local church, and invite you to take part in this.

We are interested to find out what Bridge and Patrixbourne churches mean to you? What more could we be offering in the heart of our community?

We need a Friends of Bridge Church - can you join up and help grow a Friends organisation to support our building fabric?

We are already working on developing our website, and a forum discussion with young people in our church and school community.

I am meeting with a group of parents this month to explore what children seek in church to grow spiritually, and how we can work together to meet that need.

This is all exciting stuff. Watch this space for invitations to give your views and experience. What we seek is a church that is inclusive (for all ages and backgrounds), welcoming (new and old), prayerful and joyful, and deeply engaged with the community we are part of and serve.

I warmly invite you to be part of this exciting journey together.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

ps I warmly invite everyone to the **Summer Benefice Service and Picnic on Sunday 30 August**. At 11am we gather at Bridge Church for our Benefice Service led by *Prophecy* worship band. Please bring a picnic, and after the service (approx 11.50am) we walk to the vicarage garden (23 High Street) for our Summer Family Picnic. All welcome.

# The Bridge Group of Churches

warmly invites you  
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at

11am on Sunday 30 August  
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followed by the Summer Family Picnic  
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(The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge).  
Please bring your picnic and a chair or rug.

No need to RSVP.

All the community are welcome.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### August 2015

|        |       |                                                           |       |              |
|--------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 04/08  | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                      | 15.00 | Holy         |
|        |       | Communion at Bridge Haven                                 | 20.00 | After 8's at |
|        |       | Mansfield Court                                           |       |              |
| 11/08  | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's,                             |       |              |
| Bridge |       |                                                           | 14.30 | Holy         |
|        |       | Communion at Mansfield Court                              |       |              |
| 12/08  | 10.00 | FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall                        |       |              |
|        | 14.00 | Wedding of Nicola Courtenay and Jonathan Ross, St Mary's, |       |              |
|        |       | Lower Hardres                                             |       |              |
| 14/08  |       |                                                           |       | Wedding      |
|        |       | of Jasmine King and Thomas Hart, St Mary's,               |       |              |
|        |       | Lower Hardres                                             |       |              |
| 18/08  | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's,                             |       |              |
| Bridge |       |                                                           | 15.00 | Holy         |
|        |       | Communion at Saxon Lodge                                  | 20.00 | After 8's at |
|        |       | Mansfield Court                                           |       |              |
| 19/08  | 15.00 | Hymns at Bridge Haven                                     |       |              |
| 25/08  | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's,                             |       |              |
| Bridge |       |                                                           |       |              |

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### September 2015

|       |          |                                                |       |              |
|-------|----------|------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| 01/09 | 09.30    | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge           | 15.00 | Holy         |
|       |          | Communion at Bridge Haven                      | 20.00 | After 8's at |
|       |          | Mansfield Court                                |       |              |
| 05/09 |          | Wedding of Camilla Mount and Thomas Sanctuary. |       |              |
|       |          | St Peter's, Bekesbourne                        |       |              |
| 05/09 | 16-17.30 | Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-       |       |              |
| 15.   | #        |                                                |       |              |



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|-----------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 15/09           | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge |
|                 |       | 15.00 Holy Communion                 |
| at Saxon Lodge  |       |                                      |
|                 |       | 20.00 After 8's at                   |
| Mansfield Court |       |                                      |
| 16/09           | 15.00 | Hymns at Bridge Haven                |
| 22/09           | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge |
| 28/09           | 19.30 | Caring and Sharing                   |
| 29/09           | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge |

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### **Forthcoming community events for Bekesbourne**

#### **Building of an INSECT Hotel -Sunday August 16th 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Come and join us up in the churchyard. If you have any of the following please bring them with you:- hay, straw, corrugated cardboard, lengths of bamboo, wool fleece, lengths of plastic drainage pipe or carpet roll tube, tiles

Unfortunately no unaccompanied children. Families welcome. Toilet available.

### **Bat information and detecting day- Friday 18th Sept.**

This is a combined event with Bridge school. Shirley Thompson from our local Bat group will be our expert for the day. She will be giving a talk to children, parents and Bekesbourne parishioners at Bridge school earlier in the day which will be followed up with a bat detection session up at Bekesbourne Church around sunset. Look out for final details in early Sept. Book a place with Pat Kusel on 01227 830272.

### **Remembering VJ Day**

VJ Day was a final end of the Second World War taking place on 15 August four months after the other endings, and two atomic bombs. Bridge resident and member of Bridge Church, John D Robbins was a Chindit under General Orde Wingate. During the war John spent four months behind Japanese lines in Burma, and has been invited to the official ceremony to mark the anniversary at Horse Guards Parade in London on 15 August.

On Sunday 16 August our vicar will lay a wreath with John at the Bridge Church war memorial at the end of the 11.00am service.

We salute John and his colleagues for their courage and sacrifice, as we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world today.

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News.**

The August Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 12th in Bridge village hall from 10 to 11.15 and the September one will be on Wednesday 9th. We hope a volunteer from Hi Kent will be at the September Pop-In to help with hearing aids.

### **Bridge Benefice Caring & Sharing**

No meetings will be held during the school holidays. Our next meeting will be 14th September 7.30pm for a coffee and chat at Mansfield Court. Monday 28th September will be a talk by Canon Jonathan LLOYD on his recent visit to The Holy Land, 7.30pm again at Mansfield Court. All welcome.

### **Mrs Kath Pierce**

Everyone in the village will be sad to hear that Kath has died. She had lived in the village for many years and was a great supporter of everything that was going on in the village. She will be greatly missed.



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## June Lane

June, Rosemary, but of course she was June to us and we are all here today to pay our respects and to show our love to a very special lady – unique and quite lovely. She was a lady of high integrity, and was absolutely selfless. We are also here to thank God for her earthly life amongst us, and to thank God for the privilege of knowing her because however little or however much our paths have crossed, she has left her mark on us.

We are also here to remember – memories. They are special and precious because they are ours, and no one can take them from us. They are God's gift – one minute we are laughing, and the next crying.

June was so very courageous all through her life, and with whatever life threw at her. Strange that this attribute manifested itself when her illness was at its peak. No food, not knowing exactly what lay ahead and perhaps little hope of her ever getting better. She kept a brave face, even with her family and friends. She even joked about the liquid food going into her, saying 'That's my Steak and Kidney Pie!'. On top of all that, she rejoiced with others good news, sincerely congratulating them. She even went to Mansfield Court, and watched people enjoying strawberries, scones and cream, and she smiled.

One of her very long standing friends was dear Kath, and June always asked after her, even before I asked her how she was! Mind you, Kath was exactly the same, and together in life, now they are together in death.

June had the most wicked laugh, a chuckle and a giggle. It was lovely and infectious. She enjoyed Care & Share meetings and, of course after 8's. She chatted away with a giggle. June gave joy wherever she was, she was always grateful and on the night before she died, she thanked Jonathan when she was anointed. She also thanked him for the cross from Jerusalem.

When I met Ray and Rebecca, they shared some of their memories. In Rebecca's words 'June was born into Heaven on the anniversary of the day she was born to earth. Her unpleasant discomfort and treatment was a great example to us all.'

June worked hard at School, and finally met dear Ray, but she was waiting for him in the wrong place! Good job she got to the right church on her wedding day. She loved having her family around her. Ray and her children meant the world to her, and her only grandson, Joseph was very special to her. She spoilt him, but she could – she was his grandma.

June worked hard, apple picking, and she worked for Cannon Brett at the Cathedral. He treated her as one of the family. She worked at Choir-house with Kath, and they had lots of fun and giggles. She modelled hats too.

June was a Saint – a shining example to us all. All these memories and your own could fill a large book, but now her earthly book is complete. She is now with Almighty God in Heaven. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Margaret Clarke.





**Kent Churches Annual Bike Ride  
2015** The next Friends

**of Kent Churches sponsored Bicycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12th September 2015 between 10am and 6pm. 50% of sponsorship money raised will go to the local church and 50% plus any Gift Aid to the Friends.**

**Last year Kent Churches raised £138,616 of which St Peter's Bridge contributed £527.50.**

**Participants plan their own routes, with the assistance of a printed list of churches and chapels. This is recorded on a special sponsor form. If you do not cycle there are numerous Canterbury City churches participating within reasonable walking distance of each other. We also need Recorders to sit in Church to meet and greet participants and stamp their record of churches visited. Further details can be obtained from either David or Ann Edmonds on 01227 830795 or speak with them in Church or where ever you meet them in the village. We have all the forms required as well as lists of participating churches. Thank you David and Ann. ST MARY'S PATRIBOURNE NEEDS YOU!**

**This fun annual fund-raising event takes place on Saturday 12th September.**

**Could you cycle, walk or go on horseback round a number of churches in Kent**

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## **Repairs to St Peter's Church Bridge**

Many of you who visit or pass by St Peter's Bridge will have noticed the scaffolding in place around the main door in the west wall. This was erected to protect people entering the church, after stonework started to fall from high up on the wall. Inspection of the damage revealed that work was necessary to tie the west wall back into the structure of the church and to stop any further damage. Emergency repairs were carried out to brace the wall, but a proper repair of the wall is now urgently needed. A Quinquennial inspection of the church has shown many other problems with this aging building. Essential repairs which we need to carry out immediately are likely to cost £90,000 and other work will be required after that. In the meantime we are thinking carefully about how we may wish to use our church building in the future and your views on this will be sought in the coming months but first we need to ensure the safety of the building.

To enable these urgent repairs to be commenced we first need to raise the money. We are very grateful to everyone who responded to our recent Stewardship Renewal programme (there is still time to respond!) but that money is for the day-to-day costs of running our Parish and does not cover repair work to our buildings. We will be applying for grant aid to help us fund this essential building work, but we will be expected to cover some of the costs ourselves. At the moment we have very little money available for such a project, so this autumn we will have to start raising money. Any ideas on how we can achieve the sum of £90,000 will be gratefully received, but please look out for further details of our fundraising activities in future editions of this magazine. St Peter's Bridge will need your help!

**The Churchwardens of Patricbourne with Bridge PCC**

## **Bridge Village Youth Club End of season event**

With the money raised at the village fete and funds from weekly sessions, we held an end of season event.

On Saturday 18th July we had a BBQ and bouncy castle at The White Horse Inn, Bridge.

Youth club will then close for the summer holidays and re-open at the Pavilion on Saturday 5th September. We hope to run the club up until October half-term, if the weather allows us to. We will then close for the winter and reopen the youth club next Easter. We still need volunteers to help run the club each week. Please email Katy Brooks at: [barrykaty@hotmail.com](mailto:barrykaty@hotmail.com) if you can help. Thank you.

We have been overwhelmed on how successful and well attended the club has been. Thank you for supporting us!





