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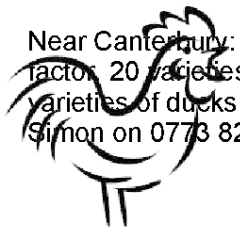
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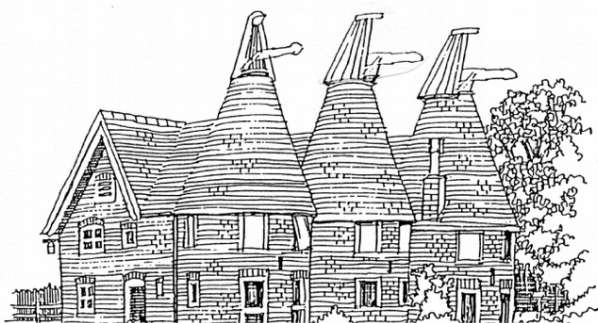
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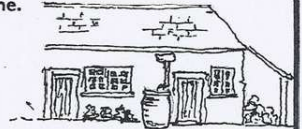
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent 8 February</b>  <i>Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 John 1:1-14</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong	<b>3.30pm</b> Evensong at Nackington	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday Next before Lent 15 February</b>  <i>2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9</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>ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February</b>  <i>Isaiah 58:1-12 John 8:1-11</i>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> Ash Wednesday Benefice Holy Communion	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>
<b>LENT 1 22 February</b>  <i>Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1:9-15</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns	
<b>Lent 2 1 March</b>  <i>Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service

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Dear friends,

The seasons of the Church enable us to have a holy rhythm throughout the year, and invite us to engage deeply with the person and life of Jesus and deepen our journey of faith. The Christmas season ends at Candlemass on 2 February when we remember the Presentation of Christ in The Temple. We then turn forwards from the wooden crib to the wooden cross, from the Nativity to the Passion, and onwards through Holy Week to the Resurrection. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, with our Benefice Service at St Peter's Bridge at 7.00pm. Lent is an opportunity for quiet self-reflection, reading and study, giving and service, and journeying with Jesus through the forty days in the wilderness. Our lives are so full and busy. Lent invites us to slow down a bit, or even stop for a while.

Traditionally people think of something to 'give up' for Lent. Chocolate or alcohol are the favourites. This is good to do, and makes the Easter eggs and Easter lunch taste even better! I know someone who gave up tonic with their gin for Lent. That misses the point I think!

I prefer to see Lent as a time for *taking something up*, rather than giving up. Doing something new. Finding time in our busy lives, that helps God connect in new ways with us. Putting more time aside for reading, studying, praying, service in the community and engaging with God's world. I invite you to use this wonderful opportunity of Lent.

I am keen to know more about people's working lives here in these communities, and during Lent I will be spending time visiting people in their places of work. After all, God is in the world, not just the Church! Please invite me.

I warmly invite you to take part in one of our four Lent Study Groups entitled '*Food for the Journey*'. I am grateful to Bev, Andrea, Pat and Margaret for leading them. We have arranged the Lent Groups both in the daytime and evenings, so if you miss one week you can go to another. There are six sessions using the same material, leading right up to Palm Sunday. See page 14 for details of '*Food for the Journey*'. If you have never been to a Lent Group before, do try it! People from other denominations are also warmly welcome, as well as those who are not 'regulars'. Thank you to Jean and Alan Barber who are again hosting the Thursday Lent Lunches in support of Christian Aid, at their home at 1 Riverside Mews in Bridge at 12.00noon-1.30pm starting on 19 February.

Grace and peace for a Holy Lent,  
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PS For Holy Week and Easter we will be joined by Bishop Richard Llewelin, a wonderful person. See page 15 for the Holy Week and Easter services. Do bring along family friends, and houseguests.



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10/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court			14.30	
11/02		10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker
White Hall, Lower Hardres Hall			14.00	
15/02				Christening of Rose Georgia Sharp
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17/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
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18/02		14.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven Ash Wednesday service at St
Peter's Church, Bridge			19.00	
21/02				Marriage Preparation Day at The
Barn, Kingston				
23/02		19.30		Caring and Sharing
24/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield
			14.30	
25/02				School Governors meeting at
Bridge School				
Forthcoming Events				
10th/11th October				Art in Bridge

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

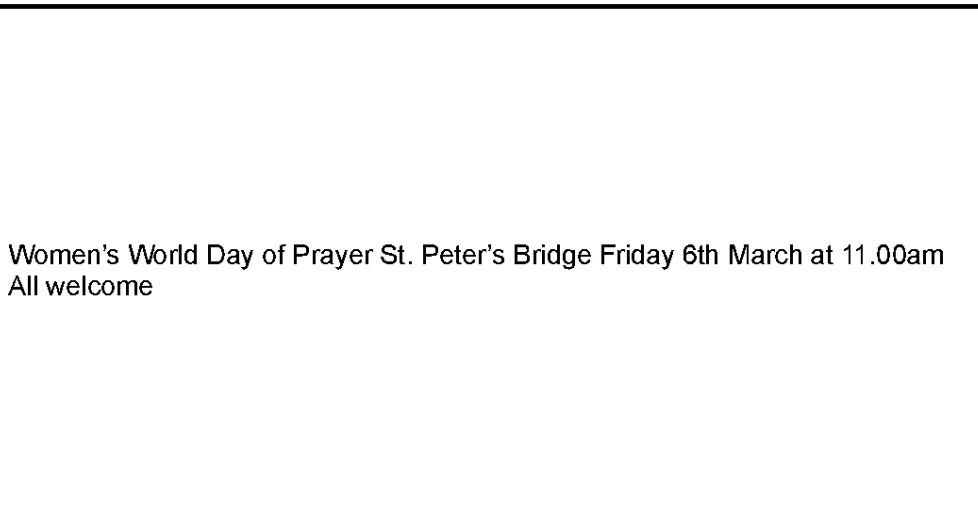
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## **Christmas News**

Although it seems a long time ago we should like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped at the Christmas Workshop ,the Crib Service ,especially the children who were fantastic and their families for the huge amount of gifts to the Food Bank ,and ALL the services.  
Sincere thanks. Brenda, Catherine and Margaret .

## **Canon John and Muriel Packer**

The family of John and Muriel would like to wish everyone in Bridge a happy and blessed 2015.  
Happy memories.



## **RESIDENTS OF PATRIBOURNE (AND BEKESBOURNE AND BRIDGE AS WELL)**

Did you know that the Mobile Library visits Patribourne on alternate Tuesdays? It parks in St Mary's Road from 9.25 to 9.55 and stocks a wide range of books - fiction and non-fiction, large print, children's books... If they haven't immediately got what you want, it is easy to order for next time.

Sadly, only a very few people are currently making use of this service and it would be a real shame if we lost it in Library reorganisation when it could be a lifeline for those who cannot easily get further afield.

Now you know it is there, why not give it a try?

Its next visit should be on 3rd Feb (or 17th if your delivery was delayed).

# Food for the journey..



The Bridge Group of Churches invites you to take part in one of the local **2015 Lent Groups**. We are invited in John 21 to take food with the risen Lord. He will accompany us through Lent, offering us rich fare to nourish the minds and hearts of our Christian communities. All are warmly invited. Choose the one that suits your week.

- **Monday mornings 10.30am-12.00noon** led by Andrea Nicholson at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne. Tel 01227-830947 Starting on 23 Feb.
- **Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Margaret Clarke at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close, Bridge. Tel 01227-765598 Starting on 24 Feb.
- **Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Bev Latham at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge Tel 01227-830365 Starting on 25 Feb.
- **Thursday afternoons 2.30-4.00pm** led by Pat Kusel at Rosary House, Aerodrome Rd., Bekesbourne. Tel 01227-830272 Starting on 19 Feb.

Each group will be using the same material, so if you can't get to your group one week, you can choose one of the others. No need to RSVP, just turn up!

Plus the **Lent Lunch** in aid of *Christian Aid* on **Thursdays 12.00noon-1.30pm** at Jean and Alan Barber's, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge. Tel 01227-831956



# Holy Week and Easter 2015

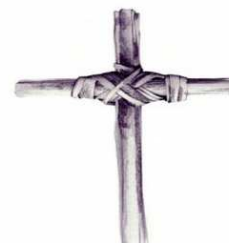
All are warmly to...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**

Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. *(if raining, we meet inside)*

Led by Canon Jonathan and Bishop Richard Llewelin.

*(bring branches from your garden) Followed by coffee together.*



- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)

Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection. *Ending at approx. 8.30pm*

- **Maundy Thursday 2 April at 11.00am**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Blessing of The Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows, at Canterbury Cathedral.

**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, Stripping of The Sanctuary and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.

- **Good Friday 3 April**

**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.

**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*

- **Easter Day 5 April**

**6.00am The Easter Vigil and Dawn Service** at St Peter Bridge, followed by breakfast

**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP) at St Mary Nackington

**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter Bekesbourne

**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary Patrixbourne

**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary Lower Hardres

*(followed by egg hunt)*

**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter Bridge, with Bishop Richard



- **Easter Monday 6 April**

Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, leaving from Patrixbourne Church at **10.30am**.

*Please park at Patrixbourne Recreation Ground (not on road by church).*



All young people, adults and children welcome!



## CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Our annual soup lunches will take place in Bridge again during Lent. They will be on the 6 Thursdays of Lent – February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th between 12.0 and 1.30pm. at 1 Riverside Mews. They are very informal and everyone in the community is welcome, not just church members. All donations will go to Christian Aid. Please ring 831956 the day before to book. Alan & Jean Barber.

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

The February Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome. If you could help with driving people to the hospitals and health centres – even if very occasionally – do please contact the scheme at the number above. Thank you

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

A Happy New Year to all our members!

We hope that we will gain some new Branch members in 2015. Anyone interested in joining the Branch can contact us via the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, 10th February and 10th March both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

### **Poppy Appeal 2014**

The outstanding amount of £3353.27 was raised by all those in support of the Poppy Appeal in the parishes of Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne, this year.

Thank you all so much for your generosity which has led to the Autumn ever! Particular thanks to Bridge & Patricbourne Primary School who contributed an unexpected and impressive amount from the Bonfire Night takings. This boosted the total overall enormously.

An award for 20 years of loyal service of collecting for the poppy appeal was given to Mr Ted Wetherall. It is his last year as a collector and we will miss him.

Other awards were given to Mrs Ann Edmunds and Mr David Latham for 10 years' service and Mr Chris Cotta for 5 year service to the Poppy Appeal.

Special mention to Mrs Lousie Tasou for her enthusiastic support and for stepping in to collect in areas where we still seek replacement collectors.

We are seeking new collectors for 2015. Please email John at [john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk](mailto:john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk) or ring 07808734842.



### Update on the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone.

With more than 9,000 cases and nearly 3,000 deaths since the start of the outbreak, Ebola is fast becoming a humanitarian tragedy, not just a medical issue.

'The medical response to the Ebola crisis will only work if we respond holistically to all elements of the outbreak,' says Jeanne Kamara, Christian Aid's Country Manager for Sierra Leone. 'Quarantine is vital as part of the health response to prevent Ebola transmission. But ineffective quarantine undermines people's basic human rights. Without access to food, people risk starvation. There are reports of people in quarantined homes going without food for weeks and tensions and violence within angry, hungry communities. People are being driven to break out of their houses and go in search of food'.

In Sierra Leone healthcare services are at breaking point and poor messaging is widespread. Community and faith-based leaders therefore play a vital role. They are best placed to identify ways to stop the virus spreading in their communities, providing clear and accurate messaging that will help prevent the spread of Ebola. With most public gatherings banned across the affected countries, places of worship are one of the few locations where people can receive vital information about the Ebola outbreak. So far Christian Aid partners have also reached 1.2 million people through vital life-saving radio messages to educate communities on the symptoms of Ebola.

With the donations it has received Christian Aid has distributed emergency food and hygiene kits to vulnerable households in two of the worst-affected districts and continues to work with partners to prevent the spread of Ebola. It is providing a vital and varied response that can tackle the complex issues involved by scaling up its plans to train religious leaders to provide psychosocial support to those affected by Ebola, helping vulnerable children without parents and running programmes to tackle stigma toward Ebola survivors.

Donations made to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal between 07/11/14 and 06/02/15 will be matched up to £5 million by the UK Government. From providing maternal healthcare in Kenya to ensuring poor communities receive the vital services we take for granted, your gift will help fund Christian Aid's work to eradicate poverty. Donate at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or send donations to PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT



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# NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



# Tips on Exhibiting

a talk by

Peter Aplin

Judge & Member of the National Vegetable Society

Tuesday 3 March

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Refreshments available



## **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Imogen Corrigan will speak about the Black Death and its aftermath.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

For further details please contact David Gilmour 01227 832450



## **BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET**

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Following on from our AGM at the end of January, we continue our 2015 programme with a talk to give us **tips and pointers on exhibiting** by Peter Aplin, a qualified judge and member of the National Vegetable Society. We hope that this will encourage more of you to exhibit at our Shows. The talk will be held on **Tuesday 3 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is, of course, most welcome to come along.

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

On **Tuesday 17 February** at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Sally Stonier** will be giving us a talk on "**Raw Foods**", with tastings as well! As a WI, we are always delighted to welcome visitors. So, if you are interested in finding out more about your local WI or are just interested in this event, then please do come along on the 17th. You will be made most welcome.

### **Bridge Allotments**

If anyone is interested in taking on an allotment, the waiting list is now open again. Please contact Tony Walder on 830057

### **Spring Working Party Bridge Recreation Ground**

This will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9 30 am. Please bring warm clothes and your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided in the newly refurbished pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Hodges

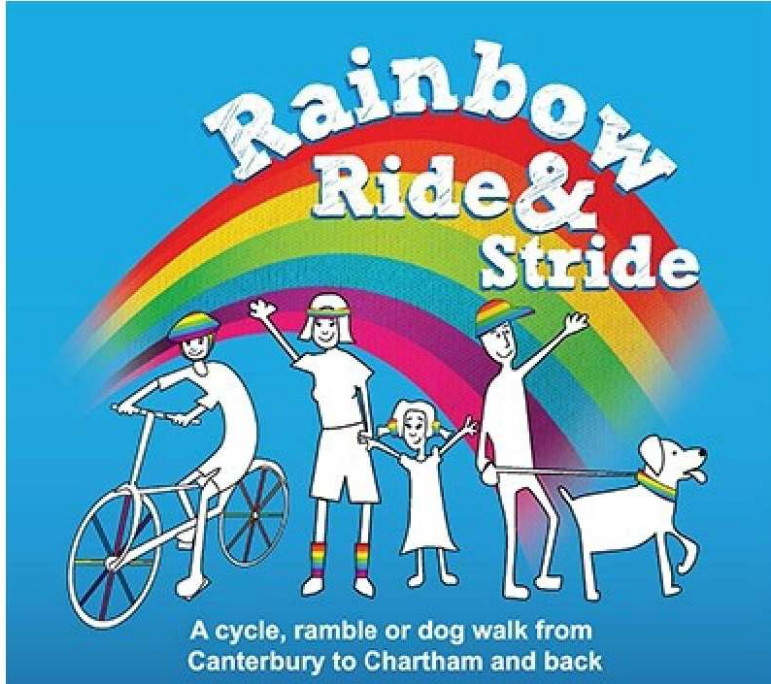
### **Trees for Winter/Spring Planting**

If you have room in your garden or field for a single young tree—or even for enough to create a copse or hedge, please ring 01227 831810. There's an Ash or two, Yew, Hazelnut, Hawthorn, Field Maple and maybe more. All about 2-3 feet in height with a few a bit taller.

A small donation to Parish funds would be welcome in exchange for a tree.

Thank you to those who responded to my Autumn notice. Come again!

Ann Shirley



## Pilgrims Hospices Rainbow Ride and Stride

Back by popular demand, the Rainbow Ride and Stride will be taking place for the 2nd year running!

Join us for a springtime cycle ride, dog walk or ramble along the scenic Great Stour Way from the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury to Chartham village hall and back. The route is a total of 8 miles long, however people are encouraged to take part in as little or as much as they would like! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bike, scooter or pushchair in your brightest rainbow colours- with prizes being given for the best fancy dress.

Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham, and don't forget to put your hand print on the wall to show you've finished!

This is an event for everyone; families, friends, children and dogs. We want to see everybody there in every colour of the rainbow; red and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue!

For further details see [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org)

### Event details:

Sunday 22nd March 2015- 10.30am

£5 in advance, £7 on the day

Contact: [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org) 01227 812621

## **Elham Valley Twinning Association (EVTA)**

The Elham Valley Twinning Association (EVTA) has members from all the villages in the Elham Valley from Bridge to Lyminge (and even out to Herne Bay, Hawkinge and Folkestone), so if you are interested in making friends in France or just enjoying social events with others throughout the valley, why not join?

Our French twins live in a group of villages in the famous wine-growing region of Beaujolais, north of Lyons, and the annual weekend visits alternate between the two countries. We visited Beaujolais last September and the French will be over here this coming September. It is certainly not necessary to be able to speak French to enjoy these exchanges, and indeed some of the most successful encounters have been conducted exclusively in sign language and “franglais”, often hilariously!

Between visits, we have an active programme of social events, ranging from film and quiz evenings, treasure hunts and more recently to a particularly funny Murder Mystery evening modelled on ‘Allo ‘Allo, complete with wacky costumes and dodgy accents! So if any of this appeals to you, why not give it a try?

To find out more, visit our website, [www.evta.org.uk](http://www.evta.org.uk), or contact the membership secretary, Pauline Davis (01303 840367). Membership costs only £10 for the full year.

Geoff Macdonald

## **S.S.A.F.A. (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association)**

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who supported the Cold Stream Guards concert at the University in October. It was a wonderful evening of music and entertainment enjoyed by all.

‘Thank you’ also to people who kindly donated to the charity, all your help is much appreciated by S.S.A.F.A.

Barbara Beinder



Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 11th December 2014\_

**Recreation Ground**; The mole problem on the football field was being dealt with by the contractor.

Work on refurbishing the pavilion was continuing and the garage had been cleared out. It was agreed to replace the locks on the pavilion once the refurbishment had been completed, as there were no accurate key holder records.

Cllr Sue Hodges commented that the tennis club had been sweeping leaves from the tennis court onto the children's wild flower area. Cllr Hodges would raise this matter with the club.

A problem was reported in the willow tree by the recreation ground gate. Telephone wires were becoming entangled in the branches and this was affecting residents' telephones. The Clerk would find out who was responsible for the tree's maintenance.

**Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Hodges reported that the closing date for responses from residents to the draft Plan was Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. December. The response date for businesses and landowners was later. Some initial analysis on the replies had been started.

**Nailbourne** – Cllr Alan Atkinson had circulated a report. Ground water levels were rising rapidly. The prediction was still 'Flow not Flood' but heavy rain before April could result in the flood defences being deployed. The City Council was running a test of defences later this month. Ted Edwards would be leaving the City Council in March. Councillors agreed that he had worked hard for Bridge.

**Community First Responders** SECAMB had been put in touch with two potential volunteers. Publicity material was being updated by CFR and would be provided for the village as soon as it was available.

**Bus shelter**.- A complaint had been made that when it rained the Post Office bus shelter seat became wet. After discussion it was decided to take no action. It was thought that fitting a back to the shelter would make the narrow bench unusable.\_

**Parish Newsletter**- It was agreed to produce a Parish Newsletter in February. Items were suggested and Cllr John Corfield asked contributors to let him have their drafts as early as possible.\_

**Section 137 Payment** – The Section 137 first payment of £6,500 to Canterbury City Council towards flood alleviation schemes in the village was approved. The balance of £3,500 would be paid in the next Financial Year.

**Christmas trees** – Cllr John Hill thanked all those who had helped with the erection of Christmas trees this year and in particular Mark Esdale who had spent so much time and effort in making the display possible again.

**Retirement of Charlie Gooch, Agent for Cantley Estates**- It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Charlie Gooch on his retirement.

**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th January 2015 \_**

**Recreation Ground;** Cllr Brigitte Ward noted the increase in litter over the holiday period, which she had cleared. Rubbish had been cleared from the Nailbourne to some extent when the banks were strimmed.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Tree Warden, a member of the Tennis Club and the tree surgeon to discuss tree work on the large trees by the tennis court.

Cllr Robert Moon circulated a plan of the former sandbag store, drawn up by Mark Esdale, which showed how tools and equipment could be stored. It was agreed to keep approx. 24 sandbags in the store for use in Riverside Close, in addition to the other storage boxes to be deployed round the village. New lighting was required. It was agreed that Cllr Moon would get costs for the installation of brackets and shelving etc.

**Nailbourne;** Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that weekly reports were now being produced on the state of the Nailbourne. The river was rising and the ground water levels were higher than at the same time last year. Unless there were 30 mlns rain once or twice a week flooding was unlikely. An amber flood warning was likely to be issued within the next fortnight and springs may emerge. No sewage was currently being pumped into the river but this could change. It was likely that Bridge Church would again be used as the local centre for the Elham valley should an emergency situation develop.

**Tennis Club Access to Recreation Ground in times of Flood;** A proposal from the tennis club that a specially fenced walk way should be constructed to allow members of the club to access the tennis courts when the recreation ground was closed to the public for safety reasons was unanimously rejected by the Council.

**Neighbourhood Plan;** The Clerk as Treasurer of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had managed to get the Dept of Communities & Local Government to agree that the Committee could re-apply for additional funding after April. The deadline for comments on the draft Plan from businesses and organisations had been 5th January.

**Police presence in Bridge;** Posters advertising the PCSO surgeries were on the notice boards and it was agreed that they should also be advertised on the website. This was a police issue and it was up to them to find a solution if members of the public did not attend the surgeries in the format they had arranged.\_

**Bridge Village Sports Trust;** Cllr Terry Wilmshurst presented a report on the refurbishment of the pavilion, which was progressing well. An application for funding under the CCC's Small Grants Scheme would be submitted. It was hoped that arrangements for the hire of the pavilion would soon be in place and that this would produce an income stream that could be used for further improvements.

**Kent Highways Survey Response;** Councillors agreed that problems over lighting, pot holes, road surfaces, pavements, drainage and congestion would be included in the response to the Highways Consultation.\_

**Christmas Trees;** Cllr Sue Hodges thanked all the volunteers who had helped to put up and take down the Christmas trees. The trees had made a splendid display and had been commented on by many people.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Snowdrop Wood open 11am-2pm**

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: "The Elham Valley" talk by Martin Newcombe**

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### **New 'Earlybirds' Yoga at Charlton Park**

A new early morning Yoga class is planned, commencing 24th February (after half-term). It will be on Tuesday mornings, from 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. in the beautiful setting of the Ballroom at Charlton Park, and will be led by experienced local yoga teacher Sue Hodgkins.

Yoga is an integrated system promoting physical and mental wellbeing, practised in a non-competitive and mindful way. Each class will end with relaxation, leaving you soothed but not sleepy. It's worth setting the alarm for! If you've never tried an early class you will be amazed at how it can set you up for the day. Beginners welcome. Contact Sue or Charlton Park; see individual advertisements for details.

Jazz Evening The Langton Jazz Group and Michael Lewis will be presenting an informal evening of jazz in the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold on Feb. 13th, starting at 7.30p.m. Tickets, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold church cost £5, (£4 for Friends) to include a glass of wine or beer. They may be booked in advance from Maggie, tel. 01227831414 or Jeannie, tel. 01304830894 or pay on the door

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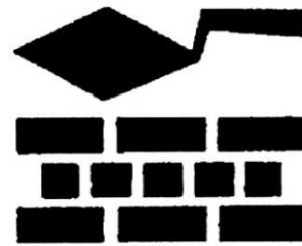
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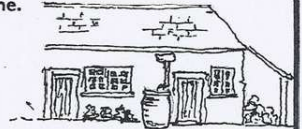
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<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2015</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>LENT 2 1 March</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>LENT 3 8 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk	<i>Services at Bridge, Bekesbourne, and Lower Hardres</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY 15 March</b>	<i>Services at Lower Hardres, Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Mothering Sunday Choral Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Family Communion
<b>LENT 5 22 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge and Patribourne</i>
<b>PALM SUNDAY 29 March</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am Palm Sunday Procession, Reading of the Passion, and Eucharist</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge

**Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge.**

On **Mothering Sunday, 15 March**, children and families are especially welcome and posies of flowers will be distributed.

On **Palm Sunday, 29 March**, please bring palms and branches for the procession. This service at St Peter's Bridge starts at the earlier time of 10.45am to give time to gather outside in the churchyard for the first part of the service (weather permitting). Please sit inside the church if you have walking difficulties. On Palm Sunday we welcome **Bishop Richard Llewelin**, who will also be with us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day at St Peter's Bridge.





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Dear friends,

Proverbs 29:18 tells us that '*without vision, the people perish.*'

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said that he could not understand which bible people were quoting from when they told him that 'religion and politics do not mix.'

As the church, it is not our role to be party political, but it is our responsibility to care about politics. To be involved and engaged in the world, which we believe is God's and not ours. Some politicians think the Church should stick with cups of tea, doing good, and comforting people. But Jesus was someone who challenged and often made people feel uncomfortable, in order to promote different values. Jesus worked for, and showed his followers, kingdom values.

With both local and national elections in May, the different denominations of the Church have got together nationally to offer a *2020 Vision of The Good Society*. Recognising that our society is facing some fundamental challenges - rising levels of poverty and inequality, declining social mobility, squeezes on both personal and government budgets, and the prospect of climate crisis. None of this is new, but whoever forms the next government has a tough job and key decisions ahead. These will ultimately shape the type of society that we become.

The Churches 2020 *Vision of The Good Society* is made up of five parts  
dignity and secure livelihoods for all  
enough homes for all to flourish  
fulfilled lives for children and young people  
a moral economy in the service of all  
a global climate deal that works for us all

I invite you to pray for all our politicians, nationally and locally. I encourage you to ask all those who seek to represent us, bold and searching questions. A good society is a place where we don't just care about the present but learn from the past and prepare a better place for future generations.

I express our community's sincere thanks to our retiring Bridge Parish Councillors who have given many years of dedicated service to the Bridge community: Councillors John Hill, Terry Wilmshurst, John Corfield, Ann Edmonds, Brigitte Ward and Parish Clerk Christabel Seath. Thank you all.

Grace and peace,  
Jonathan

# Food for the journey..



The Bridge Group of Churches invites you to take part in one of the local **2015 Lent Groups**. We are invited in John 21 to take food with the risen Lord. He will accompany us through Lent, offering us rich fare to nourish the minds and hearts of our Christian communities. All are warmly invited. Choose the one that suits your week.

- **Monday mornings 10.30am-12.00noon** led by Andrea Nicholson at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne. Tel 01227-830947 Starting on 23 Feb.
- **Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Margaret Clarke at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close, Bridge. Tel 01227-765598 Starting on 24 Feb.
- **Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Bev Latham at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge Tel 01227-830365 Starting on 25 Feb.
- **Thursday afternoons 2.30-4.00pm** led by Pat Kusel at Rosary House, Aerodrome Rd., Bekesbourne. Tel 01227-830272 Starting on 19 Feb.

Each group will be using the same material, so if you can't get to your group one week, you can choose one of the others. No need to RSVP, just turn up!

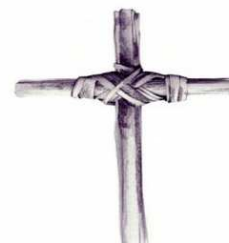
Plus the **Lent Lunch** in aid of *Christian Aid* on **Thursdays 12.00noon-1.30pm** at Jean and Alan Barber's, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge. Tel 01227-831956

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

All are warmly to...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**

Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. *(if raining, we meet inside)*  
Led by Canon Jonathan and Bishop Richard Llewelin.  
*(bring branches from your garden) Followed by coffee together.*



- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)

Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection.  
*Ending at approx. 8.30pm*

- **Maundy Thursday 2 April at 11.00am**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Blessing of The Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows, at Canterbury Cathedral.  
**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, Stripping of The Sanctuary and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.

- **Good Friday 3 April**

**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*

- **Easter Day 5 April**

**6.00am The Easter Vigil and Dawn Service** at St Peter Bridge, followed by breakfast

**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP) at St Mary Nackington

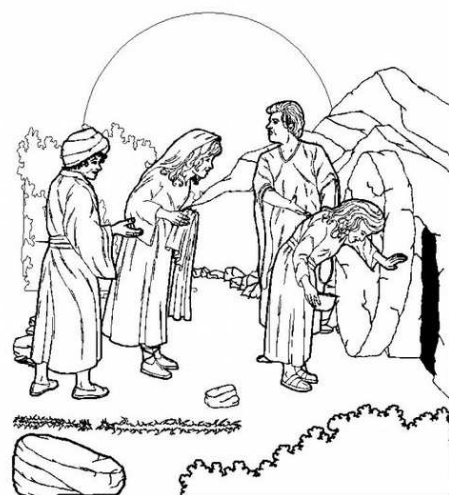
**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter Bekesbourne

**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary Patrixbourne

**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary Lower Hardres

*(followed by egg hunt)*

**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter Bridge, with Bishop Richard



- **Easter Monday 6 April**

Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, leaving from Patrixbourne Church at **10.30am**.

*Please park at Patrixbourne Recreation Ground (not on road by church).*

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*Alleluia*  
*Christ is risen!*

All young people, adults and children welcome!

## Dates For Your Diary

March			
03/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 Holy Communion at Bridge Haven 20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
05/03		19.30	Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close
09/03	19.30		Caring and Sharing
10/03		09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 14.30 Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court			
11/03		10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall 14.00 Social afternoon at John Baker
White Hall, Lower Hardres Hall			
17/03		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
18/03		14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
23/03		19.30	Caring and Sharing
24/03		09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 14.30 Holy Communion at Highfield

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

Women's World Day of Prayer St. Peter's Bridge  
Friday 6th March at 11.00am All welcome



## INVITATION

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners the Annual Parochial Church Meeting are important annual meetings in the life of your local church.

The first is open to all who live in the parish, and you are warmly invited.

At these meeting two churchwardens are elected for a term of one year.

The second is an opportunity to review the activities of the last year, receive the annual accounts, elect members of the Parochial Church Council and look ahead to the coming year. The two meetings are held together.

Whilst only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote at this second meeting, all are welcome to attend.

The annual meetings take place on;

**Bekesbourne** 7.30pm on 25 March at Bekesbourne Village Hall

**Nackington with Lower Hardres:** 7.30pm on 15 April at John Baker White Hal, Lower Hardres

**Patricbourne with Bridge:** 7.00pm on 23 April at Bridge Village Hall

## CHURCH NEWS

**St Mary's Church, Patricbourne** is now warmer, thanks to new electrical under-pew heating. On Easter Monday, the Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury will gather at the church and depart at 10.30am. We will be joined by a group of young Roman Catholics from Arras, France (our twin Diocese). All are welcome to join the walk, which will end at the cathedral and be joined by the Archbishop of Canterbury. If coming by car, please park at Patricbourne Recreation Ground.

**St Peter's Church, Bridge** will welcome Bishop Richard Llewellyn (retired Bishop of Dover) for the Easter Triduum. Six adults and five young people are currently preparing for Confirmation. We face a major challenge with the repairs needed on the building and have started a process of vision building and community consultation. Canterbury City Council has repaired the wall by the Memorial Garden, and the gravestone of James Foord (1734).

**St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne** is developing a churchyard nature trail, and has published a sheet that is available at the Lych Gate of the church. On Sunday 10 May from 2.30pm the trail will be formally launched, with Evensong at 5.00pm. All are warmly invited. Details to follow.

**St Mary's Church, Nackington** has almost completed the restoration of the tower and wooden spire, and our re-gilded weather cock is soon to return. The scaffolding will then be removed. The Friends of Nackington Church are organising a candlelit concert at the church on Friday 27 March at 7.30pm, 'Music for Lent and Spring' sung by *Quodlibet* directed by Dr Peter Giles. Tickets are £10. Stephen Vicary and Harriet Mulville will be married at the church on Saturday 7 March.

**St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres** will have a children's workshop (at John Baker White Hall) on Good Friday between 9.30am and 12.00noon led by Margaret and Jonathan. An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a new church roof (water is coming through), and we await the decision at the end of this month. All the dangerous headstones in the churchyard have been repaired.

### **Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne**

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2015/16 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the Bekesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen/women for the coming year will be elected. We will be reporting on what we have been up to in Bekesbourne in 2014. It is an opportunity to thank all those people who work so hard to keep our church flourishing and to offer ideas for 2015.

If you would like to be included on the church electoral roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting), please ensure that you complete a form and return it to Mrs Maggie Field.

### **A Big Thank You**

A big thank you to everybody for the cards and good wishes I have received during my illness. It goes to prove, what I have always known, that Bridge is a very caring community.

Ann Edmonds

### **Marian Anne Harlow**

Marian was born in October 1944 and died on the 10th November 2015. She was a lovely lady living in Bifrons for most of her married life, with Colin, her husband and her two children, Roy and Michala.

Marian loved Patricxbourne and often cleaned the church. She was also a cleaner to a few local people. She would cycle to each job, but did not enjoy being on a tandem with Colin.

She trained as a florist and worked at Mounts Nursery flower shop. She so enjoyed going to band concerts at various seaside locations. Marian was a happy person with a lovely smile. She was sincere in all she said and did.

I was privileged to officiate at Marian's funeral.

May she rest in peace and rise in Glory

*Margaret*

### **Fish Scheme News Tel no: 07935 966 080**

The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday March 11th from 10 to 11.15. Do ring the Fish number if you would like a lift.

We hope that a representative from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

### **Bridge and District History Society**

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Heather Newton, Head of Stonemasonry and Stone Conservation at Canterbury Cathedral will speak about the work being currently undertaken at the Cathedral.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details available from David Gilmour Tel: 832450

## Electoral Roll

It is once more time to update the Electoral Roll. If you are already on the Roll, you need do nothing. If you would like your name to be added, please complete a form (available in the churches from March 8th) and return it to the Vicar or one of the church wardens by Easter Sunday April 5th.

We are again inviting all senior citizens to our ST GEORGE'S DAY Celebration on Thursday 23rd April 2015 in Bridge School hall  
Performances by each year group and the school choir 1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Refreshments will be served during the afternoon (Please leave a message at the school office on 830276 to reserve a place)

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion      We cancelled our January monthly meeting due to illness and absence but are back on track now. This is always a quiet time of year but we are already planning some things for 2015. We are looking to hold another Afternoon Tea on 6th June in aid of the Poppy Appeal (more details later). Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 10th March and 14th April both at the Recreation Club at 8pm. Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

For our meeting on Tuesday 17 March at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Elizabeth Cooper has been invited to speak to us about her first-hand experiences of "Life in Azerbaijan". This promises to be a most interesting and fascinating talk. Even if you are not a member, do please come along. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings. Easter Lilies Easter Lily donations in memory of a loved one can be made to Viv Brazier or Churchwardens at an approximate price of £3 each

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church Invite You To

**A Wine  & Wisdom **  
**Evening**

**Bekesbourne Village Hall**

**SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Start promptly at 7.30pm

**Don't miss this opportunity to test your  
knowledge with your friends**

**It will be great fun ~ bring your own  
drinks and 'nibbles'**

Tables from 6 to 8 team members can be booked by calling  
**Graham Duplock on 01227 830271 or  
Vicki Woolnough on 01227 379126**

**Entry price per person: £4.00 at the door**



*Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC*



*Coffee  
Morning and  
Nearly New Sale*

*Bridge Village Hall  
Saturday 21st March  
10 am–12 noon*

Nearly New Clothes, Cake Stall,  
Books, Bric-a-brac and China,  
Raffle, Books and Puzzles.

*Come and join us for coffee  
with friends*

Donations for the stalls to Sue (C832084)  
or Andrea (830947)

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Firstly, a reminder of our talk on "**Tips on Exhibiting**" by Peter Aplin on **Tuesday 3 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This talk is intended to give us all help and advice in time for our **Annual Spring Show** which is to be held on **Saturday 11 April** in Bridge Village Hall from 11 am until 1.30 pm.

This year, we have introduced two **Open Classes** that everyone can enter, not just members of the Society. These are:

**5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)**

**6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box.**

For this year we have also introduced a **Best Spring Garden Competition**, again **open** to everyone, as a number of people have often remarked that their garden is at its best in spring. So, this is your chance to prove it. To enter, please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (tel: 830057/07791 656539 or email: [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by 31 March. The gardens will be judged the week commencing 6 April, just prior to the Show, and there will be a voucher prize for the winner.

Again, if anyone still requires a schedule for the Show, please contact Kathy as above.

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

The 2015 programme begins with the **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday 11 March** in Bridge Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. The Association has a programme of varied talks related to gardening generally, and not just vegetables, throughout the year, all held in Bridge Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month, and will be delighted to welcome new members and interested persons to their meetings.

## **Spring Working Party Bridge Recreation Ground**

This will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9.30am. Please bring warm clothes and your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided in the newly refurbished pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Hodges

**Bridge Parish Council [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk)**

**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th February 2015 \_**

### **River Nailbourne:**

Cllr Atkinson stated that the Environment Agency is predicting "flow and not flood" this year, though preventative tankering has recently started in Bishopsbourne. He reported on a Kent wide Flood Conference on 6 February-where the exceptional duration of the flood alert in the Parish last year was noted. £1.3m will have been spent by the end of next year on flood protection measures in the Nailbourne Valley with more work to come on improvements downstream of Bridge. No sewage is being pumped into the Nailbourne at present. Current water levels and flow are relatively static at present.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

Joe Cooper reported that 20%+ of all distributed consultation documents had been returned (131 replies in all) . These have been collated by Mark Esdale. A revision of the plan based upon these responses is due to the relevant authorities by the

the end of February.

### **Visit of Sergeant Chris Gurney, Kent Police**

Sergeant Gurney informed the meeting that:

PCSO Elaine Cannadine is now working elsewhere in Kent as part of a general restructuring of policing in Kent. Her work is being covered by PCSOs Lisa Williams and Chrissie Cameron. From April 2015 there will be further recruitment to the police service and full coverage of vacant PCSO positions should be achieved thereafter. She gave an update on the latest crime statistics for Bridge parish. There have been 2 crimes (both thefts) reported in the last month-comparatively few for an area of this size. On both occasions, the thief had forced entry-an indication that residents take security of property seriously. Crime Prevention advice is available on the Kent police website. She thanked the local community for all support received.

In response to questions raised by Councillors and members of the public she confirmed that she would ensure that the mobile police station is present in Western Avenue at the published times. She clarified the law on long stay parking by vehicles on the public highway and added that Lorry watch schemes are most effective when committed to the enforcement of existing laws and by laws. She confirmed that crime victims are contacted by the police when there is relevant information to relay.

Finally, she stated that there did not appear to be an obvious explanation as to why Kent roads appear to be the most dangerous in the country, though she pointed out that there has been a reduction in deaths and injuries in the Canterbury district.

### **Sand Bag Store Alterations**

Cllr Moon reported that the sandbag stores are not yet fully operational. The matter will be discussed in greater depth at the next meeting.