# **CONNECTIONS**

**A fund-raising evening for**

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**Saturday 3rd October**

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

After the Annual Summer Show and a break in August, the next event on the calendar is a talk by Peter Buscall, Horticultural Manager, about the Work of the Fifth Trust based at the Elham Valley Vineyard. This will be held on Tuesday 29 September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

### **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

On the afternoon of Tuesday 18 August, the WI have arranged their summer outing to Belmont House, near Faversham, including a tour of this fine neo-classical house and gardens, with a cream tea to round off the afternoon. For more details please contact the Secretary, Carina Whiting on 830737.

Then, resuming their evening programme, on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall Gail Pavey is giving a demonstration on "Egg Carving". Intrigued? Then come along to find out more. You will be most welcome.

### **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

Do you want to know everything there is to know about Dahlias? Then come along to the talk by Darren Everest, well-known grower and successful exhibitor, who is making a return visit to the Association on Wednesday 12 August, 7.30 for 8.00 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Moving on to September, on Wednesday 9 September, the Association has invited local snail farmer Helen Howard, who has recently been appointed "snail sommelier" by Café Rouge and now produces around 50,000 a year for the restaurant trade, to give a talk entitled "The Ultimate Slow Food". Same timings and location as above, and, of course, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy listening to these speakers.

Following closely on the heels of the talk, the Association is holding its Annual Show, again in Bridge Village Hall, over the weekend of Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September. The Show will be open to the public from 2 until 5 pm on the Saturday and from 10 am until 4 pm on the Sunday. Entry is free so do pop in and admire the quality of vegetables that members can produce.

### **Cat on Post Office Roof**

I wonder how many people have noticed the removal and now the replacement of the cat on the ridge of the Post Office roof. It is a French feline, which Laurie and I bought long ago, while returning by car from a holiday in Normandy. It is good to see the cleaned and shining pussy cat up again on high!

Ann Shirley

**NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



# The Work of the Fifth Trust

(based at the Elham Valley Vineyard)

a presentation by

Horticultural Manager,

Peter Buscall

Tuesday 29 September

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Refreshments available



**Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday  
9 July 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

The Clerk has written to the KCC Traffic Schemes to regarding the location of the bus stops in the village near the post office. Motorists are systematically driving on the pavement because of the location of the bus stops causing danger to pedestrians and damage to the kerbs and pavement.

**Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)**

The city council has a wide spectrum of responses to parking enforcement and is happy to take advice from parish councils. Councillors should write to him about specific concerns. He outlined the process for attempting to overturn the previous administration's decision to sell the Mill Centre. A final decision due in September 2015. The proposed sale of the centre is on hold until a final decision is reached.

**Report from KCC Councillor (Michael Northey)**

Cllr Northey assured the meeting he would follow up concerns raised in the village about traffic in the High St. He is happy to put his influence behind improving the environment in the Green Court area.

He updated Council on the latest developments in Operation Stack, Ofsted inspections of schools in Kent and the increasing numbers of unaccompanied immigrant minors.

**Recreation Ground**

Councillors agreed to delegate to the recreation ground committee the task of creating a vision for the future of the recreation ground. This will include consideration of the pavilion refurbishment, fencing off the children's play area, and the provision of picnic benches.

**Neighbourhood Plan.**

Joe Connor, Chair, reported that the revision of the plan is ongoing with a further meeting to be held on 10 July 2015 to discuss future housing in Bridge. The group will also give initial responses to a plan received on 9 July from Cantley Estates.

**School Liaison meeting feedback.**

Councillors will attend a school council meeting in September 2015. The school would like community volunteers to assist in the school. Relevant checks will be carried out by the school on behalf of potential volunteers.

**Canterbury City Council Local Plan-how to respond to the financial request made by a parishioner at the last meeting and feedback on the village's representation at the forthcoming hearings.**

Prof Clive Church is aware of the responses made by Bridge Parish Council in July 2014. It was felt he would be well suited to present the case for the village.

**Speedwatch equipment.**

If purchased, Cllr Fawke suggested the equipment would be used 2-4 times per month.

**Improving the KCC maintained environment in Green Court.**

It was decided to write to KCC highways about the prospect of grassing over the area. The issue will return to the next meeting.

**Village tree survey**

Cllr Fawke tabled a copy of the proposed questionnaire which is to be refined in the light of comments received.

### **Skateboarding event during October half term.**

It was decided to hold the joint skateboarding event (with Bekesbourne) on Bridge recreation ground on Wednesday 28 October 2015.

### **A fence around the childrens' play area on the recreation ground.**

This will form part of the wider discussions about the recreation ground and return as a fully costed proposal.

### **To review the process for the appointment of a Local Warden.**

Bridge's application to take part in a pilot scheme has been successful

### **Any other business**

Cllr A Atkinson tabled plans submitted to him that very day by Cantley estates for a limited number of houses to be built in the village in return for the resolution of many outstanding issues affecting the village. It was agreed to return to the matter for full discussion at the September meeting.

Cllr Hodges asked about the relocation of an unstable parking sign in the layby on Western Avenue.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10 September 2015 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

**Please note: A full copy of the minutes is available on the village website or is displayed on noticeboards.**

## **Notes on a meeting of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council** **July 13th 2015**

The Parish Council Meeting commenced with a minute's silence in remembrance of Joe Atkins, a former member of the Parish Council, who had made a large contribution to parish life over many years.

The current Parish Council does not have a full quota of councillors. Mr Tim Fagan was interested in becoming a Councillor and at the meeting was co-opted onto the Council. Councillor Fagan will represent the interests of Parishioners who live in the area of Lackenden Cottages. The Council's Emergency Plan had been circulated around the members and the meeting agreed to adopt the document. This will now be published on the Parish website and forwarded to the interested statutory authorities.

The Council in conjunction with Bridge Parish Council has been given the funding to run a Skate Park Day for local children at Bridge Recreation Ground during the autumn half term. Further details, such as information on booking for the event will be published in due course.

The Council was informed that the lease held by Bekesbourne Sports Club for the use of Bekesbourne recreation ground had been terminated. In future the Recreation Ground Management Committee would take over the letting of the field, and that agreements were likely to be made with local teams for the continued use of the ground for games of football.

The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards the work of further straightening the river channel as the river approaches the bridge in the middle of Patrixbourne. This work is to aid the flow of water through the culvert at times of flooding.

Further details of the meeting proceedings can be found by referring to the Minutes on the Council website