### **Annual Parish Meeting Speaker;**

The council agreed to invite Mr Brian Lloyd of the CPRE to address the meeting on Thursday April 30 2015.

### **The clustering of local parish councils**

Cllr Hill outlined the thinking behind this proposed measure. The item will need to be discussed more fully by the council elected after May 7 2015.

### **To consider the reissuing of a footpath map for Bridge**

Cllr Hill urged the council to consider reissuing such a map. New sponsors will be sought by the new council after the May elections.

### **Report from the Emergency Plan Group, and discussion of the production of an Emergency Information for Residents card at a cost of under £100.**

Cllr Atkinson stated that wheelbarrows have been bought; the appointment of a new clerk means the list of volunteers and vulnerable residents can be collated; 8 locks have been purchased for the new sandbag stores. It was agreed to print 750 copies of an Emergency Plan card for Bridge residents. Printing will be organised by Mr Laurence Dunderdale at a cost of £25 with the text decided upon by Cllr Atkinson. Distribution of the cards will coincide with distribution of copies of the "What to do in an emergency" booklet.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.



pet's teeth? Did you know that 4 out of 10 dogs have some signs of dental disease and

damaged or bleeding gums, stained teeth, such as preferring soft food, weight loss, and poor grooming.

This is very painful. Many animals may only show signs that can be easily missed. It is often only once they have had dental improvement in how the animal looks. For dogs are like puppies again after they

have had dental treatment!

There are a number of things that you can do at home to help limit the development of dental disease. The best is to brush your pet's teeth daily as this helps to remove the build up of food and bacteria before it causes damage. Most animals will tolerate this well although it can take some time for them to get used to it! Others will never let you do this and it is important to ensure that you don't put yourself at risk!

Feeding dry food rather than wet will help reduce the speed at which tartar builds up and chewing dental chews and raw hide will help to breakdown the tartar on the surface of the teeth.

At Bourne Veterinary Practice we have dental X-ray equipment and can offer dental treatment including scale and polish and extractions of any infected and damaged teeth.

If you are concerned at all about the state of your pet's teeth please give us a call on **01227 832322** to make an appointment and we can take a look and discuss the options with you.







# **BARHAM BOWLS CLUB**

*First Day of Play  
2015*



*The new season will be set in motion at Barham Bowls Club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April when the first wood will be bowled at 10.00 a.m. Why not come along and have a chat with the members, sample the atmosphere and perhaps see if this is a sport you may like to try. Everyone is welcome [young and old] - refreshments available. Interested? Please telephone the Club Captain Neil Sladden on 01227 761243 for further information.*

## **Mothering Sunday 15th March**



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-she deserves it***

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## Pilgrims Hospices Rainbow Ride & Stride

Back by popular demand, the Rainbow Ride is back for another year running!

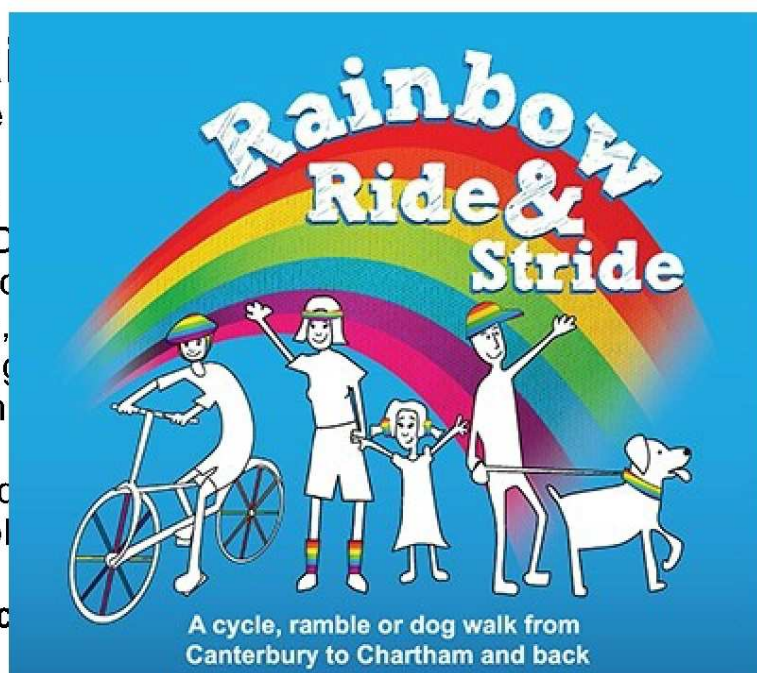
Join us for a springtime cycle ride, dog walk or ramble from the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury to Chartham, a total of 8 miles long, however people are encouraged to do as much as they would like! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bicycle with the brightest rainbow colours- with prizes being given to the winners! Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham. A certificate will be printed on the wall to show you've finished!

This is an event for everyone; families, friends and dogs. We want to see everybody there in every colour: red, yellow, green, purple and orange and blue!

For further details see [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org)  
Event details:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015- 10.30am £5 in advance, £7 on the day

Contact: [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org) 01227 812621



## Pilgrims Hospices Cycle Challenge

**Date:** Sunday 3rd May

**Location:** Canterbury, Thanet or Ashford Hospice

**Cost:** £25 in advance, £35 on the day

**Contact name:** Rosie Bell

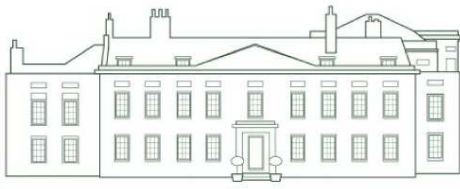
**Contact tel:** 01227 812621

**Contact email:** [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org)

The Cycle Challenge is back for the 6th year running and is hoping to be even bigger and better than last year! With over 1,470 people taking part in 2014 and helping to raise over £125,000 for the hospice, the Cycle Challenge is our biggest and most popular event. Choose between our 4 routes: Canterbury Circular- 45 Miles, Thanet/Canterbury Circular- 48 Miles, Ashford Circular- 48 Miles, Pilgrims 100- 100 Miles







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adapted from F. Scott Fitzgerald’s tale ~ Cabaret Style: bar open 7.30pm  
Tickets £12.50 Conc.s £10 Reserve a table

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Kentish Piano Trio**

**11am “Dancing Round Europe”** concert for children Tickets £10 Children £6  
**3.30pm with guest violist Adrian Smith Mozart & Fauré** Tickets £15 conc £10  
*in aid of East Kent Hospitals Charity*

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm & Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 & 7.30pm “Lysistrata”**

A raucous new adaptation of the classic Greek comedy

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**01227 831355 [info@charlton-park.org](mailto:info@charlton-park.org) [www.charlton-park.org](http://www.charlton-park.org)**

## **PETHAM VILLAGE HALL**

We are looking for a cleaner for 2 hours a day  
Monday to Friday, early morning or evening.  
Please apply to Anne Purnell 01227 700370

Jumble Sale & Coffee Morning Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12 noon Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne (good clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc. donations drop-off: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 10am—7pm) In aid of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
Information & offers of help: 01227 700693 (Mrs Applin)

# Florries

T E A S H O P

They can bake you a celebration cake for a birthday or a special  
exactly how you like it and can also cater for a range  
of events, be it gluten free, dairy free, vegan or no nuts!

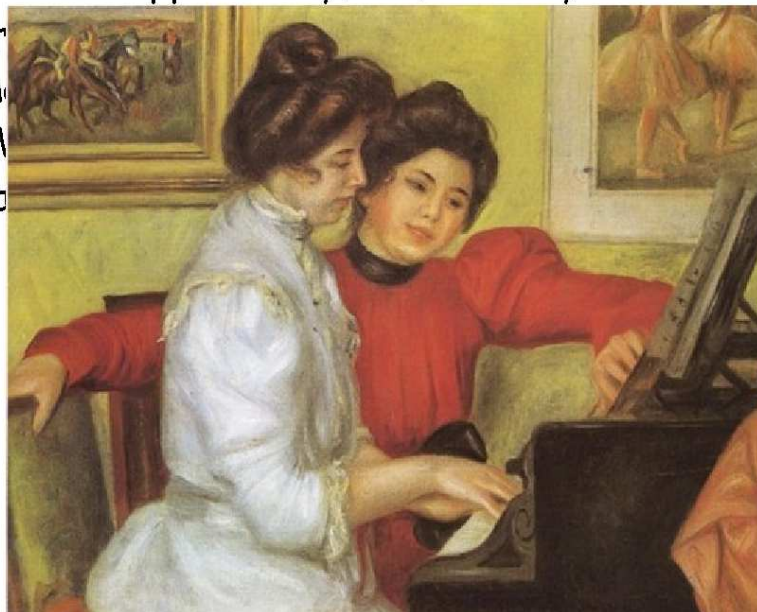


Cyclists, ramblers and children are all welcome!  
Joining a series of workshops for children and adults,  
Mother's Day cupcake decorating on the 14th March,  
Easter cake workshop for adults on the 22nd March and  
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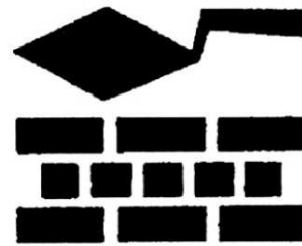
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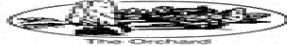
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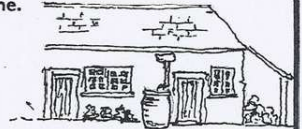
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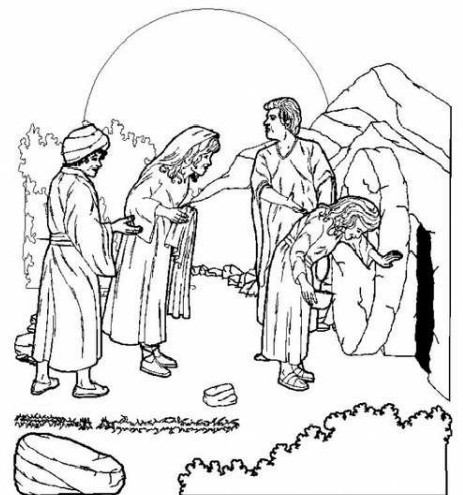
<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2015</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>EASTER EVE 4 April</b>	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm Easter Vigil & Easter Eucharist, led by Archbishop Justin	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge
<b>EASTER DAY 5 April</b>	8.00am The Easter Eucharist (BCP with hymns) The Revd Richard Owen	11.00am The Easter Eucharist Canon Reg Humphriss	11.00am The Easter Eucharist Bishop Richard Llewelin & The Vicar	9.30am The Easter Eucharist Canon Jocelyn Walker	9.30am The Easter Eucharist The Vicar
<b>Second Sunday of Easter 12 April</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Family Communion with Holy Baptism		8.00am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Third Sunday of Easter 19 April</b>		9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter 26 April</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist		8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	9.30am Mattins with hymns	
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter 3 May</b>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	12.00noon Holy Baptism (Ruby & Ivy Moon) 6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Family Service and Holy Baptism (Zachary Moon)

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge.

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

All are warmly invited to your *local church* for...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**  
Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. *(if raining, we meet inside)*  
Led by Canon Jonathan Lloyd and Bishop Richard Llewelin.  
*(bring branches from your garden) Followed by coffee together.*
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)  
Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection. Monday: *The Risk of Prayer* Tuesday: *The Cost of Reconciliation* Wednesday: *The Celebration of Witness*
- **Maundy Thursday 2 April**  
**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge. Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.
- **Good Friday 3 April**  
**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*
- **Easter Eve 4 April at St Peter's Church Bridge**, Benefice Service  
**7.30pm Easter Vigil & Fire, Baptisms & Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Eucharist**  
led by Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury & our Patron. *Followed by a glass of wine.*
- **Easter Day 5 April at each church**  
**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP with hymns) at St Mary's Nackington  
**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter's Bekesbourne  
**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary's Patribourne  
**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary's Lower Hardres  
**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter's Bridge.  
Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin
- **Easter Monday 6 April**  
**Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral**, leaving from Patribourne Church at **10.30am**. Gather from 10.00am.



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*Christ is risen!*



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DEAR FRIENDS

As we move through Lent, we come now to Holy Week and Easter. These are the most important and holy times of the Christian year.

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a simple donkey, on Maundy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper with his friends in the upper room, and on Good Friday his brutal death on a wooden cross. The disciples and friends of Jesus were bewildered, lost and frightened when he died. And then three days later on the first Easter Day, a group of women ran to the tomb early in the morning. Met by an angel, they discovered that Jesus was not dead but resurrected. And through this, the end of death itself and the start of hope and new life.

I invite you to enter into the opportunity and depth of Holy Week. This year we will be joined on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day at St Peter's Bridge by Bishop Richard Llewelin. Bishop Richard will lead us through the events of the first Holy Week, as we re-live in our own context the drama of 2000 years ago, and experience God in our lives today. On Easter Eve (4 April) at St Peter's Bridge, Justin, our Archbishop and Patron, will join us at 7.30pm to lead the Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter Candle, Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and First Eucharist of Easter. Please join us as we proclaim the ancient exclamation '*Alleluia Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*'.

In the Early Church, Lent was a time of preparation for the Christian life, and so it has been in our community. A group of adults and young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Trevor at St Peter's Bridge on Monday 20 April at 7.00pm. Please come and support them.

This month is the first anniversary of my being your Vicar. Thank you for welcoming me and my family so warmly. May the joy of Easter give us boldness and hope in the Gospel, to witness to our faith in the resurrected Jesus and face the opportunities and the challenges of the future together. We face many. In the world, our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria, the Middle East and parts of Africa, are dying every day for their Christian faith. In next month's magazine I will report on a much smaller issue - the major repairs needed to safeguard and the vision to transform the building of St Peter's Church Bridge.

A very Happy Easter to you and your family!

A warm welcome awaits you this Easter at your local church. See page 11 for the list of church services.

Grace and peace, Jonathan



## Dates For Your Diary

**April**

01/04	09.30	School service at St Peter's, Bridge
07/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
08/04	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
Lower Hardres	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
13/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
15/04	19.30	Lower Hardres and Nackington Annual
Church Meeting at		Nackington Church
18/04	10-13.00	Mental health training day at Barham
Church	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children
ages	10-15.	Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation
Ground.		
20/04	19.00	Confirmation Service at St Peter's Bridge
with the Right		Reverend Trevor Willmott,
Bishop of Dover.		
21/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
fundraising at St Paul's Church,	10-16.00	Day workshop on capital
Canterbury	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
23/04	10.45	School St George's Day parade through
Bridge	13.30-15.00	School St George's Day tea party
Church Meeting at Bridge	19.00	Bridge and Patricbourne Annual
Village Hall.		
25/04	11.00	Wedding of Victoria Kidd and Darren
Gilham at St Mary's		
Church, Patricbourne		
27/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing

The great Fish Bring and Buy will be on Saturday May 9th in Bridge village hall from 10 to 12. It is well worth a visit for plants, cakes, books and surprises. Do come. The April Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 8th. Everyone is very welcome.

### **Thanks From L`Arche**

Huge thanks to all the L`Arche Christmas Pudding eaters. That £2+ profit on each pud is spreading help far and wide. L`Arche in this country is helping our communities for the disabled in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Syria, Egypt and Honduras and their needs are pressing. Do look at the L`Arche websites to find out more.

### **Bridge and District History Society**

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday April 16 th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Hubert Pragnell's talk will be on Country House Development from Elizabethan times to the modern period of development.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

Further details available from David Gilmour Tel: 832450

### **Your Library needs YOU**

Did you know the Mobile Library comes to Bridge every Thursday afternoon, in Green Court at 4.30 and stays until 5.15 ?

The librarians are extremely friendly and helpful – they will get you any book on request. Unless more people use it, with the cutbacks in local authority funding, the village could well lose this valuable asset. So do go along, your Library needs you!

Hint – their results are judged on number of *books* borrowed, rather than number of *borrowers*, so this is why on a Thursday evening you may see the “regulars” leaving the library van with armfuls of books.

See you there!

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PS There is also a move by Kent County Council to turn the Library Service into a Charitable Trust. See website [kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation](http://kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation).

This is a move to save £3M although there is no explanation of how a Charitable Trust will be able to access more funds than if the County Council were running it.

**Exciting New Opportunity for 10-15 year olds!**

## **Bridge Village Youth Group**



Launching for the summer

First youth meeting **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 4.00 – 5.30pm**

**Bridge Pavilion – recreation ground**

**HELP - Committee needed!!!!**

**If you are interested in joining the youth group committee please contact Katy Brooks on 07516450941 or [barrykaty@hotmail.com](mailto:barrykaty@hotmail.com)**

**First committee meeting:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- 7pm @ 9a Riverside Close,  
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# Come and explore St Peter's churchyard at Bekesbourne in the Nailbourne valley



Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.30pm

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- ❖ enjoy the beautiful space - open to all every day of the year
- ❖ find out about the people remembered here
- ❖ get close up to a Tower of London poppy
- ❖ meet the bats who live in the roof
- ❖ hunt for bugs and other wildlife
- ❖ locate the graves of your ancestors
- ❖ learn about gravestone symbolism & poetry

Refreshments till 4.30pm

Followed at 5pm by a short celebration of Evensong  
for those who wish to stay

You will need sensible shoes as you will be walking across grass and uneven ground. We regret that there is restricted access for visitors with disabilities.

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

**'Old Bridge & Old Canterbury'**

Talk with slides by Bob Richards

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on

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Spring Show



Saturday 11 April  
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Presentation of Prizes 1.00 pm

Refreshments

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Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

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## **Nailbourne Group**

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**Saturday 18 April 2015**

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# **ST GEORGE'S DAY**

## **Celebration**

on Thursday 23rd April 2015 in Bridge School hall

Performances by each year group and the school choir

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon

(Please leave a message at the school office on 830276 to reserve a place)

## **Mental Health Matters**

Many of us come across mental health issues at various times, but it can be scary and difficult. How do we help someone? What can we say or do? Is there anything that people of faith can do to bring comfort? And what help is available from statutory services?

Our local Deanery is running a free half-day course to help people understand mental wellbeing and mental health conditions. We will develop keys to dealing with people that have problems. And we will explore what the Bible has to say that may assist. The course is being led by Susanna Morris, Director of the Churches Mental Health Consultancy.

The course is on Saturday 18th April at Barham Parish Church. It begins at 10.00 am, with coffee from 9.45, and ends at 1.00 pm. Participants are also invited to bring sandwiches and stay until 2.00 for informal chat if they wish.

If you would like to reserve a place, please telephone Barham Rectory on 01227 831340 or email [barhamrectory@me.com](mailto:barhamrectory@me.com)

Bridge Village Fete Saturday 13th June 2015 12 noon—4pm (parking in recreation ground) Plenty of family entertainment BBQ, teas, beer tent, ices, toys, books, bric-a-brac, plants Entertainment by Bridge School Competitions Craft Stalls Fancy dress Parade (more details to follow)



## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 11 April** in Bridge Village Hall from 11 am until 1.30 pm, with prize giving at 1.00 pm. The hall will be open from 8 am for exhibitors to stage their exhibits before judging starts at 10.00 am. Please don't forget to bring along your Chairman's Challenge pot of Tete-a-Tete daffodils. The hall opens to the public at 11.00 am. So do come along to support the Society and enjoy a colourful display of spring flowers, floral arrangements and cookery. There will be a produce/bring and buy stall and a raffle and refreshments will be available too. As mentioned in last month's magazine, we have introduced two **Open Classes** that everyone can enter. These are:

**5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)**

**6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box.**

Just bring them along before 10 am on the morning of the show.

We are also organising a **Best Spring Garden Competition**, again open to everyone. If you would like to enter your garden, and please do not be modest or shy, contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (tel: 830057/07791 656539 or email:[kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by 31 March. The gardens will be judged the week commencing 6 April, just prior to the Show, and there will be a voucher prize for the winner.

If anyone still requires a schedule for the Show, please contact Kathy as above. See you at the Show!

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

On **Wednesday 8 April**, the Society is fortunate to have **Mick Poultney**, award winning vegetable grower, lecturer, demonstrator and judge from the Black Country to talk on the subject of "**Raised Beds**". As usual the talk will be in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm and all are welcome.

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

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 21 April** will take the form of a workshop with **Helen Kendall** giving us ideas and tips on what to do with and how to "**Tie our Scarves**". This is at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, as always, we are pleased to welcome visitors.

The next event on our programme is our annual **Afternoon Tea**. By way of a change, we are holding it a little earlier this year, namely on the **1st May**. We have also changed the venue to the **Pavilion** on Bridge Recreation Ground which has recently had a complete facelift and refurbishment.

Come along for a chat with friends and a change of scene. Join us there between **2.30 and 4.00 pm** and enjoy our tea and cakes, not forgetting our bring and buy stall and raffle, without which no village event is ever complete! There will be a small charge of £2.50 to include refreshments.

See you there!



# May Day Tea



at the Pavilion  
on Bridge Recreation Ground

Friday 1 May

2.30 until 4 pm



£2.50 (to include tea and cake)

Bring & Buy, Raffle

All Welcome

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr Ward reported that mole activity has greatly diminished and thanked all concerned (including children from Bridge Primary School) for the narcissi which look so resplendent. No action is required to replace the flaking paint on the pavilion.

### **Nail Bourne**

Cllr Atkinson noted that the groundwater level has stabilised in the local area and current advice from the relevant authorities is that there is no likelihood of flooding of houses this year-despite problems in neighbouring parishes. The ford in Brewery Lane is likely to remain closed for a number of months. There is no sewage being 'over-pumped' into the Nail Bourne at present.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Connor explained that the Parish Neighbourhood Plan is being revised in the light of comments made on 27 February 2015 by a consultant, Mr Brian Whiteley, of Planning Aid. The next meeting on 10 April will consider his comments in full, though the implementation of the Bridge plan is dependent upon the Canterbury Local Plan being adopted.

### **Emergency Committee**

Plans are proceeding as outlined in the February 2015 meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Wortham was pleased to report that BPC has been commended by other local groups as an example of good practice in formulating an emergency plan.

### **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Cllrs Hill and Atkinson reported on a meeting held with Canterbury City Council on 28 February 2015 to discuss Concurrent Function Funding. Discussion focussed on the apparent unfair treatment of parishes in relation to the urban areas of CCC.

### **Matters for Discussion and Action**

Saturday 18 April at 9.30 am - village litter-pick to take place. Volunteers will gather at the junction of Conyngham Lane and High Street.

Cllr Wilmshurst reported growing interest in hiring the new pavilion-including a youth club on Saturdays. Booking of the pavilion is likely to be online through the same portal as for booking the village hall. Interested parties should contact Mr Mark Esdale, via the clerk.

Cllr Hill noted that the speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April will be Mr Brian Lloyd of the Campaign to Protect Rural England He will talk about the Canterbury District Plan.

It was agreed to place "Bridge in Bloom 2015" on the agenda of the meeting on 14 May 2015.

Councillors agreed unanimously to award the maintenance contract for the recreation ground for 2015-2016 to Mr Ian Sargent of Mown and Grown.



Cllrs Moon and Cook (CCC) spoke on the decision by Canterbury City Council to sell the Mill Centre. Cllr Cook suggested that there is a possibility that the CCC executive decision to sell the centre might be overturned now that decision-making processes in the council elected after 7 May 2015 will no longer be in the hands of an executive group. It was agreed unanimously that all should be done to trigger a six month moratorium on the intended sale.

Cllr Edmonds advised that Bridge's participation in an annual "Walkers are Welcome" festival should be decided upon by the new council after May 7, 2015. Councillors were unanimous in wishing to support the event.

It was agreed to conduct a site visit of the water meadow near the ford to inspect current arrangements for the disposal of dog mess. To be discussed further in April.

Bridge School Summer fair will be held on 13 June 2015.

A Report from the local PCSO ,Lisa Williams, was received on crimes recorded in Bridge since the last meeting.

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

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The most common poisons that affect pets are:

- 1            Rodent Poisons ('Rodenticides'), these contain anticoagulants, such as warfarin, which prevent blood clotting. Not all rodenticides are anticoagulants so it is really important to try and find out which one has been ingested. Ingesting these poisons can cause life-threatening bleeding. This bleeding may not appear for several days and may be internal and not visible so it is vital that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if you think that your pet may have eaten rat poison.
- 2            Chocolate, contains the stimulant theobromine which is toxic to dogs. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, dehydration, hyperactivity, high temperature and blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythm and tremors.
- 3            Grapes, raisins, sultanas and currants, are very toxic for our pets and cooking or baking doesn't reduce the risks. Poisoning causes vomiting and diarrhoea but can lead to kidney failure a few days after the initial effects.
- 4            Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID's), eg. Ibuprofen. It is not uncommon for us to see dogs that have eaten their owners medication. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea, bleeding internally, stomach ulceration and kidney failure.
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- 6            Antifreeze, this contains ethylene glycol which has a sweet taste that is particularly appealing to cats. Ingesting even the smallest amount can cause kidney failure and death.

If you suspect that your pet may have been poisoned it is essential to seek urgent veterinary advice as the sooner these cases are treated the better chances they have of making a full recovery. If you are at all concerned please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322** for further information.



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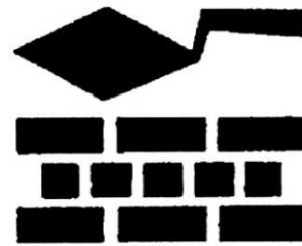
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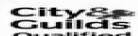
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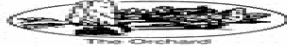
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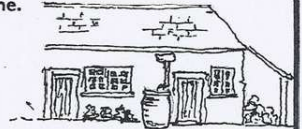
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<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>3 May</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>12.00noon</b> Holy Baptism of Ruby & Ivy Moon <b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service with Holy Baptism of Zachary Moon
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10 May</b> <b>Start of Christian Aid Week 2015</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>NB Evensong today is at Bekesbourne at 5.00pm</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Holy Baptism		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion <b>5.00pm</b> Evensong <i>Preacher: Canon Caroline Pinchbeck</i>
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>17 May</b>		<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>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>24 May</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <b>31 May</b>	11.00am at Bridge	11.00am at Bridge	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Trinity Sunday Eucharist	11.00am at Bridge	11.00am at Bridge

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge.

On Ascension Day, 14 May, there is a Benefice-wide Service at 7.00pm at Bridge.

All are warmly invited to all services.

## Bishop Richard Llewellyn, retired Bishop of Dover, was our guest preacher at Bridge on Easter Day and he shares here his Easter message:

Easter Day 2015

Bridge

The first Easter was a foretaste of things to come, a trailer, a promise, a kind of pilot project for the whole cosmos. What God did for Jesus that explosive first Easter morning is what He plans to do one day for the whole of his creation.

We who live on this planet in the interval between Jesus' Resurrection and the final rescue and transformation of the whole world are invited to live as *new creation people* in the here and now, grasping in our own lives before this final rescue and transformation the new style of living of the life of the world yet to come.

Now, this may sound fantastic. You may say, "We don't even know what this new style of living is all about!" But we do! We have already seen it in action in the life and death of our friend and Lord, Jesus. His was the life of the kingdom of God, lived out in the dust and dirt of this planet. And he invites us to do the same, in His strength, in the power of His Holy Spirit. That is the hidden meaning of the greatest festival Christians have.

This true meaning has remained hidden because the Church has trivialised it, and the world has rubbished it. The Church has turned Jesus' resurrection into a "happy ending" after the dark and messy story of Good Friday, often scaling it down so that "resurrection" becomes a fancy way of saying "He went to Heaven". Easter then means: "There really is life after death".

But "resurrection" to first-century Jews wasn't about "going to Heaven": it was about the physically dead being physically alive again. Some Jews (not all) believed that God would do this for all people on what they called 'the last day'. Nobody, including Jesus' followers, was expecting one person to be bodily raised from the dead *in the middle of history*.

The stories of the resurrection are certainly not "wish-fulfilments" on the part of the first disciples, nor are they the result of a refusal on the part of his friends to accept that their master and teacher had been taken from them, after they had expected so much from him. Indeed the opposite is true: disillusioned and frightened, they simply scarpered: as far as they were concerned, it was all over, finished.

First-century Jews who followed 'would-be messiahs' knew that if your leader got killed by the authorities, it meant you had backed the wrong person. You then had a choice: give up the revolution or get yourself a new leader. The disciples of Jesus gave up. Going around saying that he'd been raised from the dead wasn't an option.

Unless, of course, he had been.

Jesus of Nazareth was certainly dead by the Friday evening. Roman soldiers were professional killers, and wouldn't have allowed a not-quite-dead rebel leader to stay that way for long. When the first Christians told the story of what happened next,

they were not saying: "I think he's still with us in a spiritual sense" or "I think he's gone to heaven". They said, "He is alive, wonderfully alive, gloriously alive, alive with the life beyond death and the grave ... and it is the very last thing we expected or hoped for!"

The responsible historian must explain how else Christianity got going in the first place, and why it hailed Jesus as Messiah despite His execution. After all, he hadn't defeated the Romans, or rebuilt the Temple, or brought justice and peace to the world, all of which a Messiah should have done. The only explanation that will fit the evidence is the one the early Christians insisted upon — Jesus really had been raised from the dead. His body was not just reanimated. It was transformed, so that it was no longer subject to sickness and death.

Let's be clear: the stories are not about someone coming back into the present mode of life. Lazarus did that; Jesus didn't. They are about someone going on into a new sort of existence, still emphatically bodily, if anything, more so.

Now, suddenly, the real meaning of Easter comes into view, as well as the reason why it has been trivialised and sidelined. Easter is about *a new creation that has already begun*. It is worth saying that a second time: Easter is about *a new creation that has already begun*. God is remaking His world, challenging all the other powers that think that is their job to do so. This diverse and magnificent order of creation, will all its glorious, abundant beauty, is reaffirmed on the other side of the thing that has always threatens justice and beauty — death.

Christianity's critics have always sneered that nothing has changed. But everything has. The world is a different place, because of the resurrection of Christ. We now know that evil, sin and death will be finally defeated, and that goodness, truth and beauty will prevail. This gives you and me, for instance, the confidence to work with real hope in apparently hopeless situations, where the cynic would say, "What's the point?" We can be confident that a life lived out in love and trust and in the service of others will not be a life lived out in vain!

*[Adapted from an article by the Right Rev Dr Tom Wright/formerly Bishop of Durham]*

### **Easter Workshop**

We had a great time with over 50 Children. IT WAS FUN! It was lovely seeing so many parents with the pre-school age children. I think they enjoyed it as much as their children. A great big THANK-YOU to all the helpers, who worked so hard. Thank-you too to all of the children who participated. It was good to see Canon Johnathon, who led us in prayer.

### **Easter Day**

The church looked very beautiful. The cross was decorated with golden daffodils, and the memorial lilies and all of the arrangements of flowers were splendid. The Paschal Candle enhanced the magical feel of the service. The children enjoyed the traditional Easter Egg hunt in the sunshine, whilst mums and dads had coffee and chocolate biscuits. Sincere thanks to everyone who made Easter Day so memorable.

Margaret



## Sylvia Joyce Hopkins

The family of Sylvia Joyce Hopkins would like to say thank you to all family and friends who joined us for her funeral service and to Margaret for everything she did.

Mum enjoyed the village life making many friends at W.I. and the 'League of Friends'. She also played in the darts team at the Plough & Harrow and went into competitions at horticultural shows.

She will sadly be missed by all.

Mary, Eric, Ray, Mike and Linda.

Vicar in Shepherds Hut Jonathan, your Vicar, is in The Shepherd's Hut at Chalk Pit Farm on Wednesday afternoons this summer between 2pm and 4pm starting on 10 June. Baptism, wedding, funeral enquiries, prayer requests or just a cup of tea and a chat! No appointment needed. All welcome.

## Dates For Your Diary

May			
02/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
05/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
Haven	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge	
Cathedral	19.30	Archdeacon's visitation at	
	20.00	After 8's	
09/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
10/05		Start of Christian Aid Week	
10/05	14.30	Churchyard Trail Launch, Bekesbourne, with Evensong at 5pm Preacher: Canon Caroline Pinchbeck	
11/05	19.30	Caring and Sharing	
12/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield	
13/05	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall	
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres	
14/05	19.00	Ascension Day Service at Bridge	
16/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
19/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
Lodge	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon	
	20.00	After 8's	
20/05	14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven School Governors Meeting at Bridge School	
23/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
24/05		Pentecost Sunday	
25/05	# 19.30	Caring and Sharing	
26/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	



## Week 2015

The focus for 2015 is Ethiopia and particularly on empowering women to improve their own lives and lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Adi was left with no cattle and just one sheep after her husband died. She was eating just once a day, and very little even then. Now with her new cow and loans from a self-help group, Adi can feed her family. Adi is building a shop and building a future.



### Our challenge

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### What we can do

On Sunday 10 May there will be a presentation during the 11am service at Bridge Church, telling about women like Adi and the Christian Aid partners who are helping her. Also, at 3.30pm the annual Canterbury Christian Aid service takes place at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury. Everyone is warmly invited to these services.

If you are able to help during Christian Aid Week in any way, please contact Jean

([jean@uk2.net](mailto:jean@uk2.net))





At the monthly Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 13th in Bridge village hall you will be able to pick up a form for the summer outing on June 25th. This year it will be a trip to the Turner Gallery at Margate and lunch in a nearby pub

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The annual conference of the Kent History Federation will take place at Elham on Saturday 9th May. Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Thursday 19th May. Following her talk in March on the restoration being carried out on stonework at the Cathedral, Heather Newton will lead a tour at the Cathedral to see the work first hand.

Numbers are strictly limited to Society members only (cost £12.50) so please apply as soon as possible to Meriel Connor Tel: 830487. Meet at 6.30pm at the Guided Tour Ticket Office inside the precincts. (Cathedral Pass required).

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting Seventeen parishioners attended the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 25th March. The PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. Jane Millyard stood down as churchwarden. The vicar thanked God for her energy, faith and dedication which has been central to our life and growth over the last 2 decades. She was presented with flowers and a small gift as a token of our appreciation for all she has done for Bekesbourne Church. The accounts for 2014 showed a small surplus. We had a very busy year of fund-raising events. The Flower Festival was very successful, raising over £2,000. It was a happy church and community event which involved a band of 40 helpers. Thanks were given to everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm and generosity throughout the year. Thanks to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for agreeing to continue to pay our church insurance and raise funds to keep the church building and churchyard in good repair. Jill Gillanders was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year. Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey was appointed Electoral Roll Officer. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, Jonathan Cowans and Jane Millyard. A building sub-committee has been set up to look after the fabric of the church. Nicky Fry (PCC Secretary)

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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

On **Wednesday 13 May**, the Society has invited back **Steve Bradley, Radio Kent Gardening Presenter**, to give a talk entitled "**A Practical Guide to Pruning**". As usual the talk will be in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, and everyone is welcome to come along and pick up some useful tips and advice

### **Bridge Allotment Association**

An allotment is expected to become available shortly. If you are interested in an allotment, either now or in the future, please contact James Logan by email: [jmslogan904@gmail.com](mailto:jmslogan904@gmail.com)

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

May is a busy month for our WI.

Firstly, a reminder of our **May Day Tea** on Friday 1 May at the Pavilion on Bridge Recreation Ground from 2.30 until 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

On Thursday 14 May we have arranged a birthday celebration outing to **Merriments Gardens** in East Sussex prior to our regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday 19 May** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. As this is our Birthday and Resolutions Meeting there will be no guest speaker but the committee will be organising a buffet supper to complement the evening.

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**Notes from a meeting of BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Thursday 9 April 2015**

**Matter raised by a member of the public.**

Mr Joe Connor expressed his disapproval at the felling of a copper beech tree at Beechmount. He asked if the Parish Council was aware that this was going to happen and what has been done since. Cllr Hill replied, quoting from an email received from the owner of the property and also from an arborist's report, commissioned by the owner. He said that Bridge Parish Council had never been consulted about the loss of this tree.

**Recreation Ground;**

Cllr Ward reported good use of the playground area over the holiday period with an attendant rise in litter. The moles seem to have been reactivated by the onset of spring. Cllr Hodges thanked volunteers who participated in the Recreation Ground working party on 21 March 2015. The Clerk reported that the new mowing contractor had already carried out two cuts of the grass. Discussion then ensued about charging for the use of the refurbished pavilion on the recreation ground. It was agreed that payment by users should always be to one source (BVST or Bridge Parish Council) with a partition of funds between these groups to take place before the end of the relevant financial year.

**Nail bourne**

Cllr Atkinson reported that the latest report on groundwater levels in the area indicated a fall of 1 metre in the last two weeks. Bridge Ford will remain closed for another month although the gaugeboards in the village have started to record a falling river level. There is no tankering or overpumping along the Nailbourne at present and very little prospect of flooding this spring. The Council supported Cllr Atkinson's suggestion that names should be forwarded to him of villagers who might be willing to participate in a research project being sponsored by King's College, London regarding the fear of flooding.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Joe Connor reported that Bridge is well ahead of most councils for Neighbourhood Planning. The Bridge plan is heavily dependent on acceptance by relevant Inspectors of the Canterbury City Council Plan. This is likely to take some time.

**Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **To discuss the provision of a bin to deal with dog mess on the water meadow near the ford.** Cllr Edmonds led the discussion which culminated in an agreed proposed location of a green coloured bin in close proximity to the water meadows.
  
- b. **To review the election timetable in preparation for May 7 elections.**  
The Clerk reminded the meeting of key dates in the current electoral cycle and pointed out that full details are available from him.



- c. **To discuss the nomination for a KALC award in 2016.** Cllr Hodges' suggestion that Cllr Hill be nominated for outstanding length and quality of service met with unanimous approval.
- d. **Annual Parish Meeting - 30 April 2015.** Cllr Hodges ran through the arrangements for the evening.
- e. **Sale of the Mill Centre.** A 6 month moratorium on the sale of the building is now in place. The meeting agreed unanimously that there must be an energetic response to the issue once elections results are known.
- f. **A BPC response to the rural enforcement questionnaire from Canterbury City Council-**Cllr Hodges led the meeting through the completion of the response form for Canterbury City Council.
- g. **A BPC response to the Concurrent Funding questionnaire from Canterbury City Council-**Cllr Hodges led the meeting through the completion of the response form for Canterbury City Council.
- h. The Council **ratified the draft emergency plan** as published prior to the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Ward reminded all present of the forthcoming village litter pick on Saturday 18 April 2015 at 9.30 am, with volunteers meeting at the junction of Conyngham Lane and High St.

Cllr Hill expressed his deep thanks to all fellow councillors on the occasion of his final meeting after over 35 years of service.

Cllr Atkinson will attend a KALC meeting on 21 April 2015 to discuss future working relationships with the new committee structure of Canterbury City Council.