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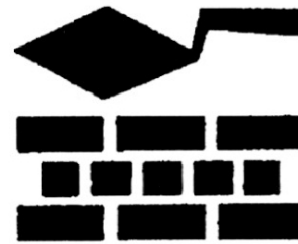
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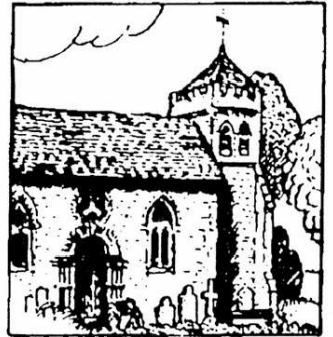
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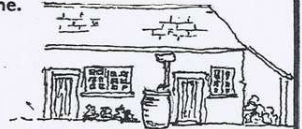
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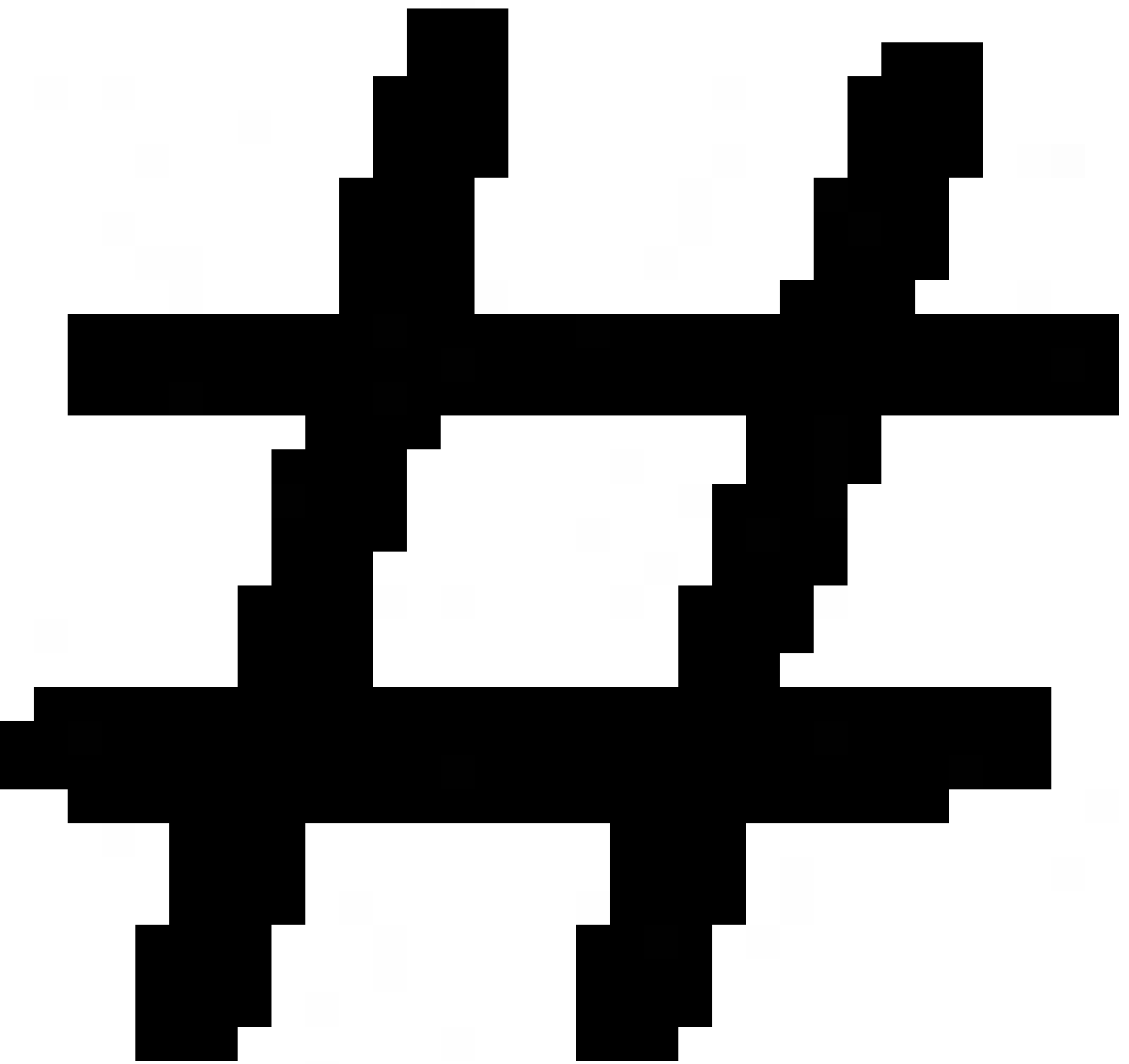