Cllr Hodges asked for interested parties to contact the Clerk if they wished to be involved in a national survey of war memorials. She also expressed her thanks to all councillors for the support she has received in her two years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on **Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.**

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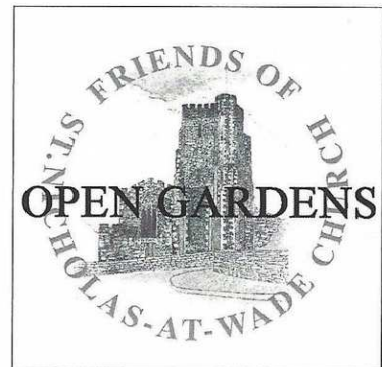
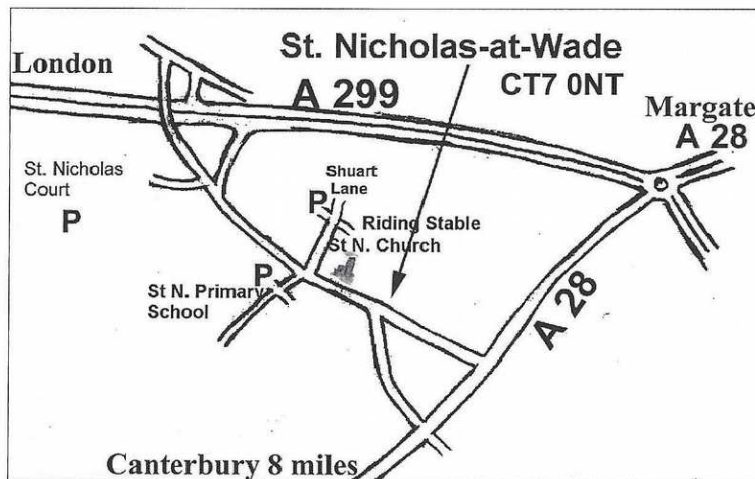
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If you know a school that might like to take part, ask them to call Victoria on 07590 173456, email [danceoff@battersea.org.uk](mailto:danceoff@battersea.org.uk) or register at [battersea.org.uk/danceoff](http://battersea.org.uk/danceoff). Schools that register by 15 May will enter a prize draw to win a tour of a Battersea rehoming centre (Terms & Conditions apply).

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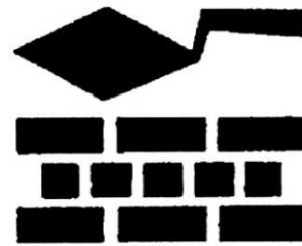
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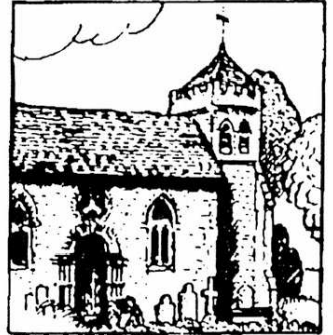
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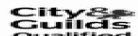
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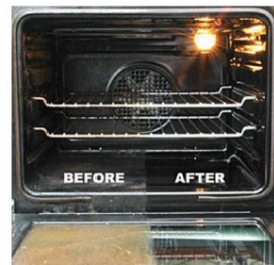
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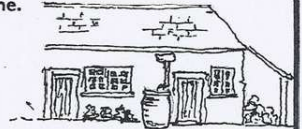
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<b>Trinity 1 7 June</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>Trinity 2 14 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Trinity 3 21 June</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in 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 PETER &amp; St PAUL 28 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>St THOMAS 5 July</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>2.00pm</b> Baptism	<b>9.30am</b> 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 Llewellyn 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 20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge 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 Patricbourne 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.

I found the experience most moving and had expected a very serious ceremony. I could not have been more wrong! Bishop Trevor made the service personal, funny and very more importantly truly inspiring. I felt God's presence as I have done every day since he found me."



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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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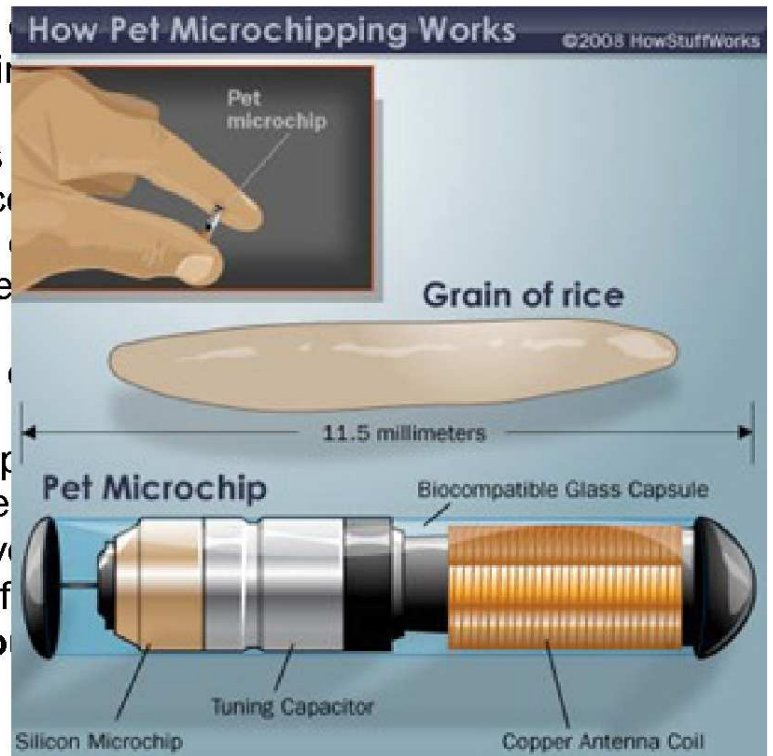
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**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

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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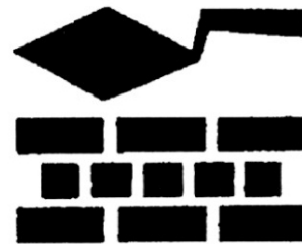
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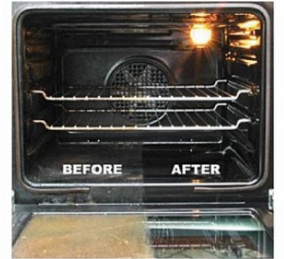
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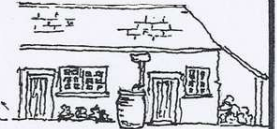
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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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.



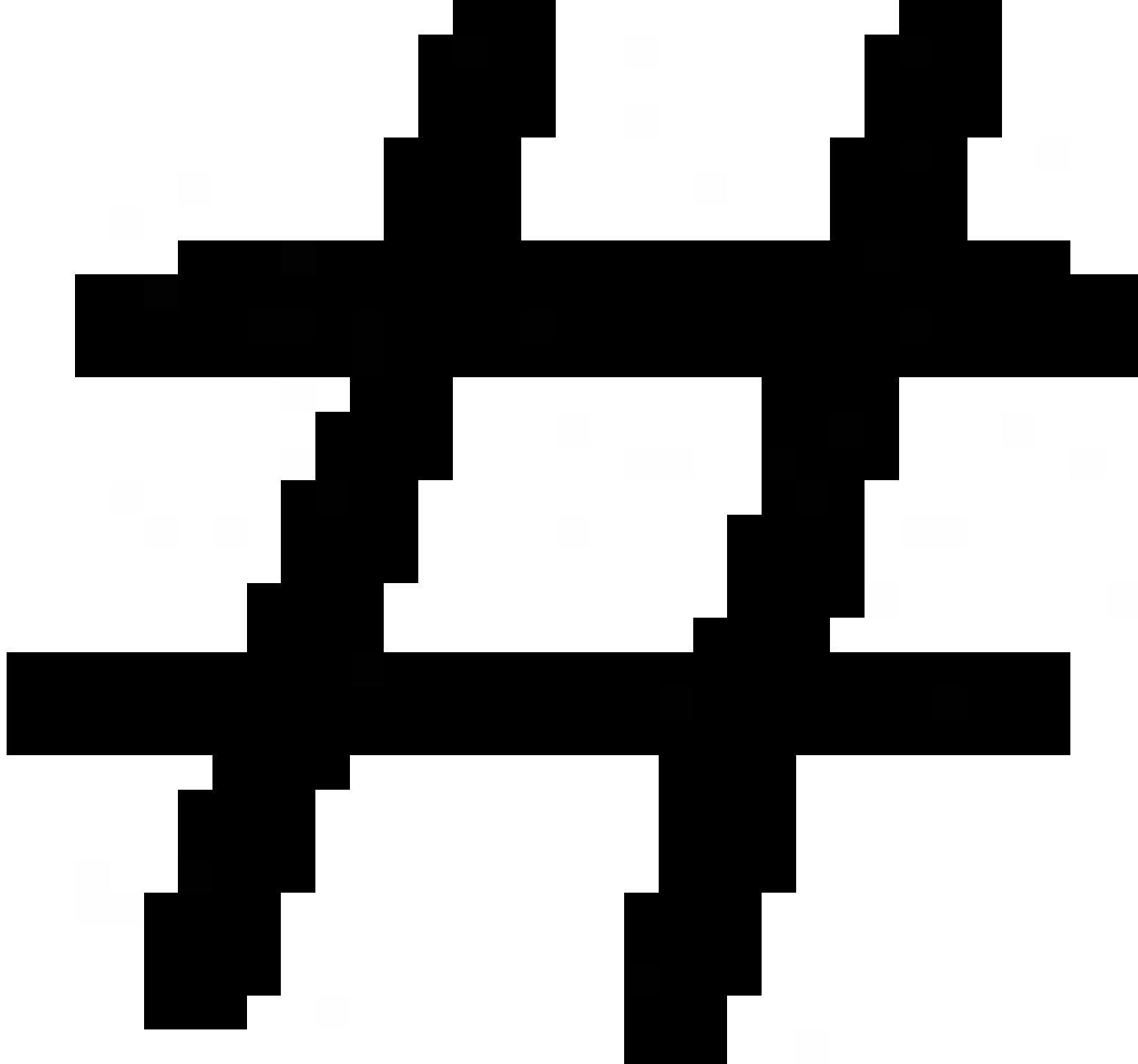
# Refugee Tales at Patrixbourne 14th June 2015

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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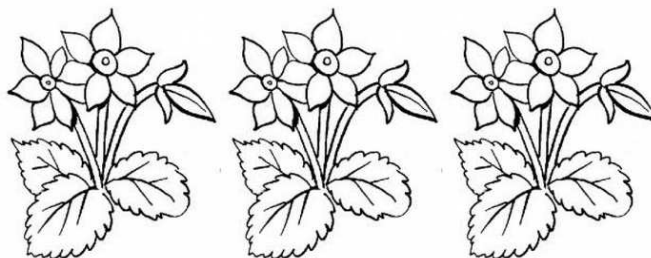
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Summer Show



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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The **Annual Summer Show** is on **Saturday 18 July** in **Bridge Village Hall** and is open to the public from 11.30 am until 2.30 pm with the presentation of prizes at 2.00 pm. There will be classes to interest everyone - vegetables, flowers, flower arranging, crafts and cookery - as well as a plant/bring and buy stall and raffle and refreshments available throughout the day.

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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**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.

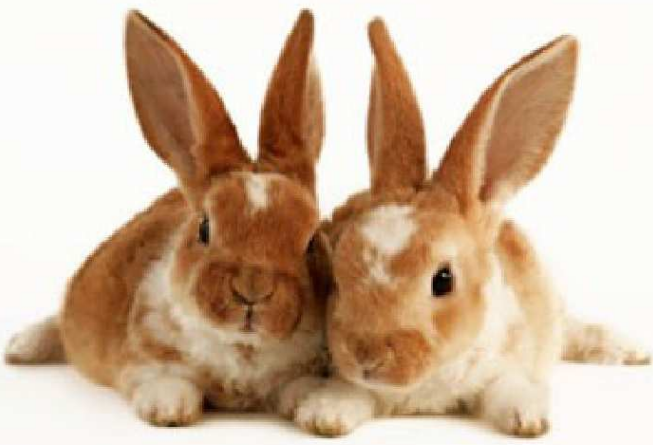
**F** **Green Court/Western Avenue** After discussion of the current neglected state of this area, it was agreed that a meeting on 23 June 2015 between the Clerk and the local KCC Highways steward should be used to point out its poor state.

### **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 sitting around your rabbit's tail and bottom. The rabbit is usually grooming all the time in an attempt to clean itself or he may be feeling so poorly that you may 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.

There are also products available from veterinary surgeries which can be used to prevent or slow the progression of fly strike.

If you are concerned that your rabbit may be at risk or you would like further information please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.



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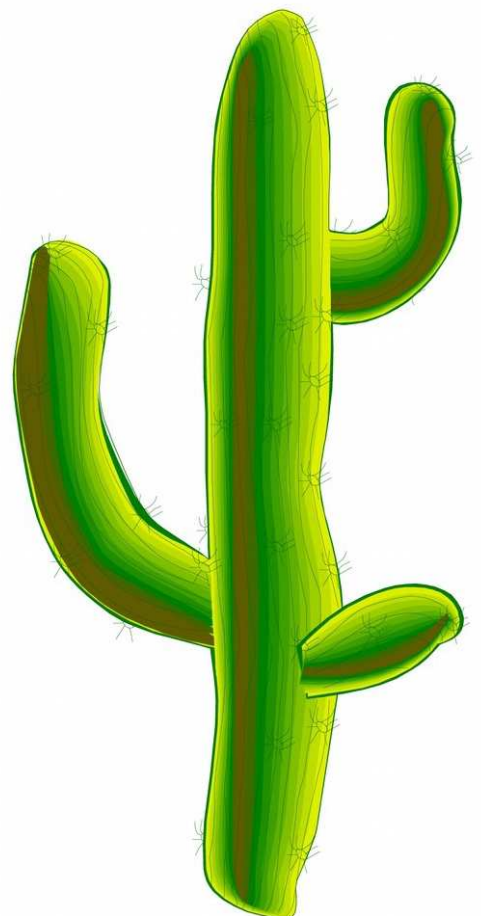
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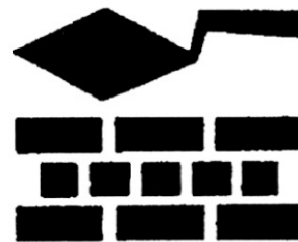
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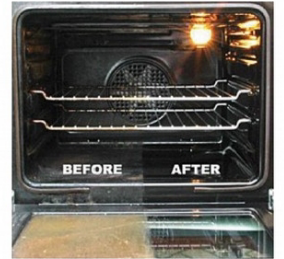
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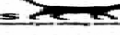


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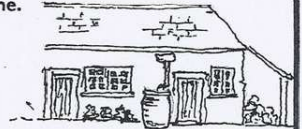
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| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2015</b>                                                               | <b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>                                                                                                                   | <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 |

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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 PATRIBOURNE</b>                                   | <b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>                                  |
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| <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                         |

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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

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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                                    |       |              |

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## 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**  
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**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**

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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 Patrixbourne 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!



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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

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Peter Buscall

Tuesday 29 September

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

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**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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3. Leave the basket out at home so your cat sees it regularly. It is a good idea to put treats and a familiar blanket or towel in there as this will make your cat feel more secure and reassured. Over time, you may actually find your cat will then use the carrier as one of his regular beds. Be patient!

4. If you need to bring your cat to the surgery and he is not yet accustomed to his carrier, then place it in a quiet room without too many hiding places, and encourage your cat to go into the carrier with some treats. If this is not successful, gently pick your cat up and place in the basket if it is a top-opening carrier. Some cats prefer to go in through the door bottom first i.e. reverse, so try this if you have a door-opening carrier.

5. If your cat panics at the sight of the carrier, use a thick towel or blanket to wrap the cat in and place both cat and towel in the carrier quickly and carefully.

6. The use of a facial pheromone spray (Feliway™) in the carrier can also help reduce stress and anxiety. Spray the four corners of the carrier about 15-30 minutes before you need to use it (the cat should not be in the carrier when you do this). The time allows the alcohol in the spray to evaporate and for the pheromone to diffuse in the carrier. Feliway™ is available over the counter from the surgery.

7. Secure the carrier in the car with a seatbelt, avoiding the front seat if there is an airbag. Avoid playing loud music and drive smoothly. Your cat will pick up on your stress, so try to keep calm.

8. It is a good idea to place a towel or blanket over the carrier when carrying it to and from the car and in the surgery. Bringing spare bedding is also useful in case your cat has any little accidents during the journey.

9. When you arrive at the surgery, if you would prefer to wait in the car with your cat then pop into the waiting room and let the receptionist know this and which car you are in.

10. Alternatively, we have a designated cat waiting area to the right of the reception desk.

11. Please feel free to place your carrier up off the floor on to the seat. We will also be happy to provide you with a towel or blanket to pop over your carrier, so your cat feels more secure, away from waffling doggy noses if they come past!

12. Taking your cat on short car rides that do not involve a trip to the vets also helps to reduce negative associations with both the carrier and the car.

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After a little summer break we are back in Bekesbourne at the Village Hall with an evening of two one-act plays on Saturday, 3rd October. They are both on the light-hearted side with the audience being encouraged to bring a picnic. It would be lovely to have your company and an advertisement will appear later giving you all the details.

As always, if anyone would like to join, they would be very welcome, phone number below.