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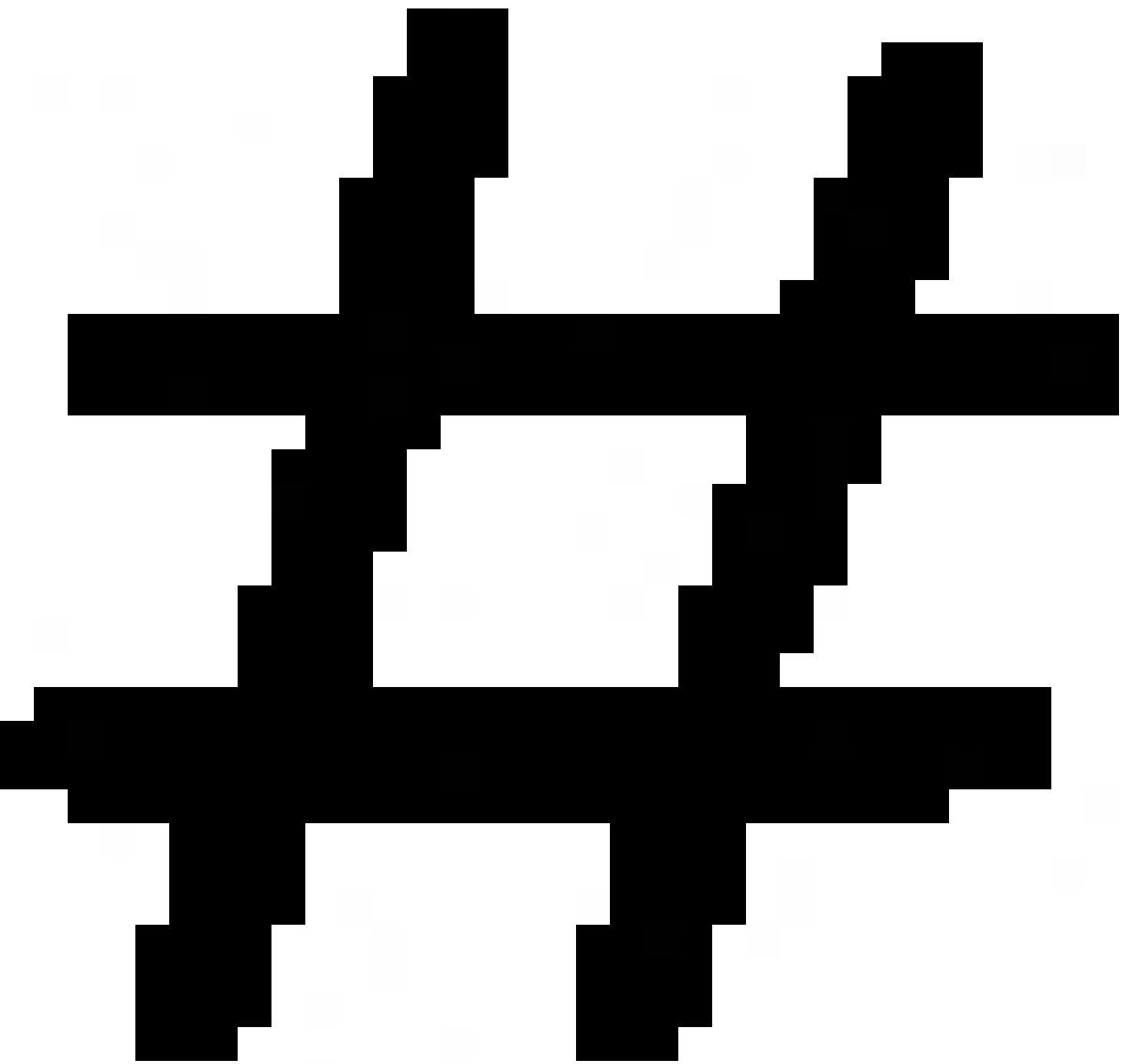
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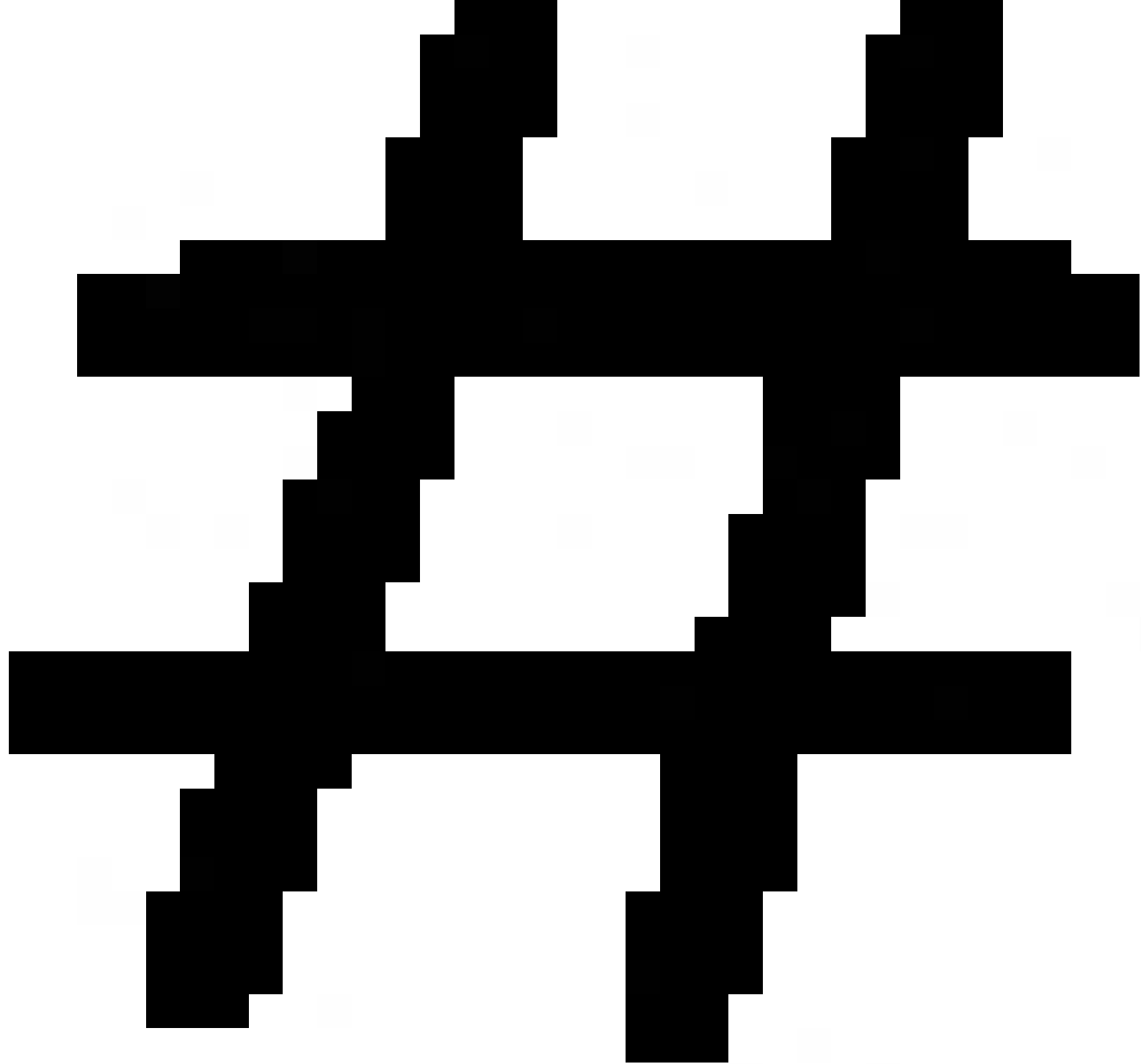
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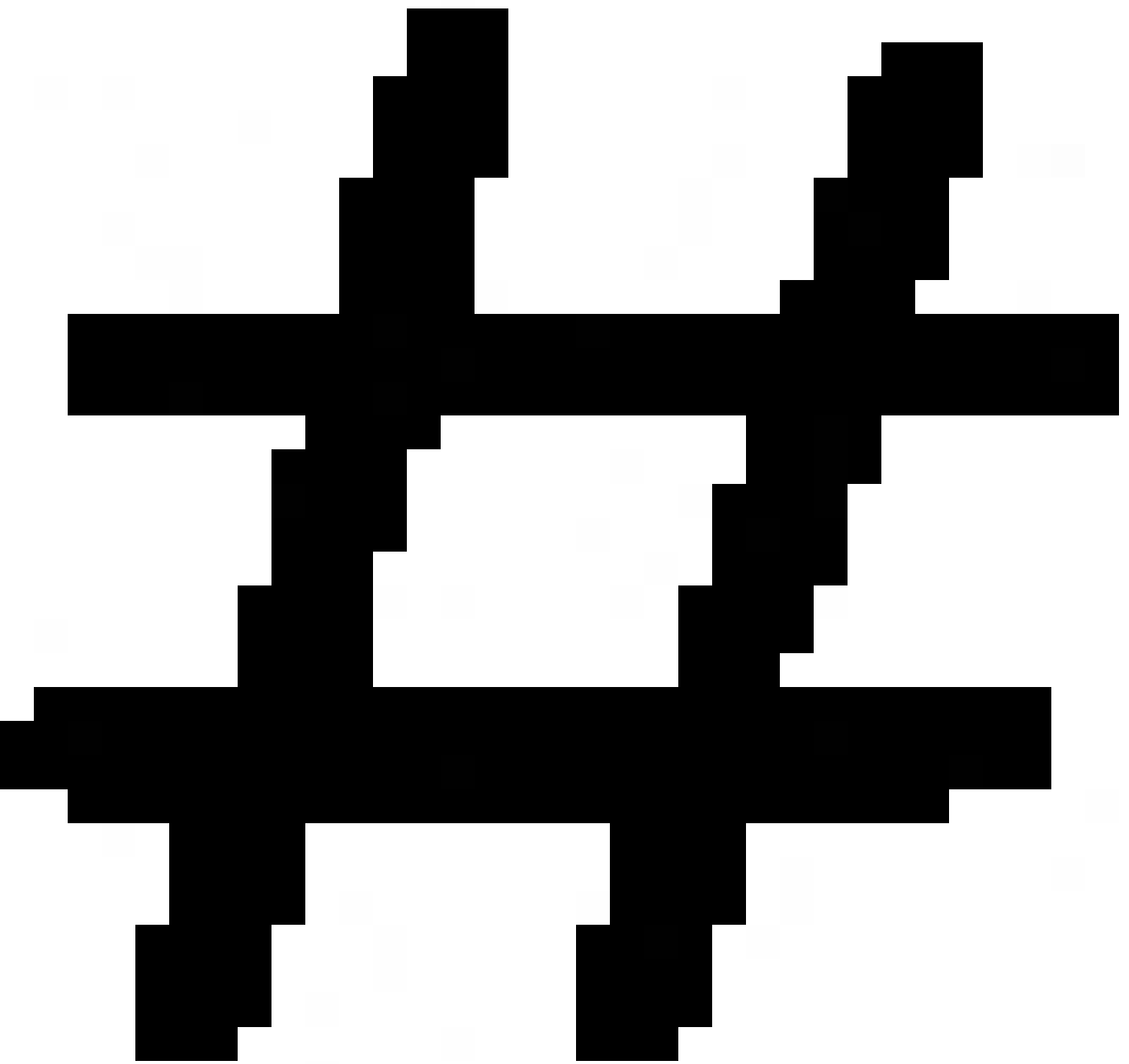
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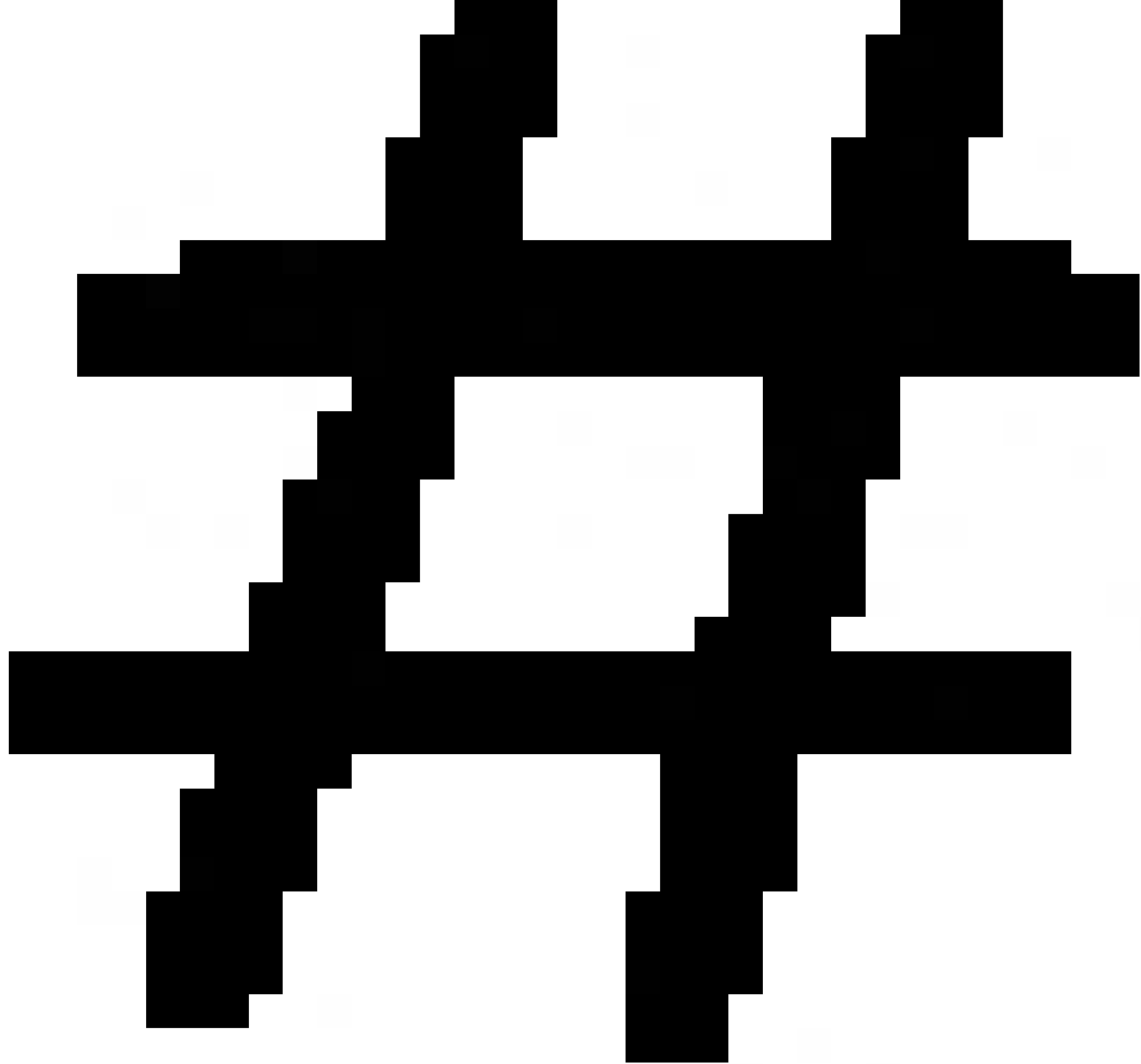