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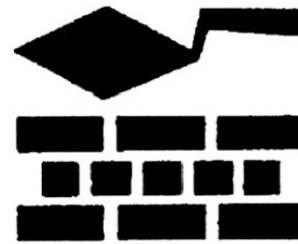
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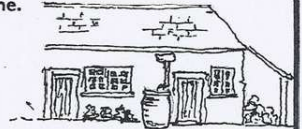
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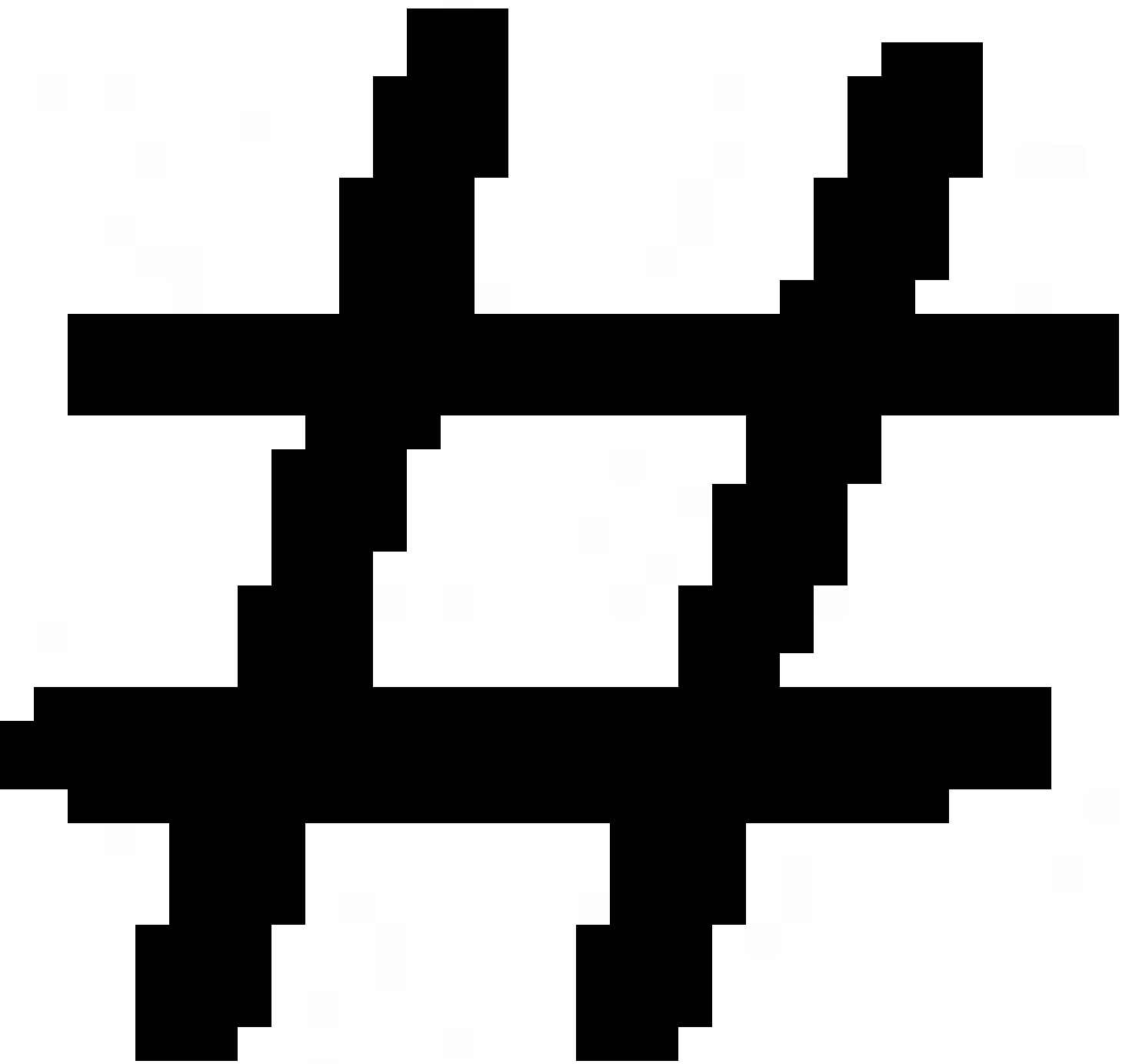
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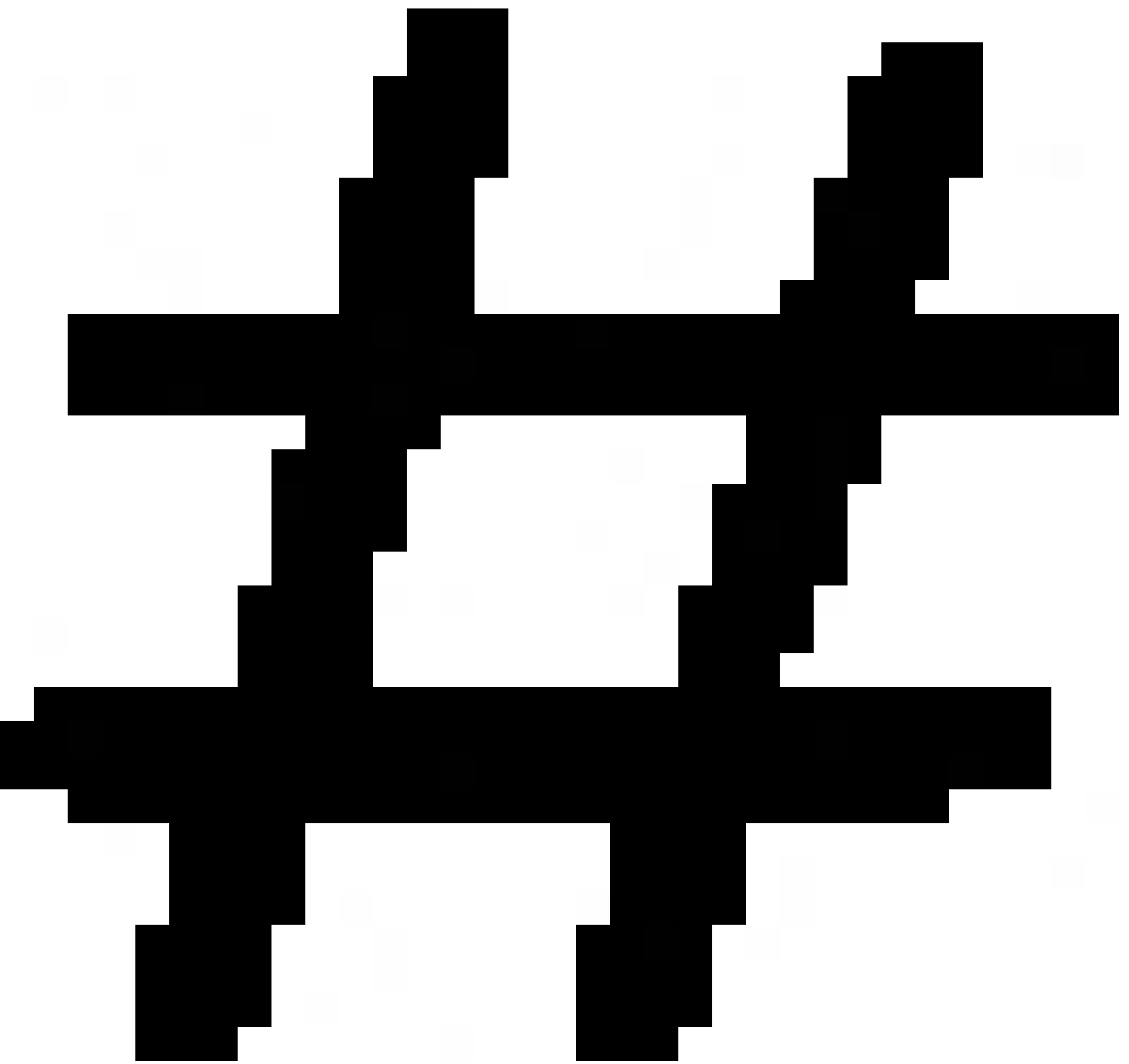




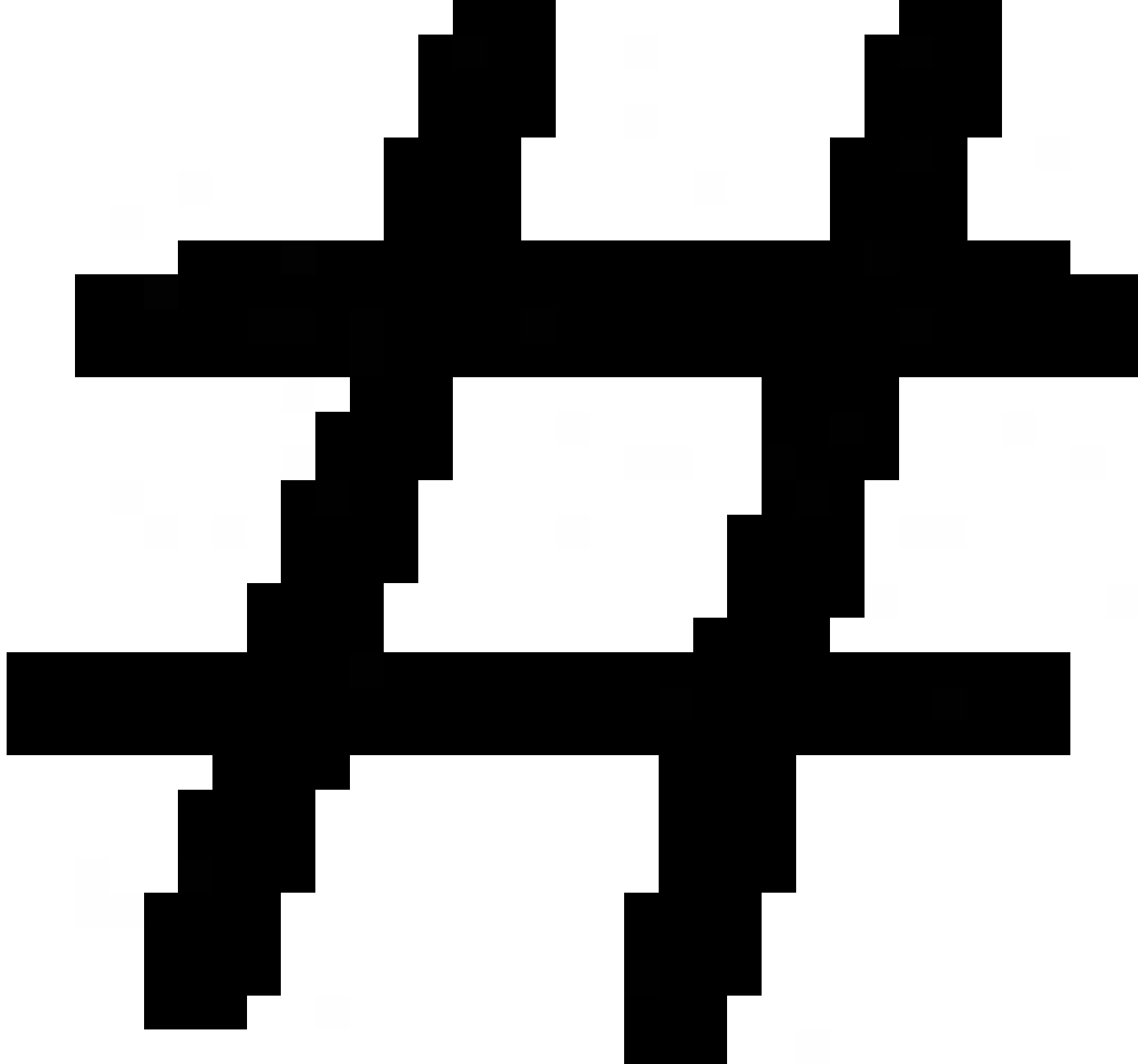


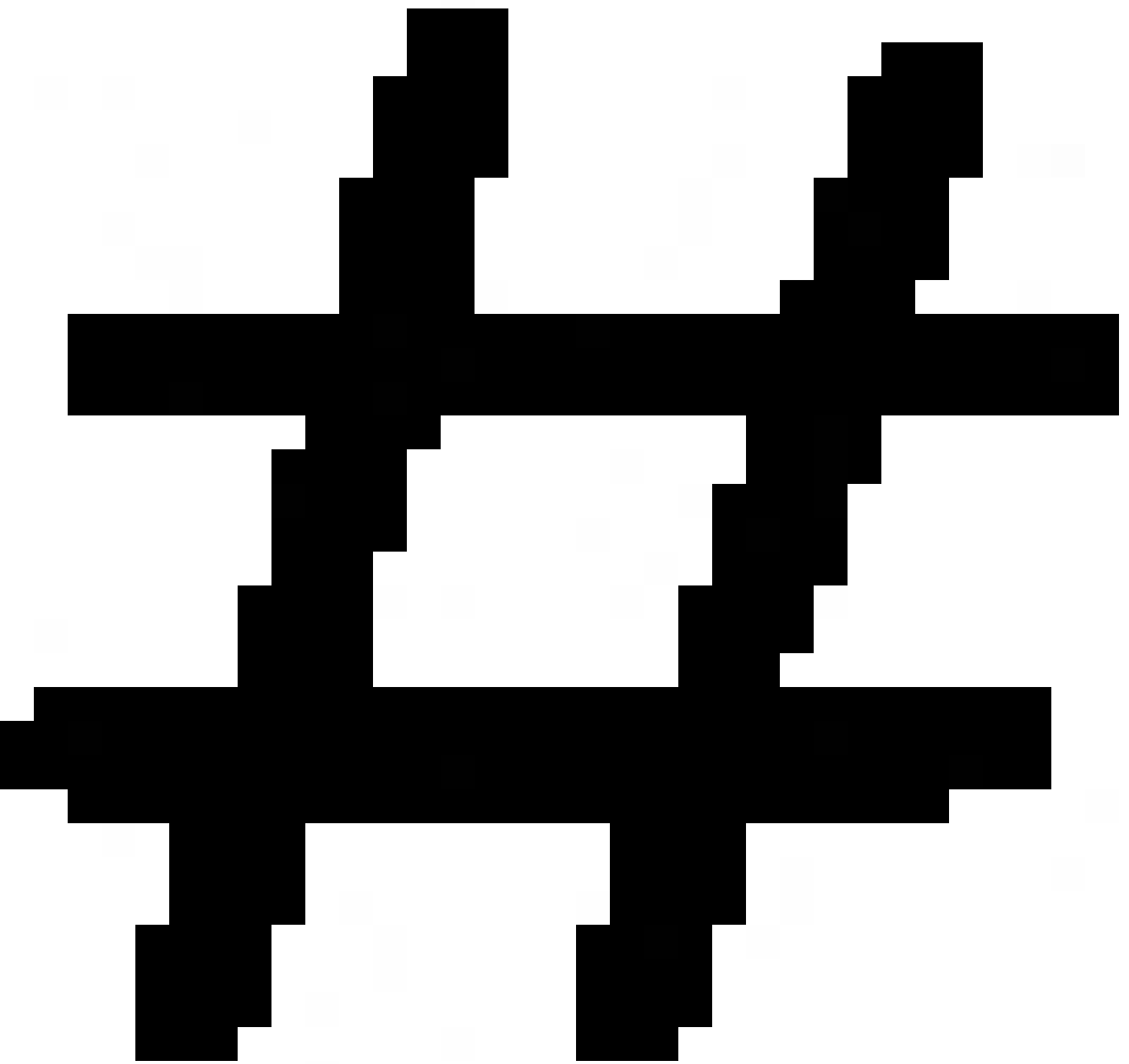
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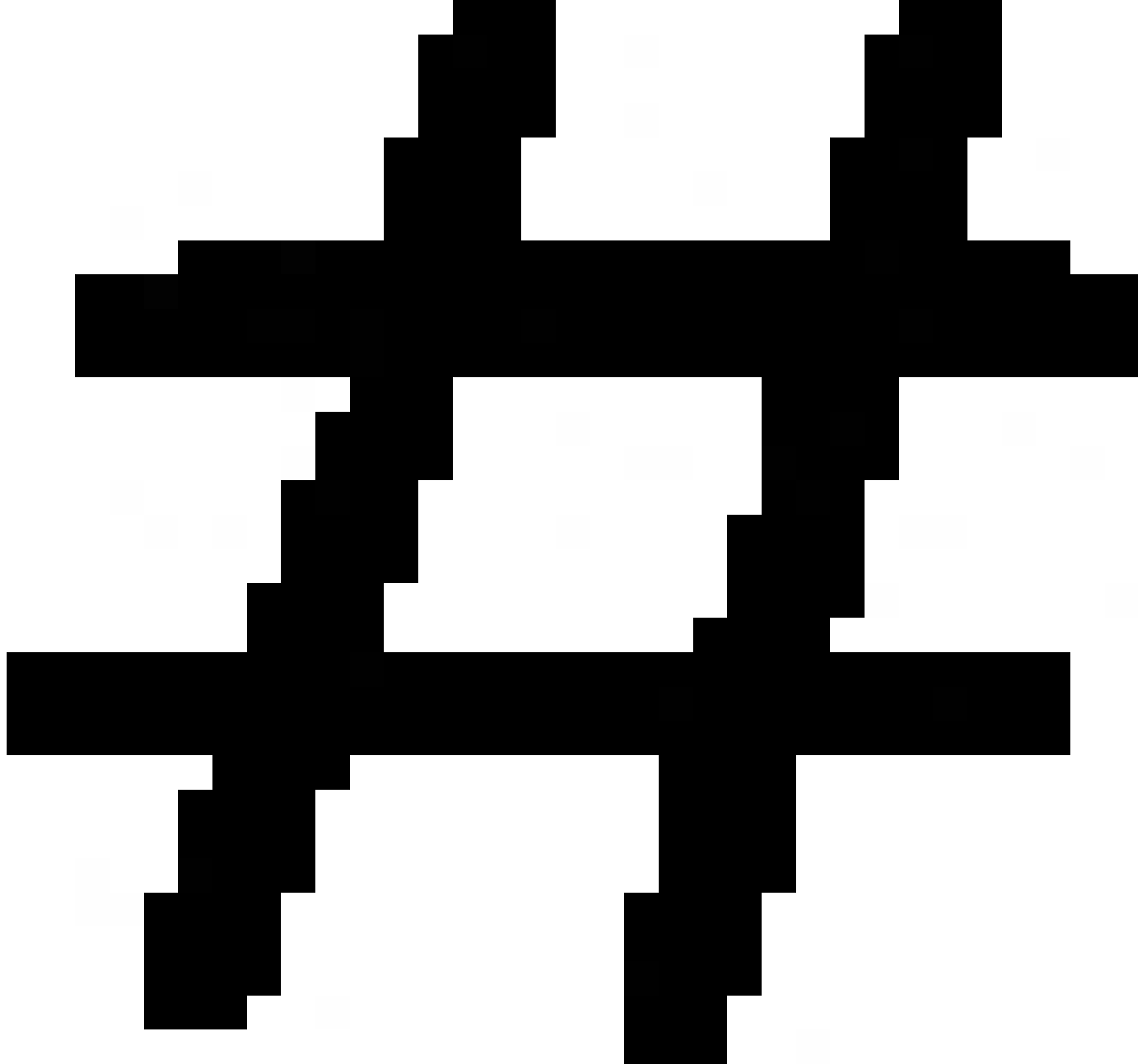
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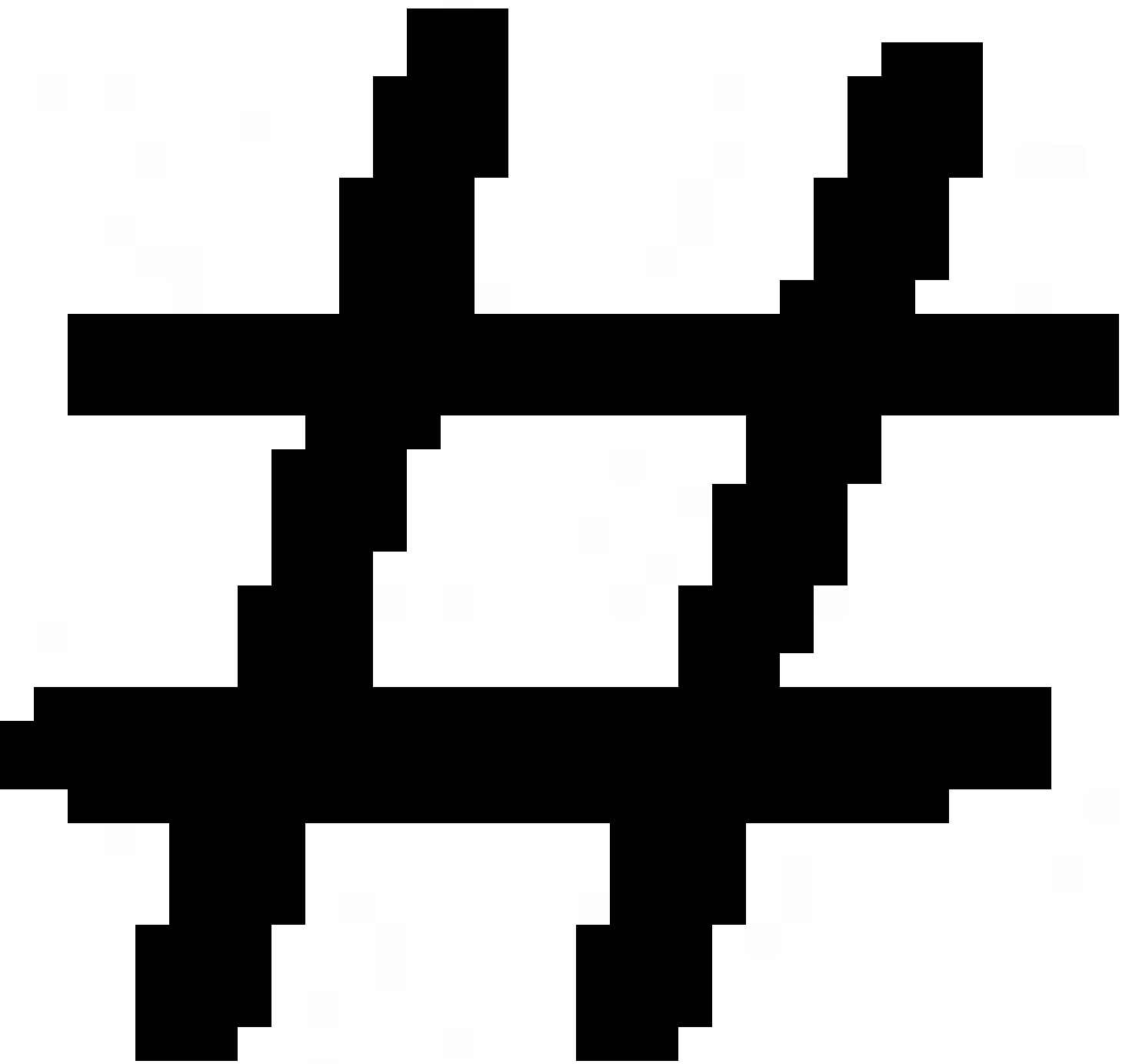


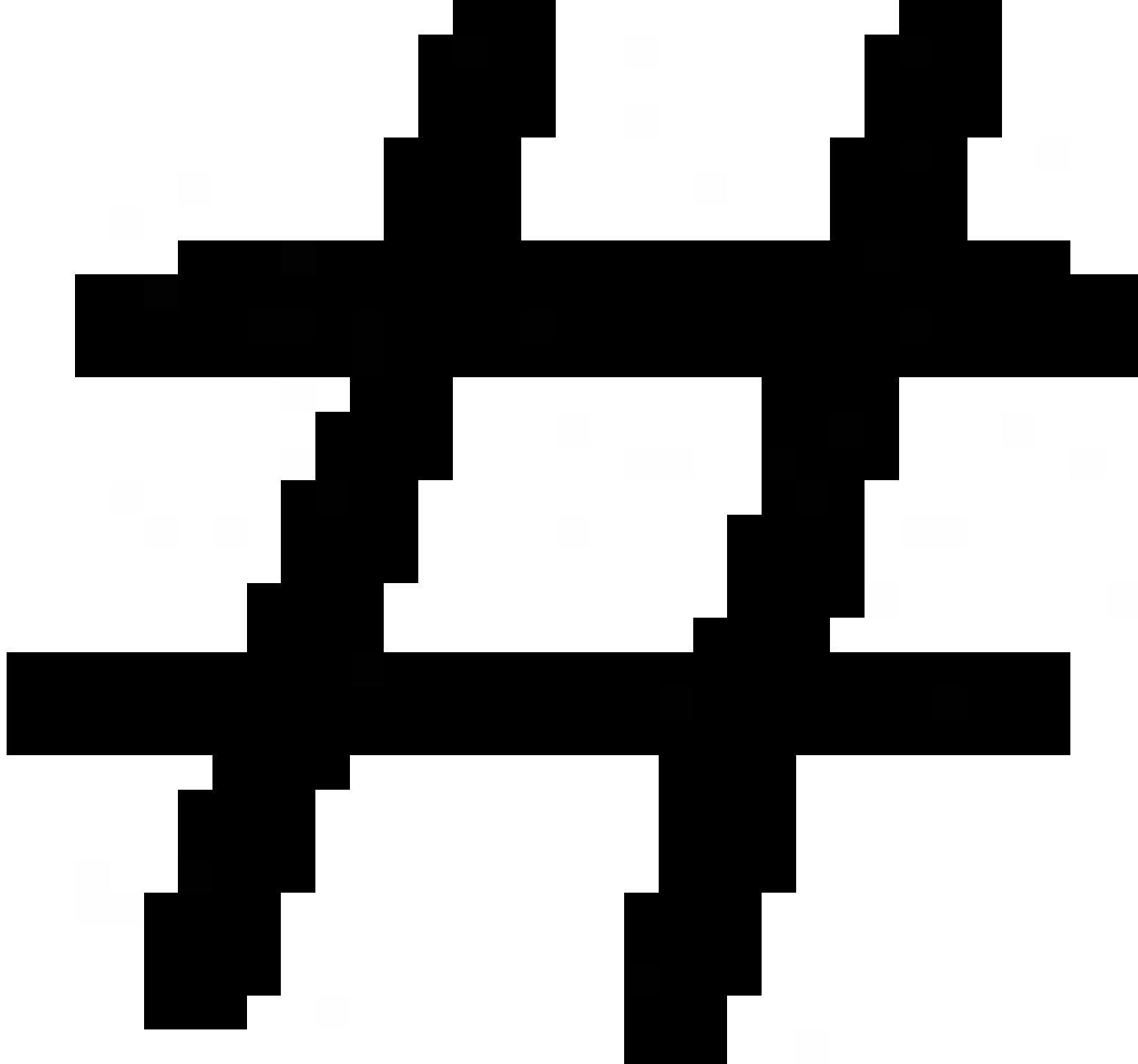


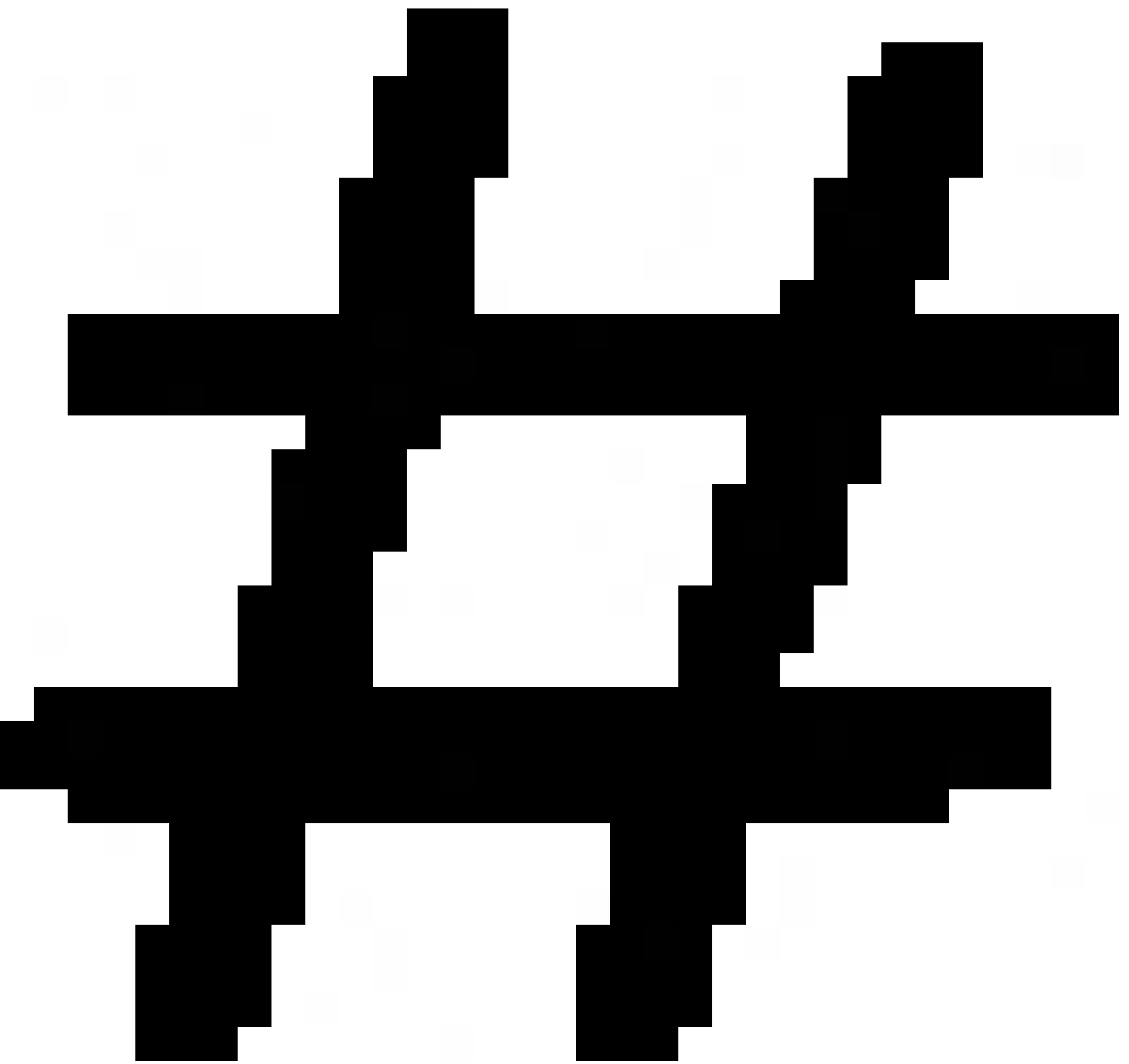




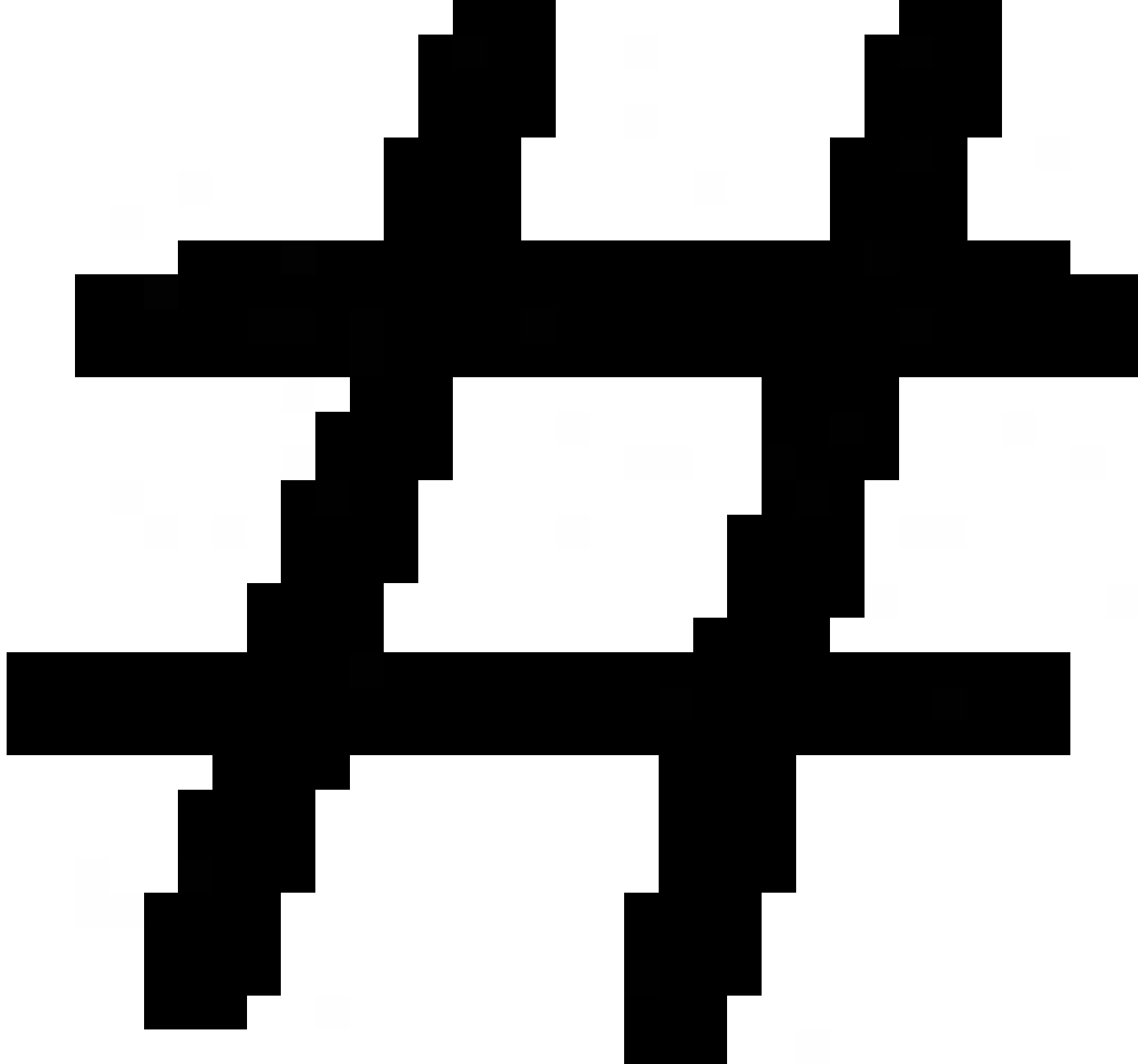


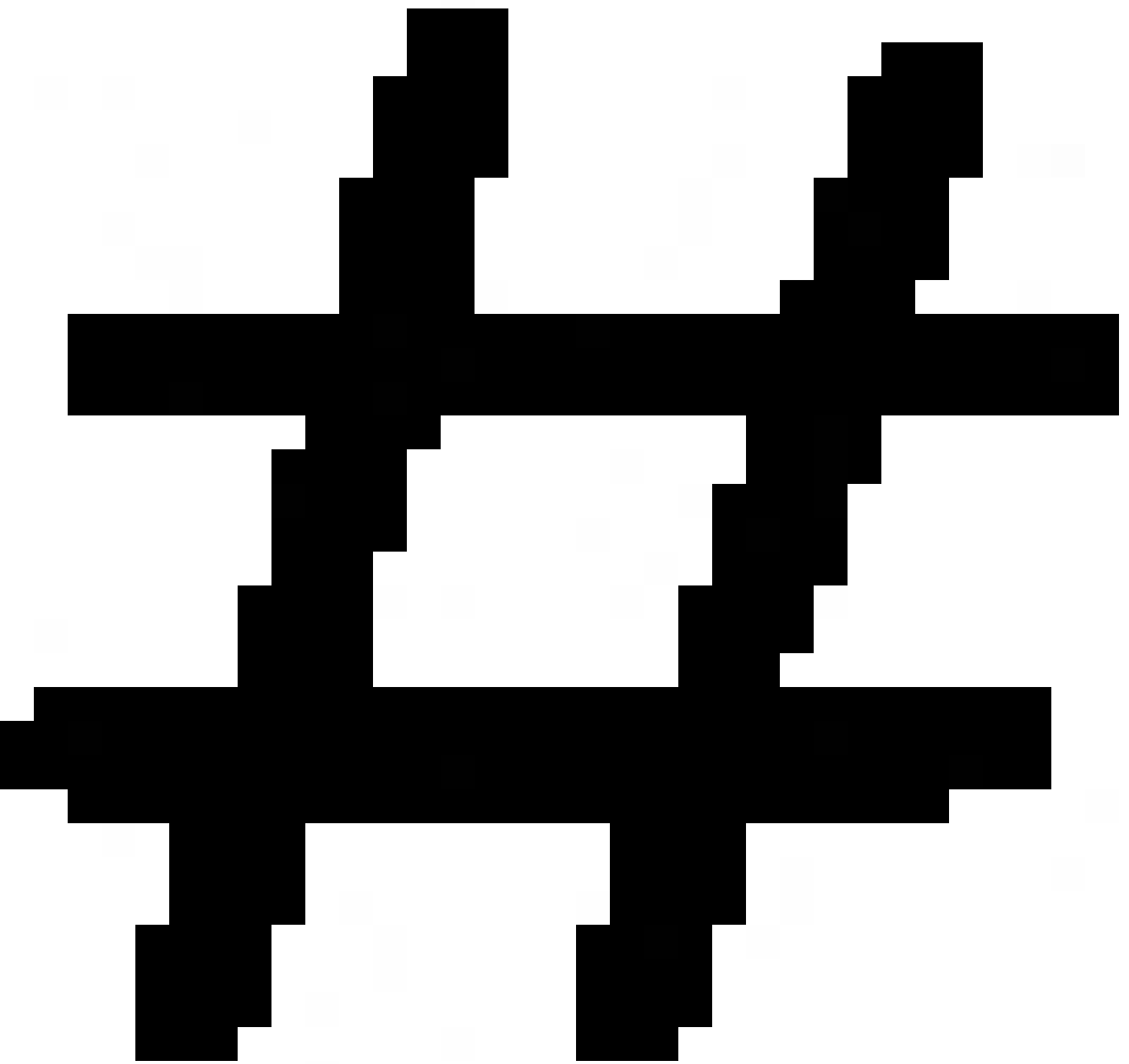


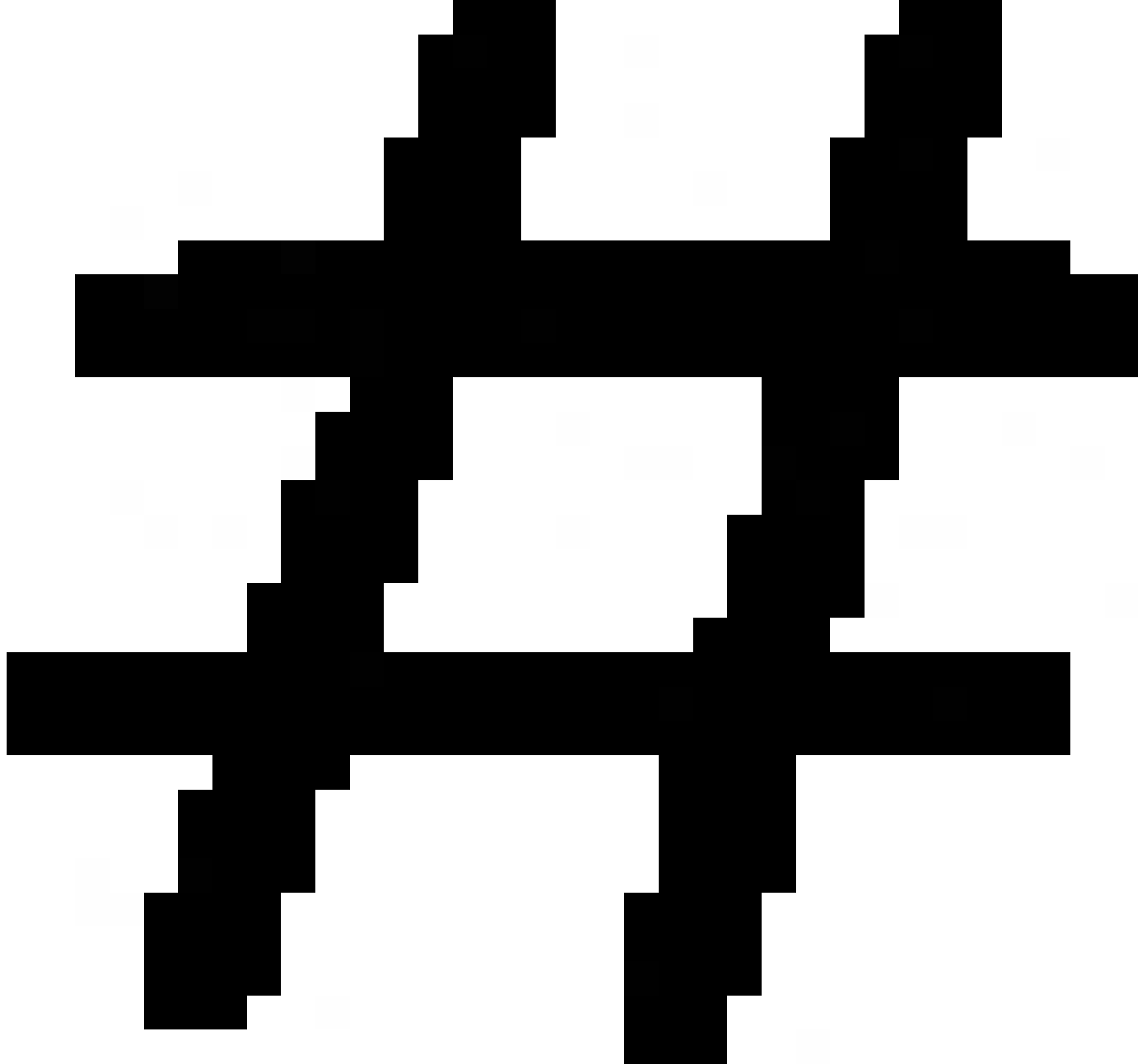