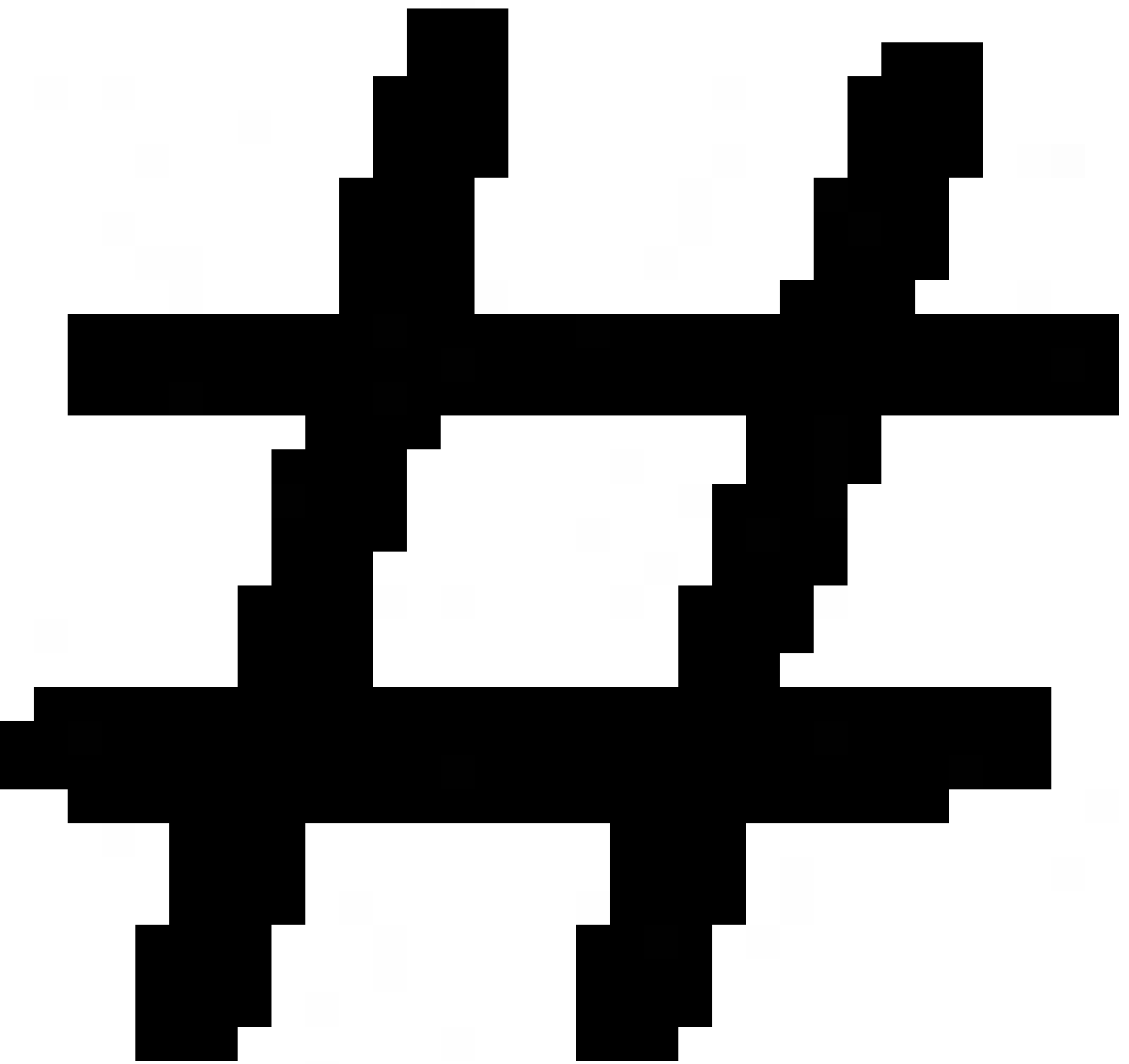


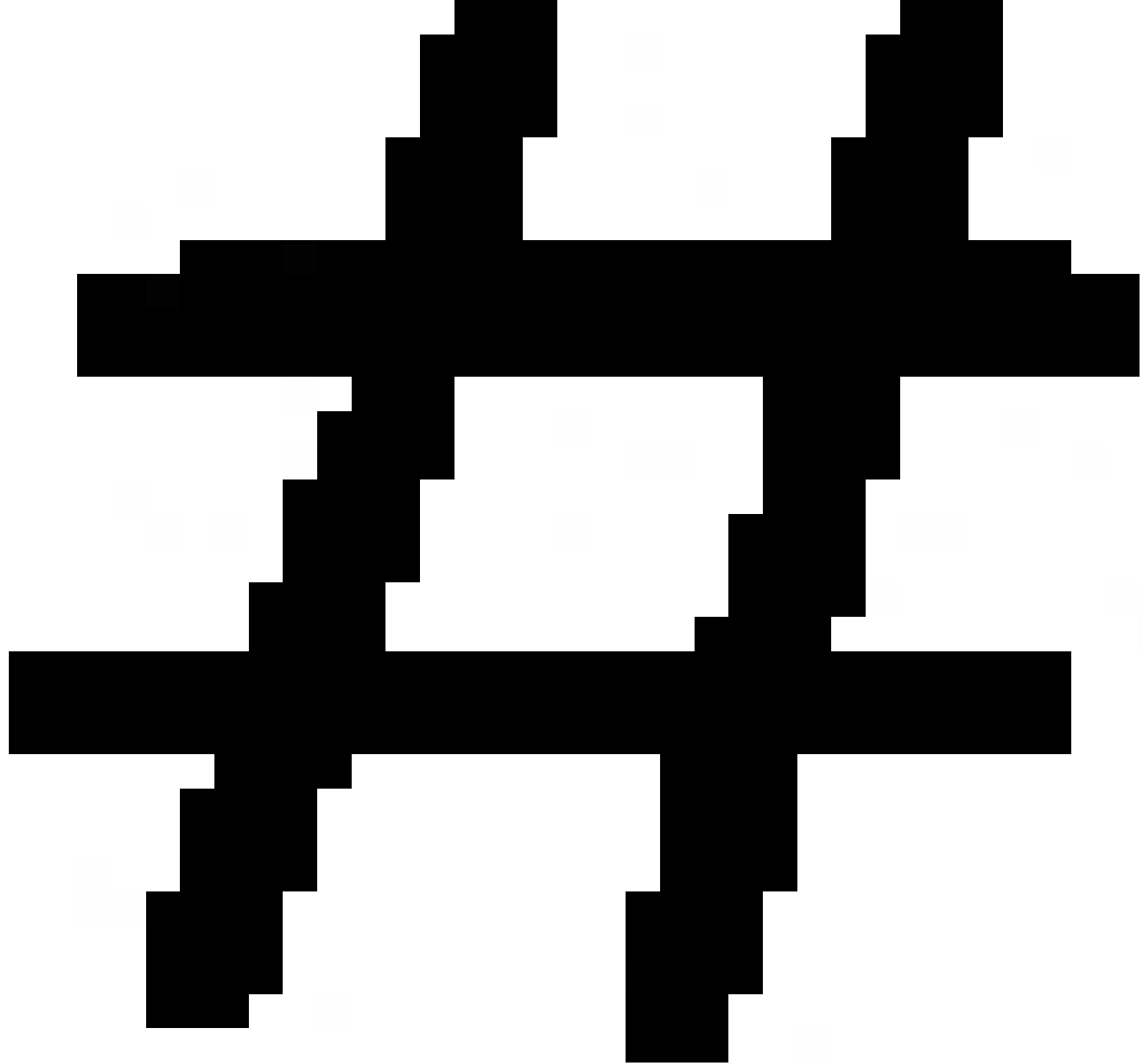




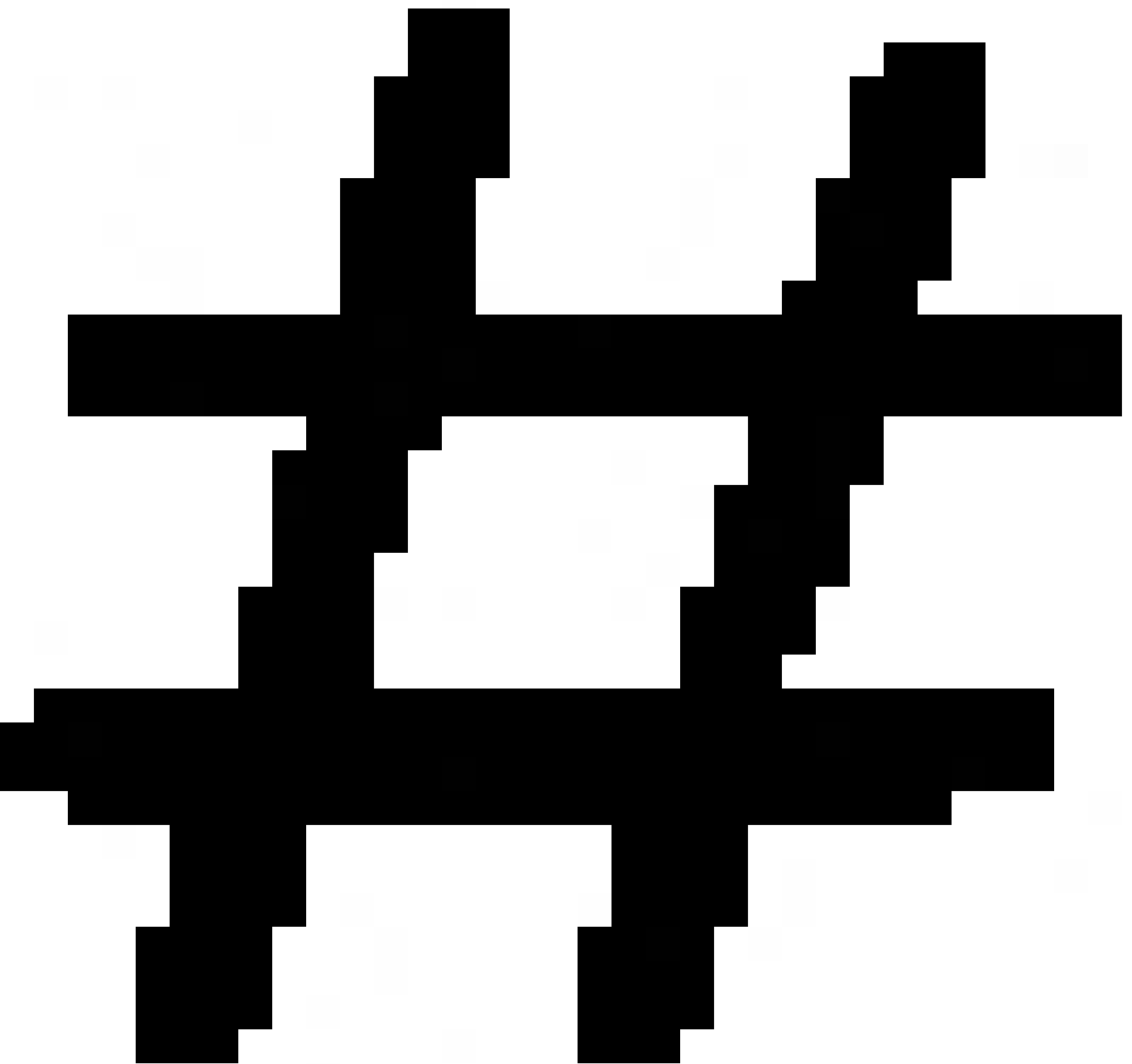


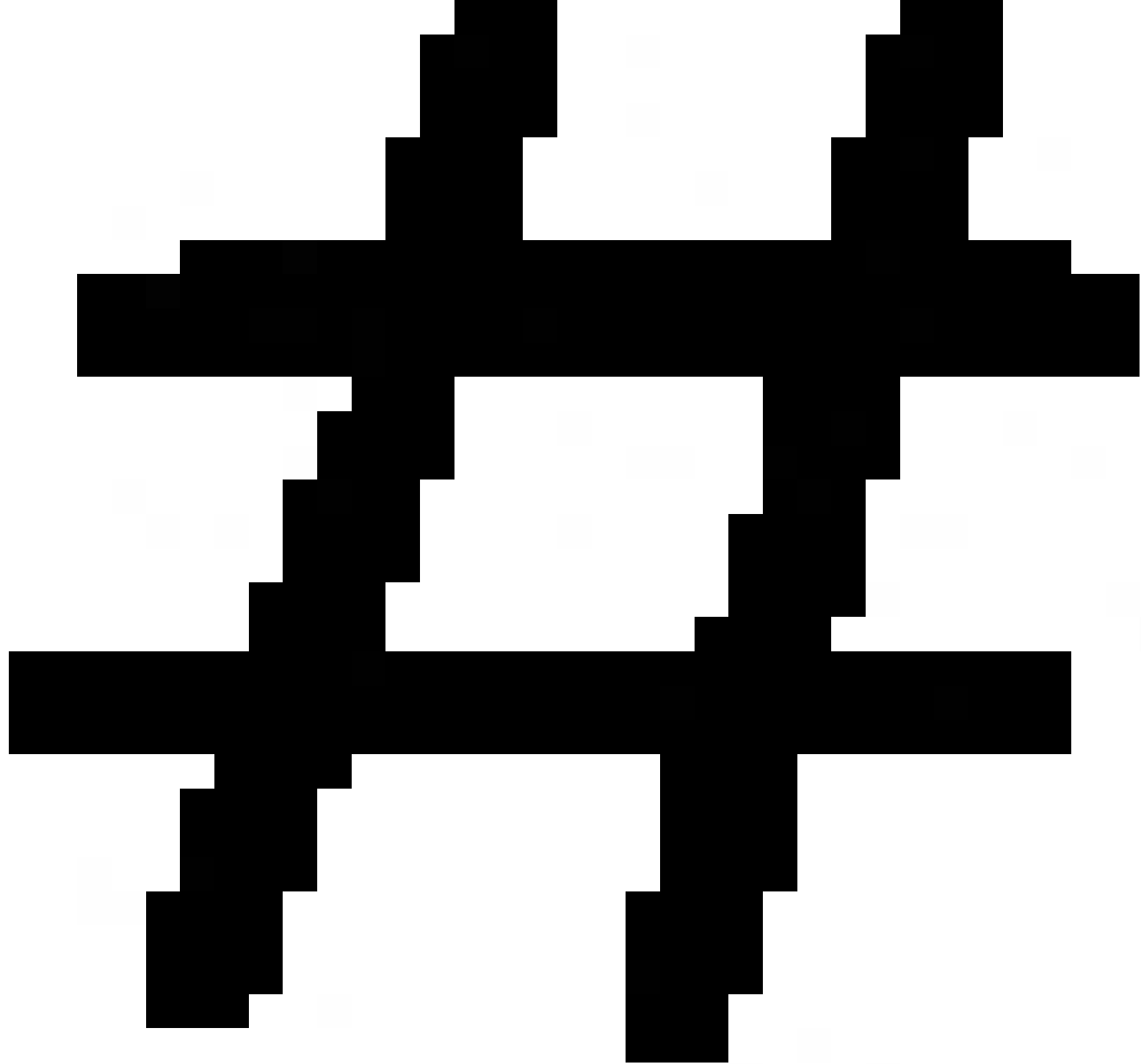


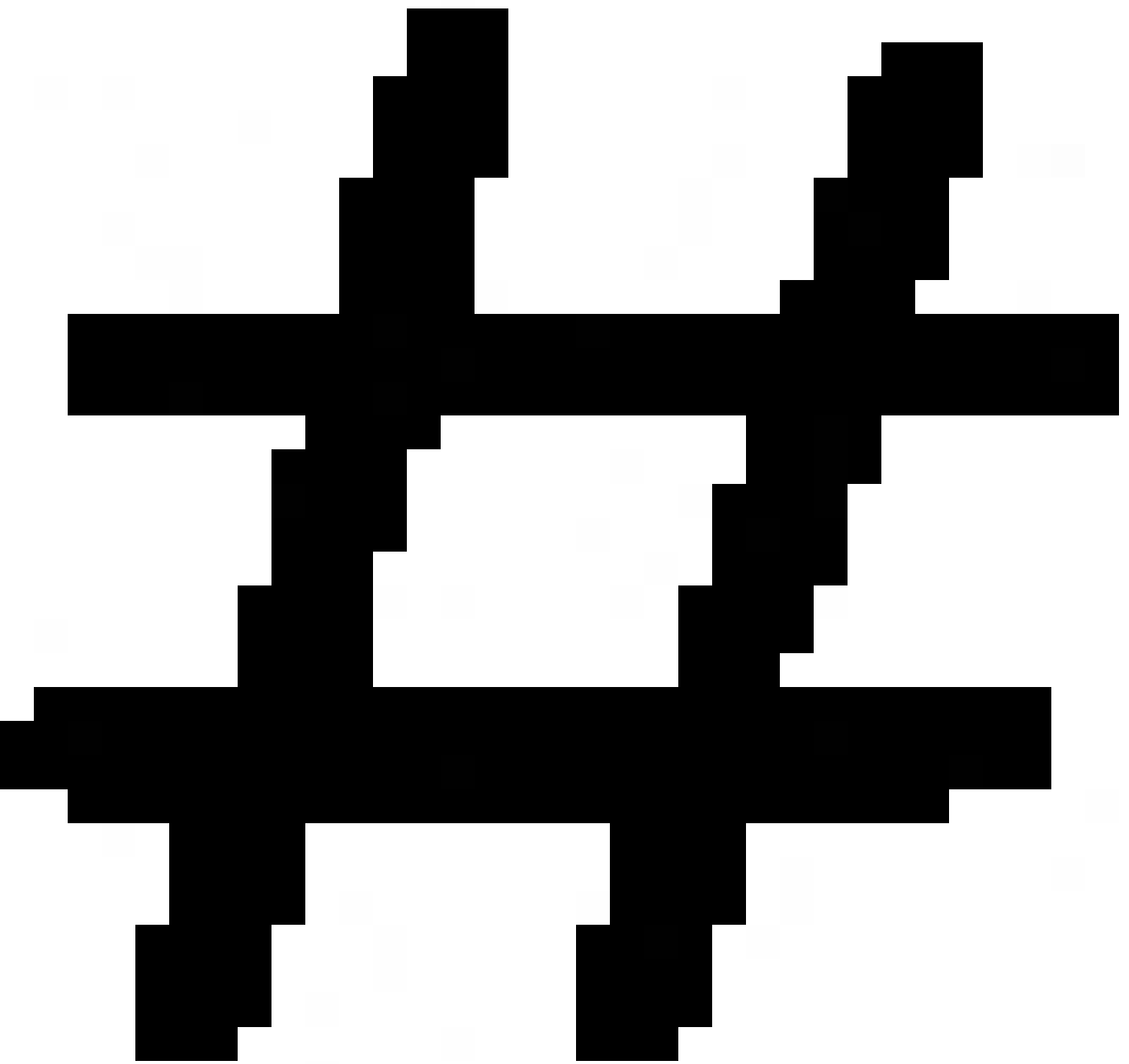


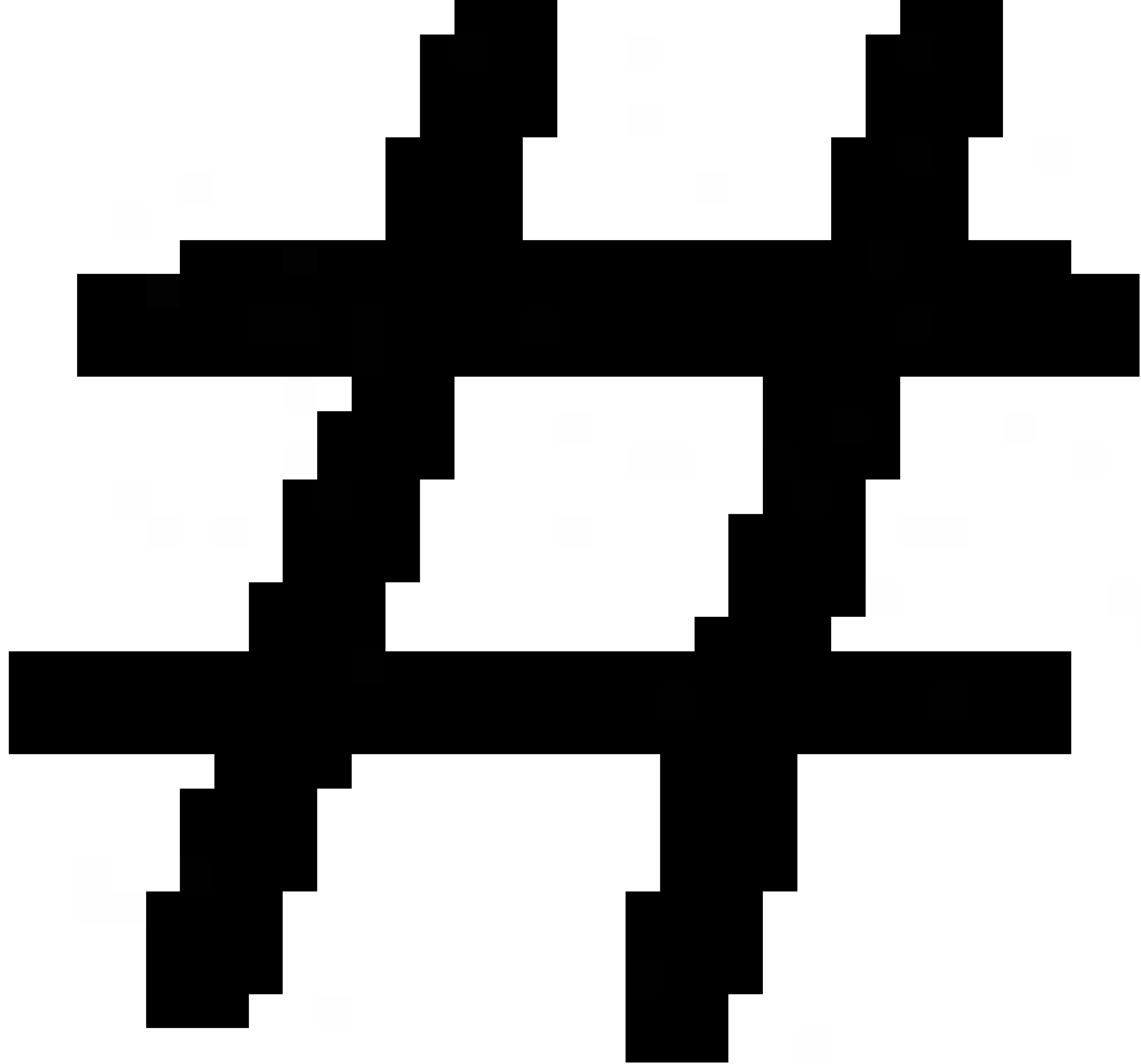




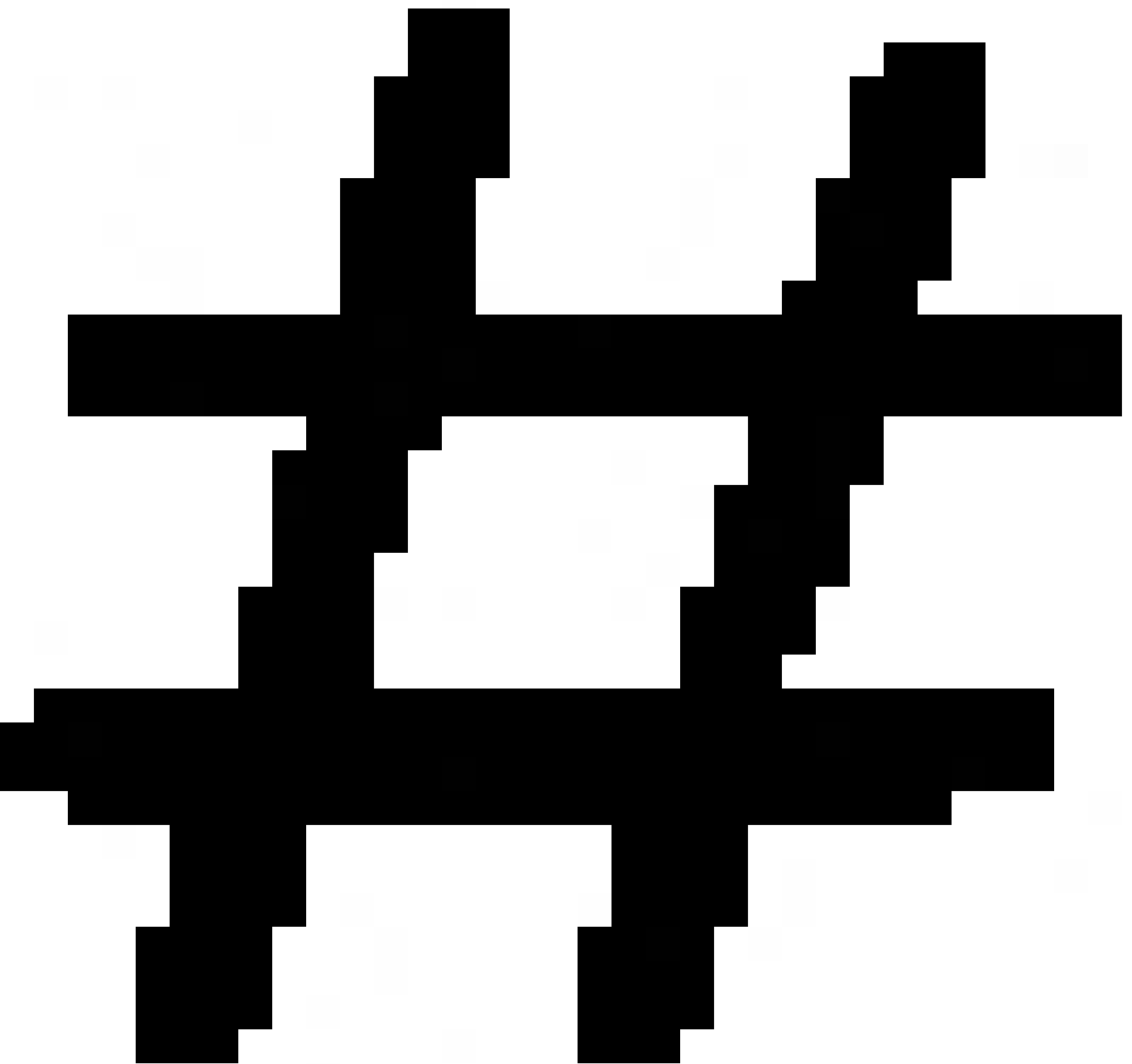


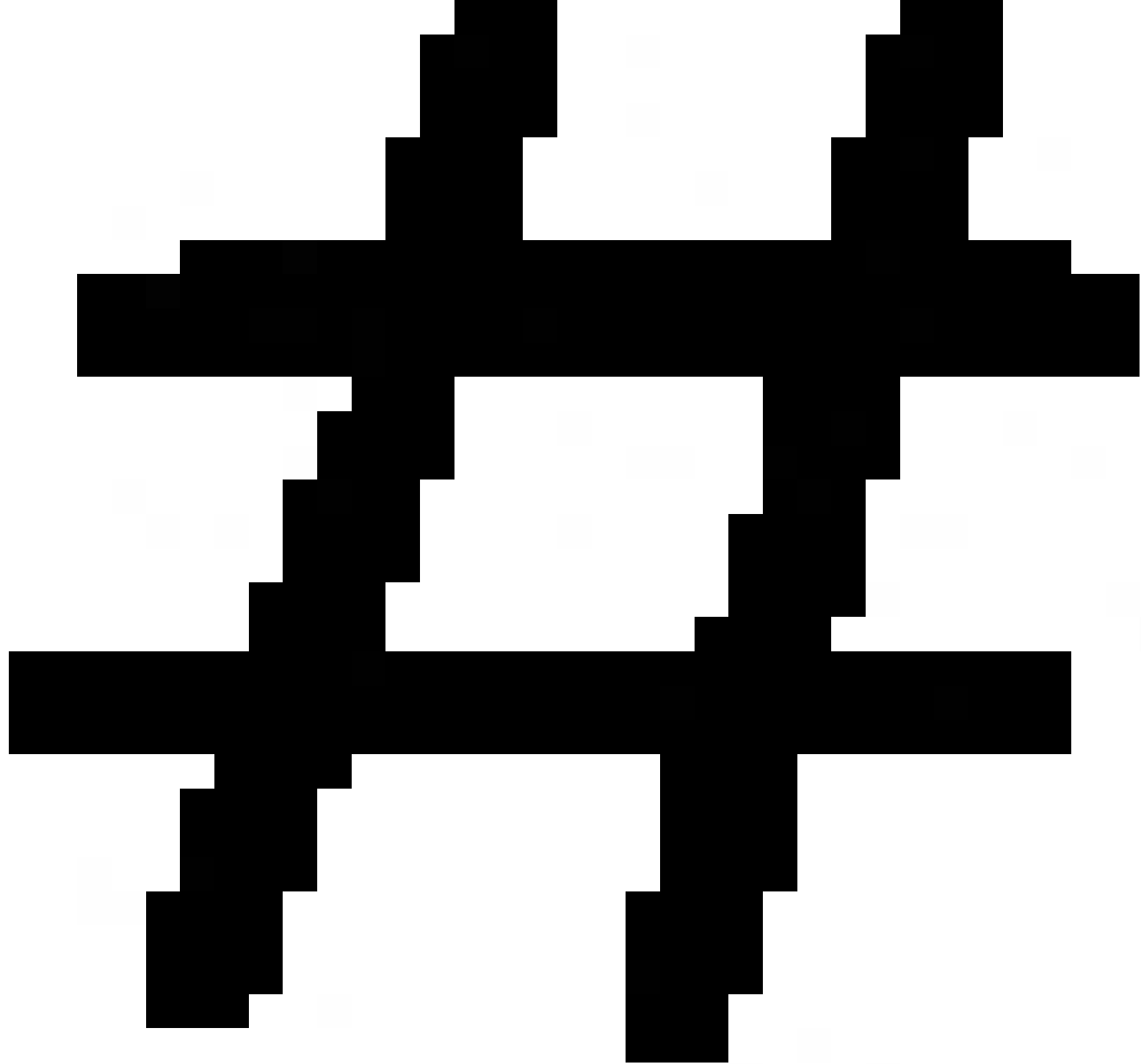


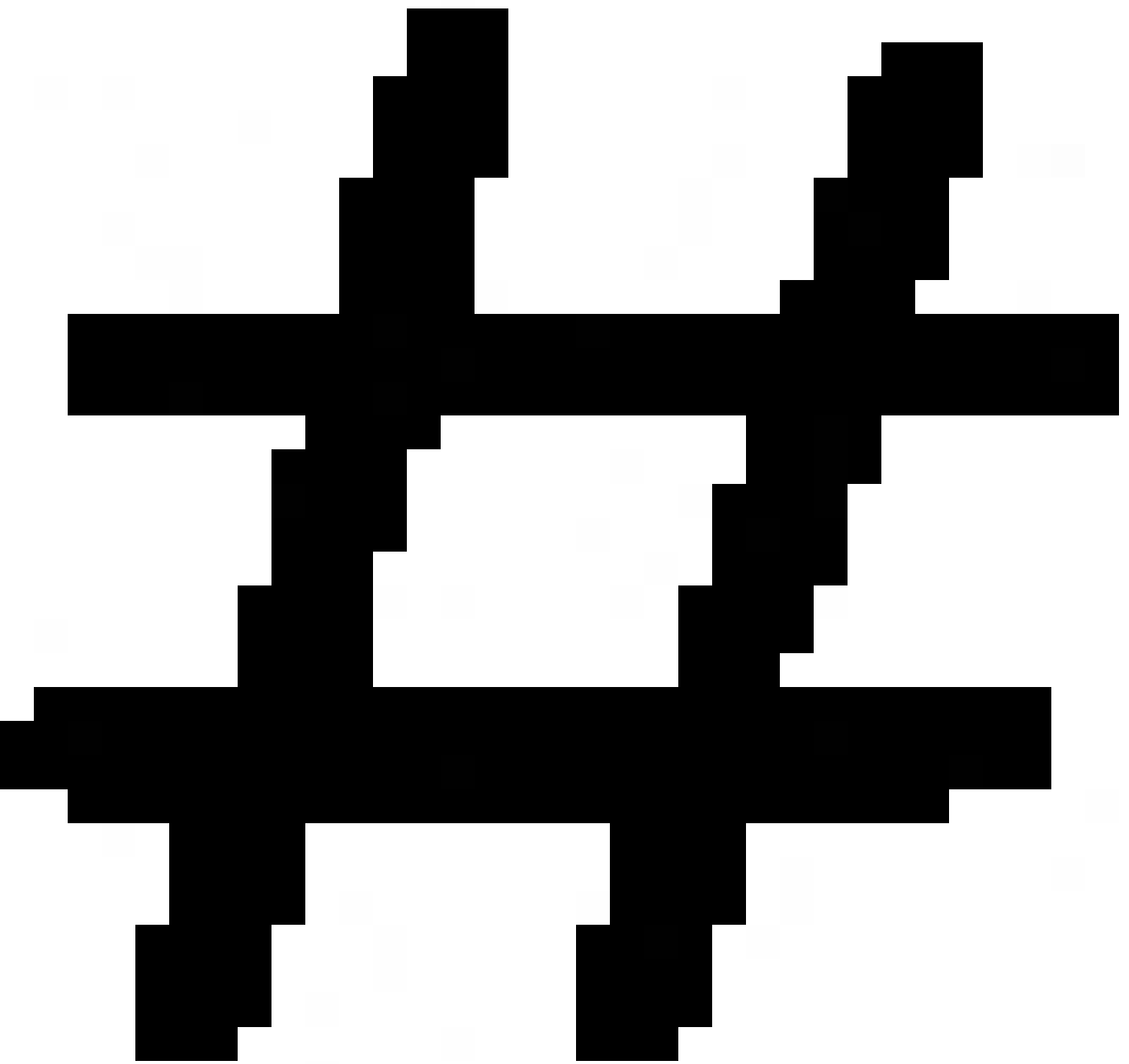


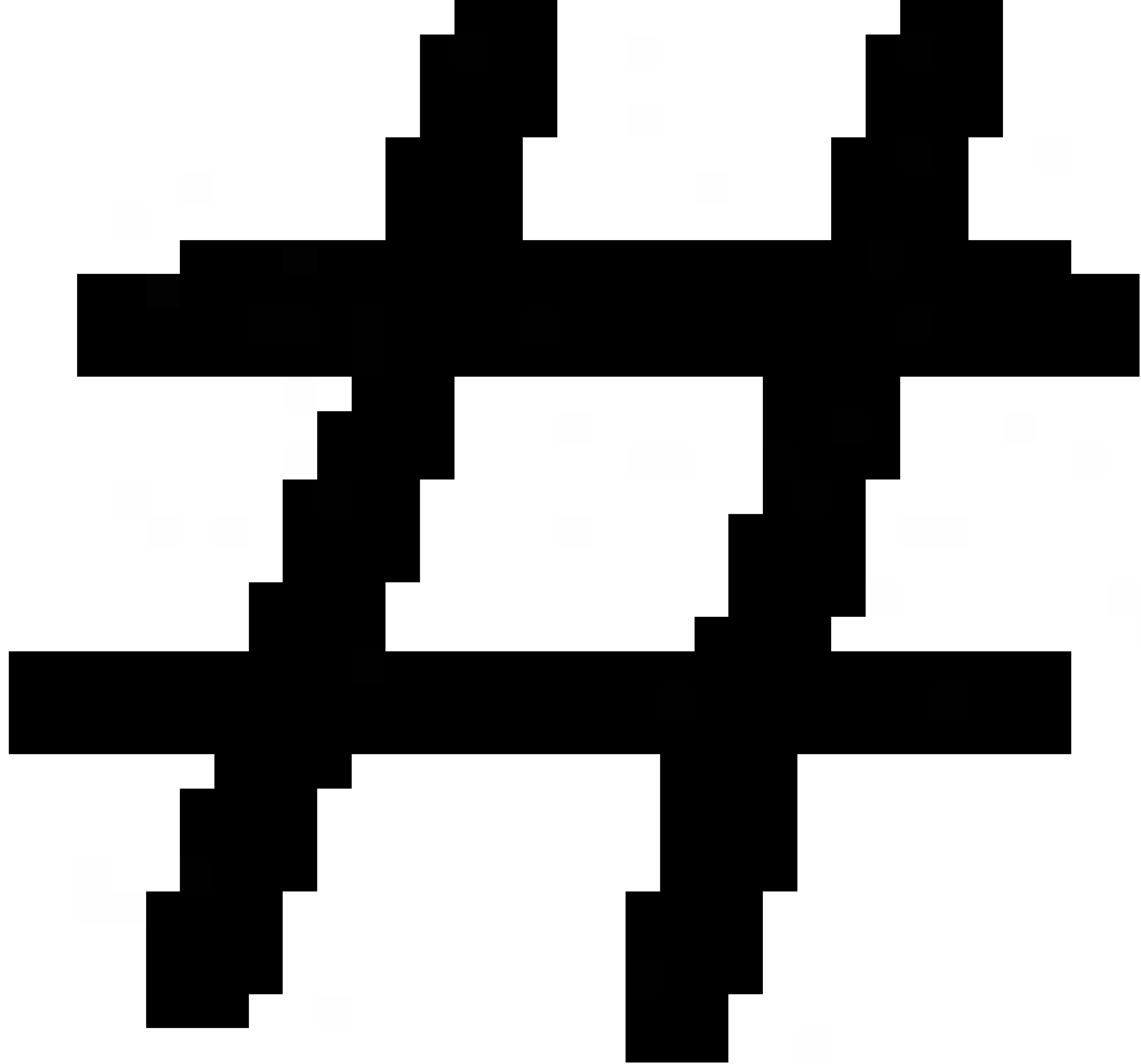




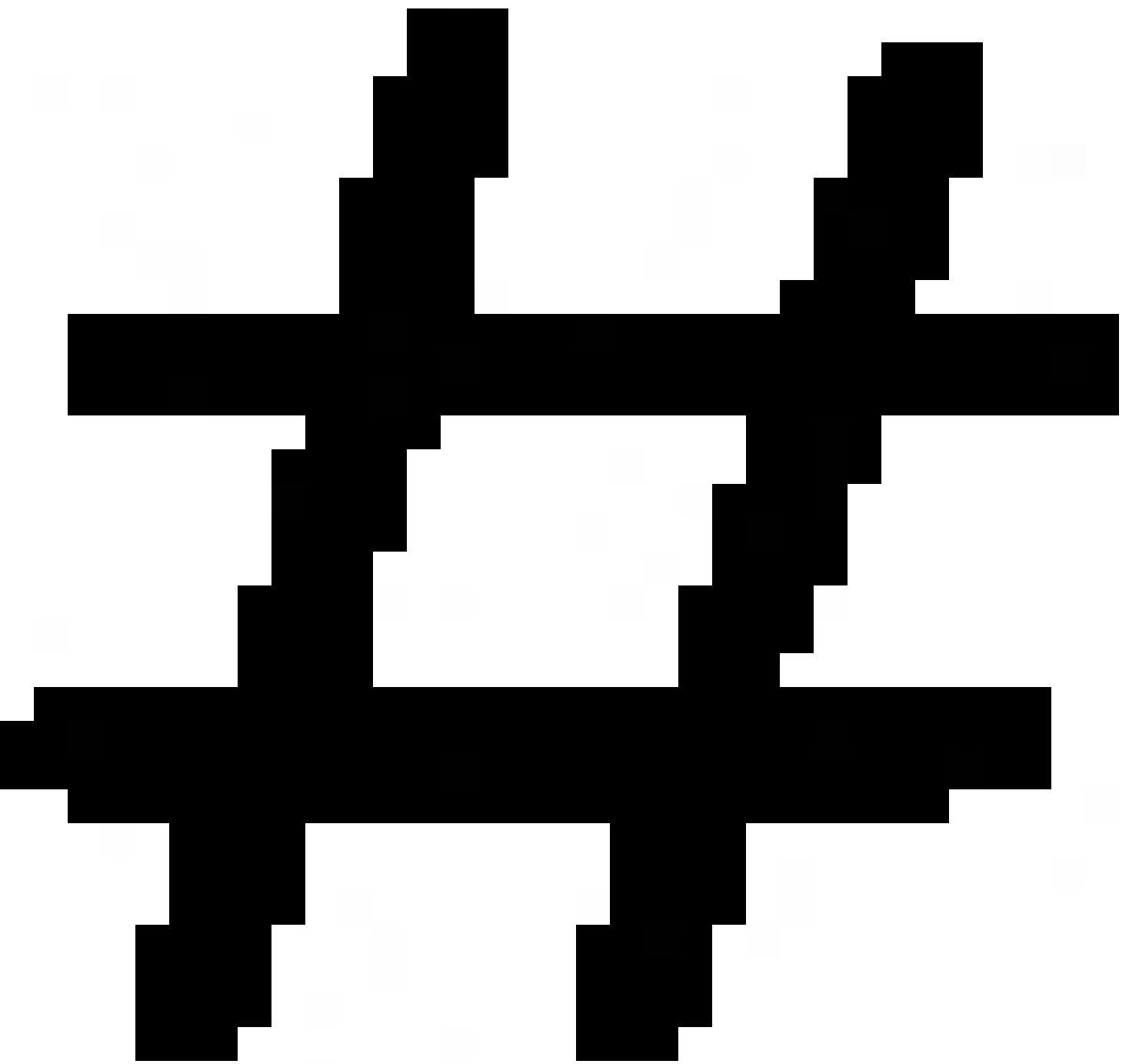


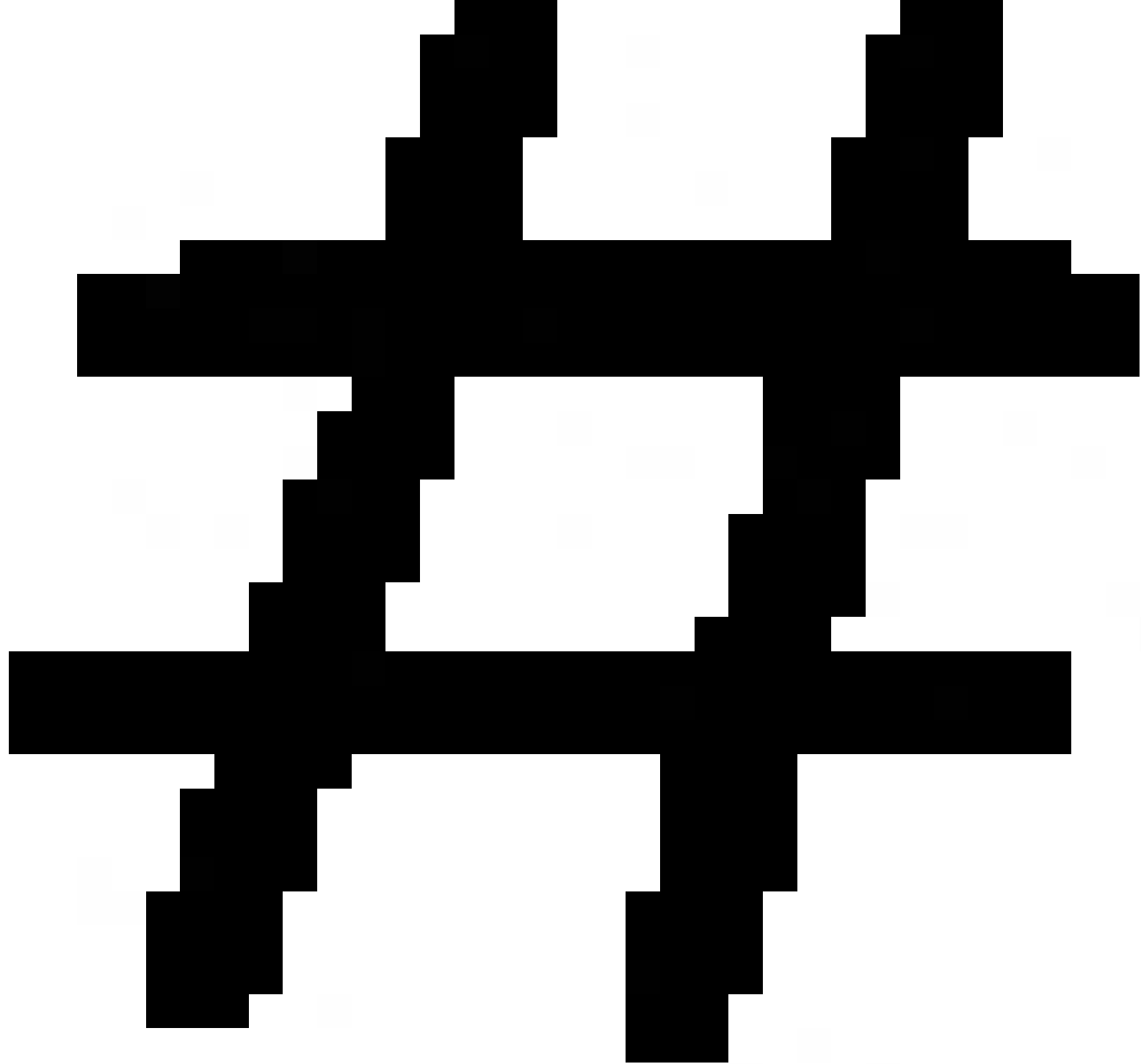


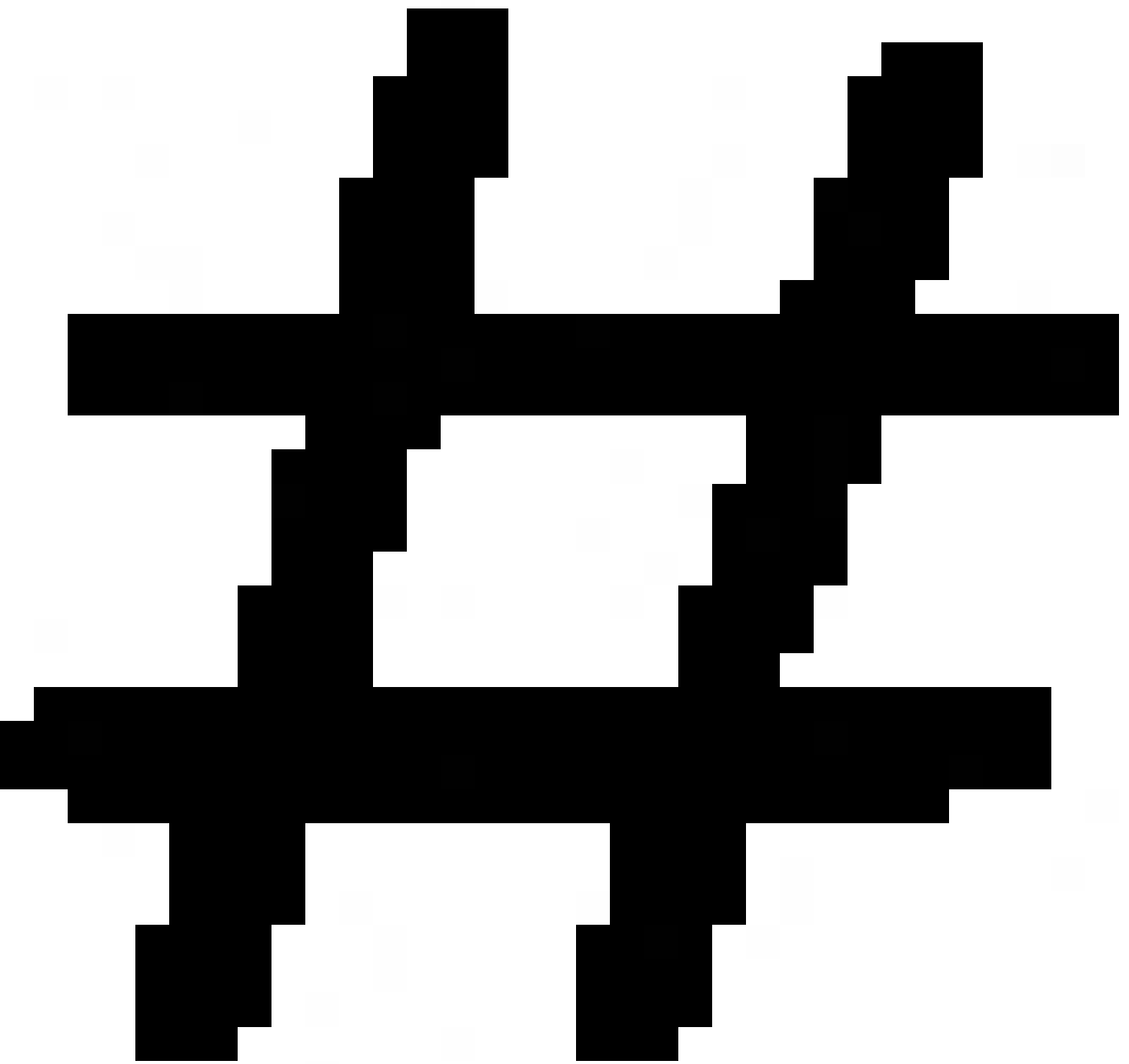












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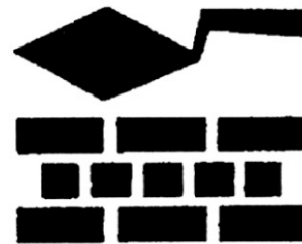
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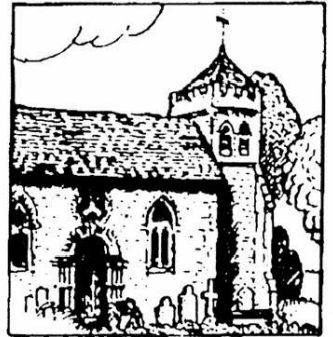
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