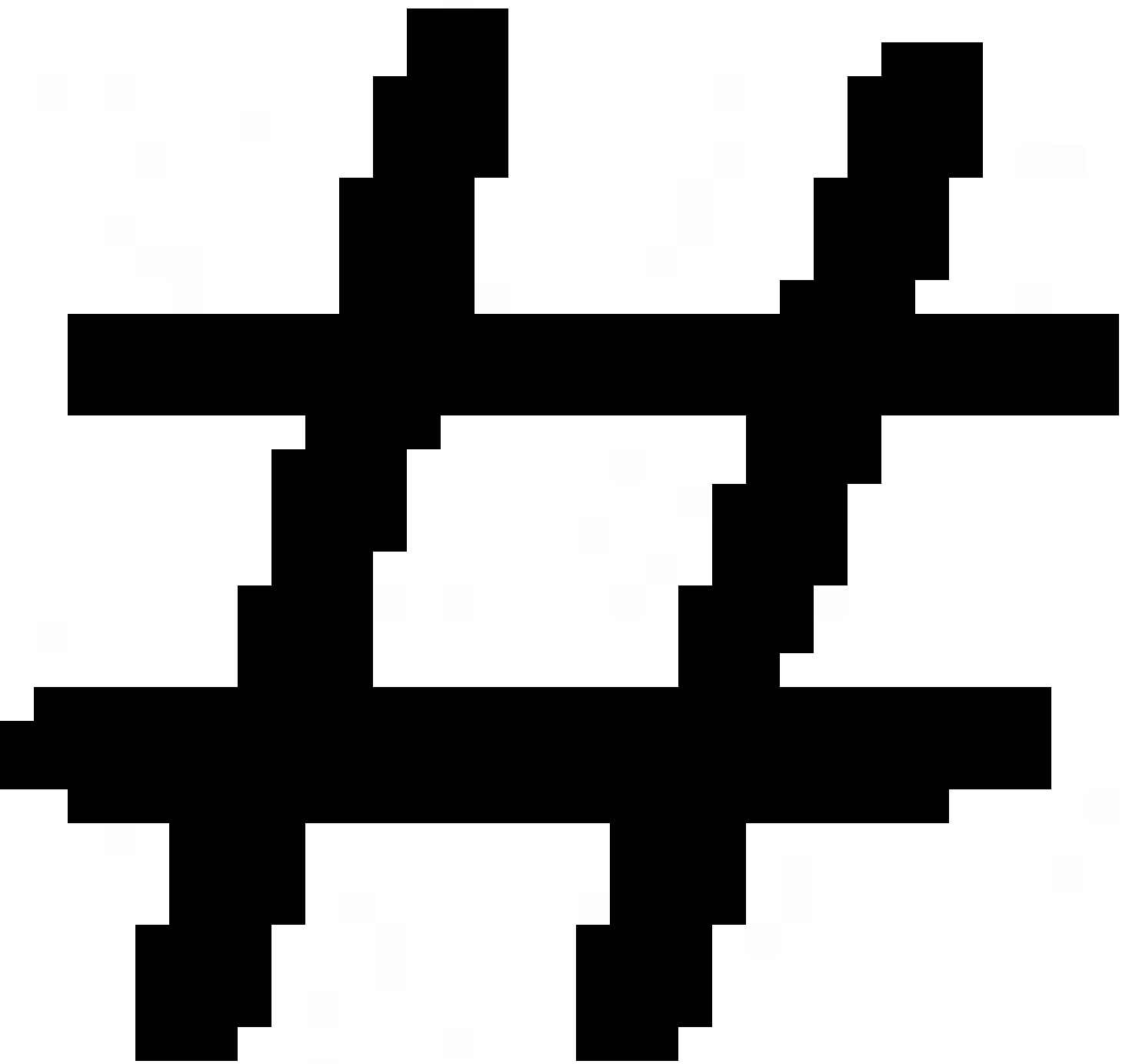


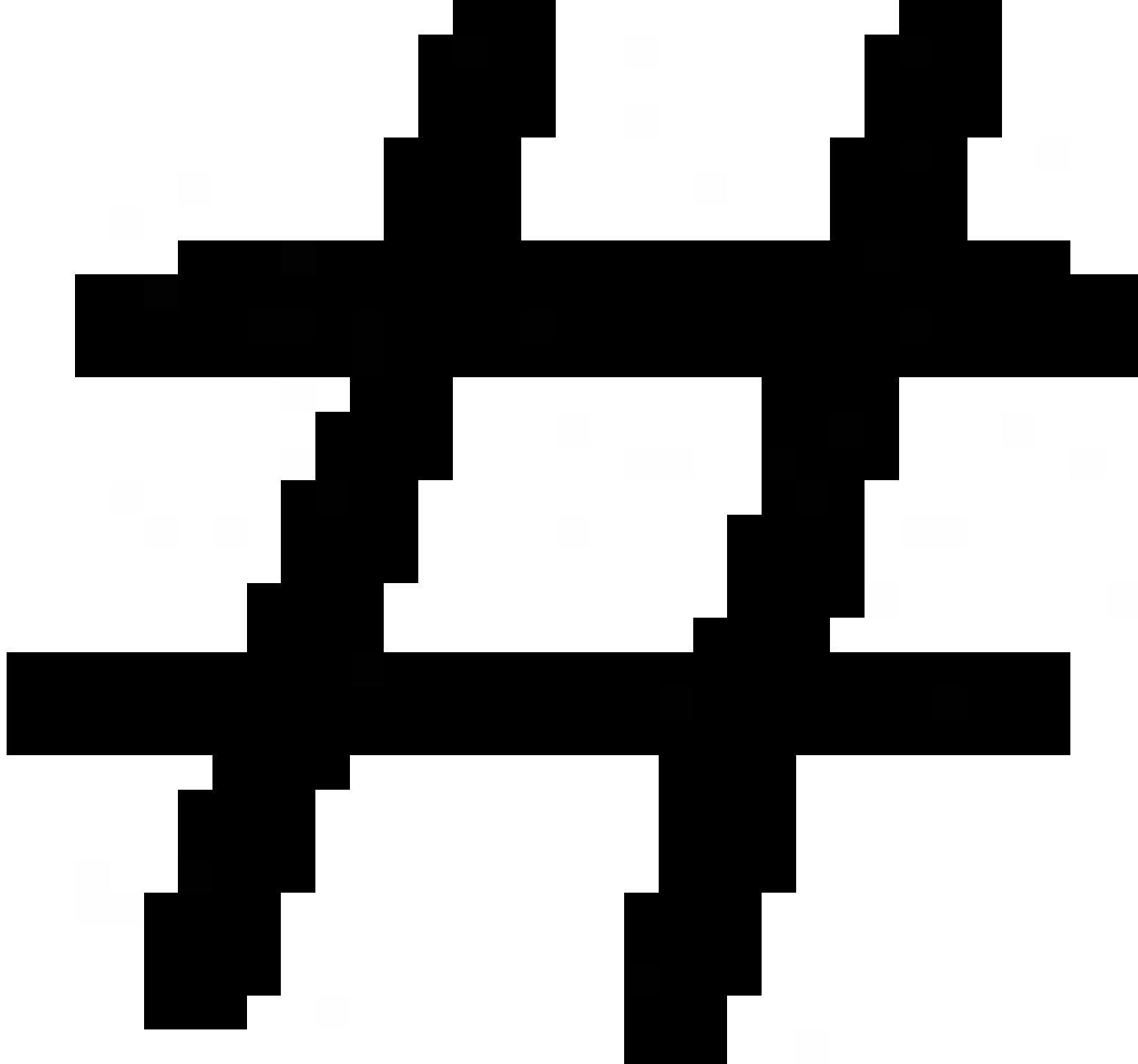


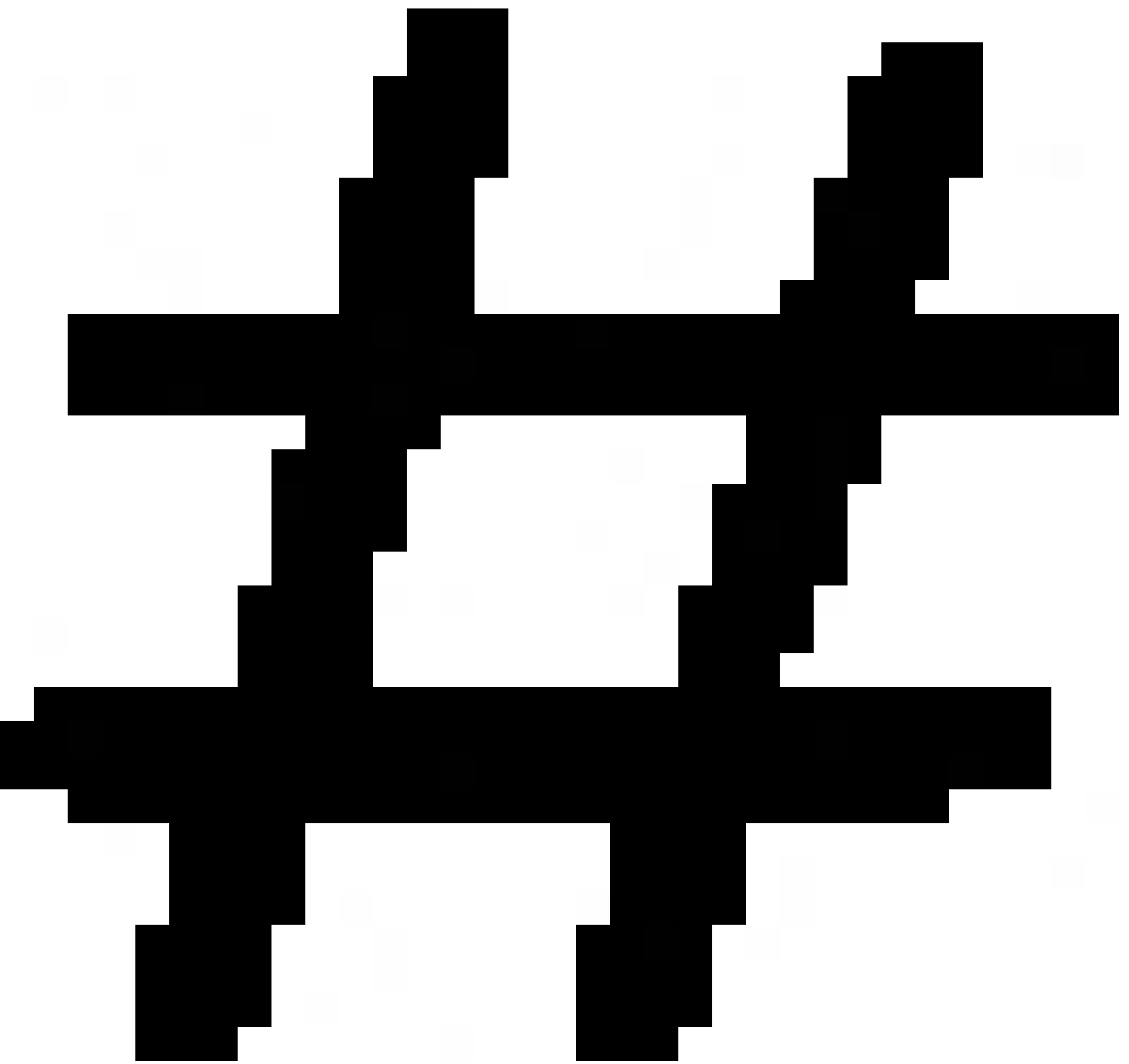


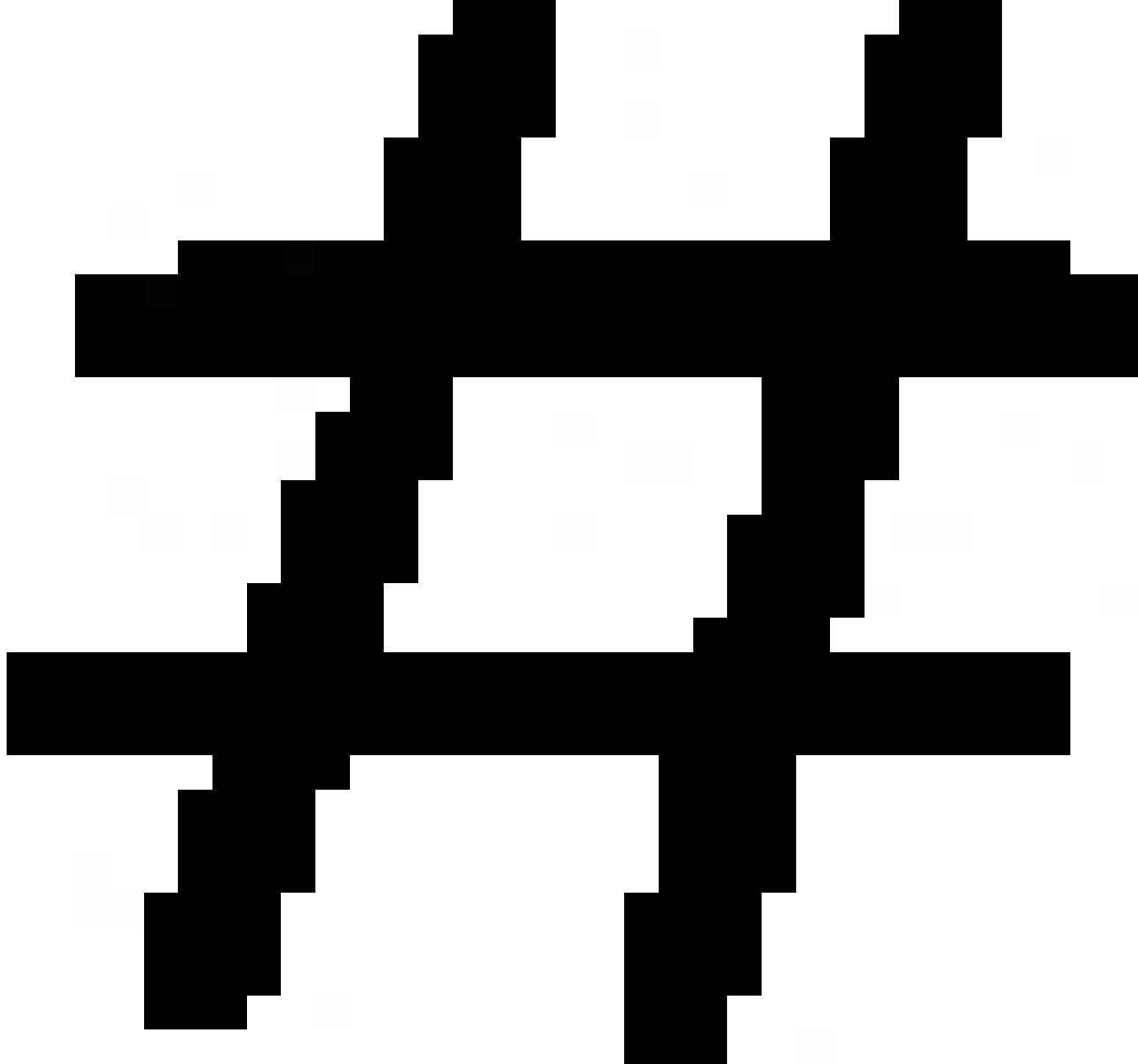




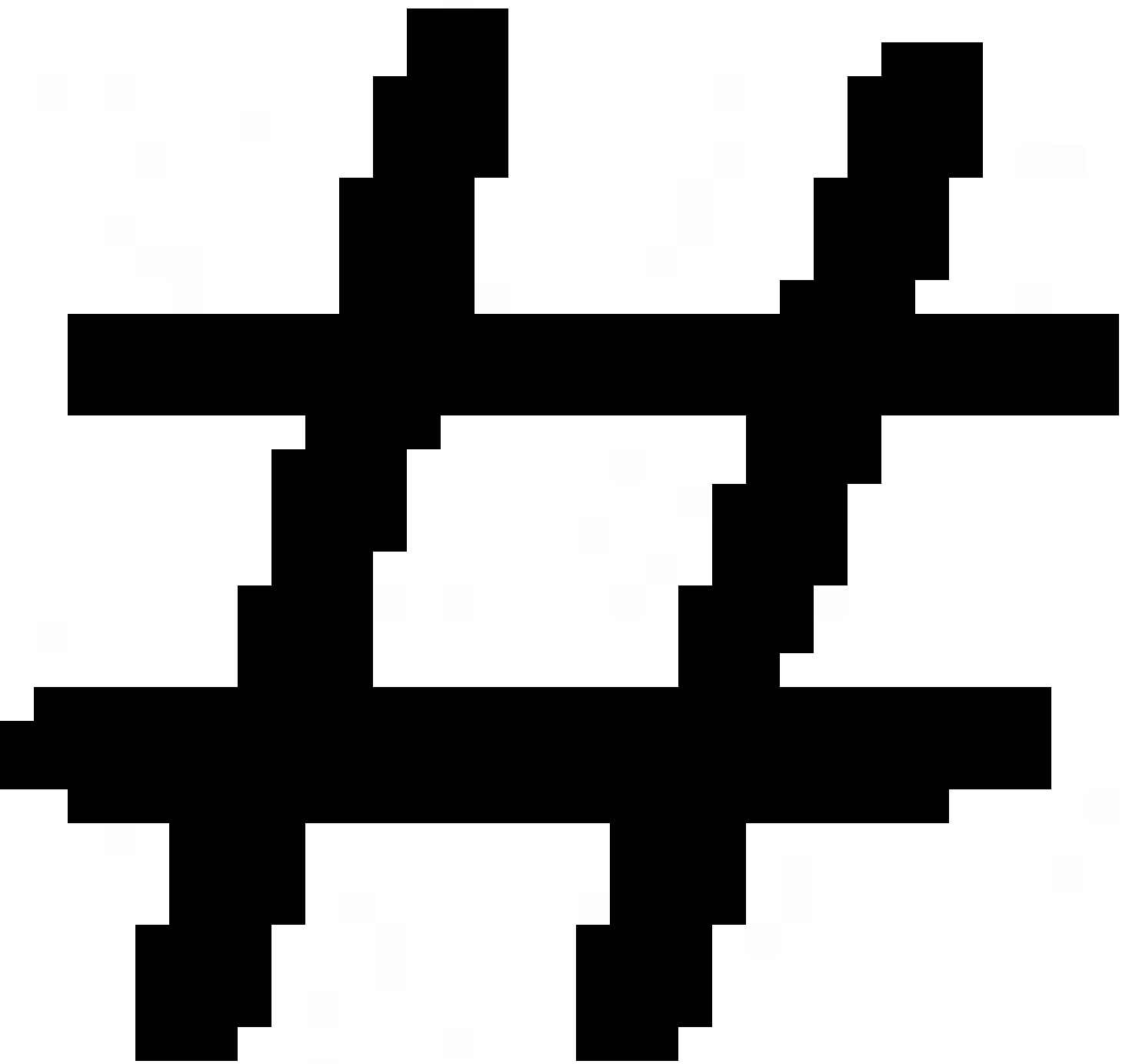


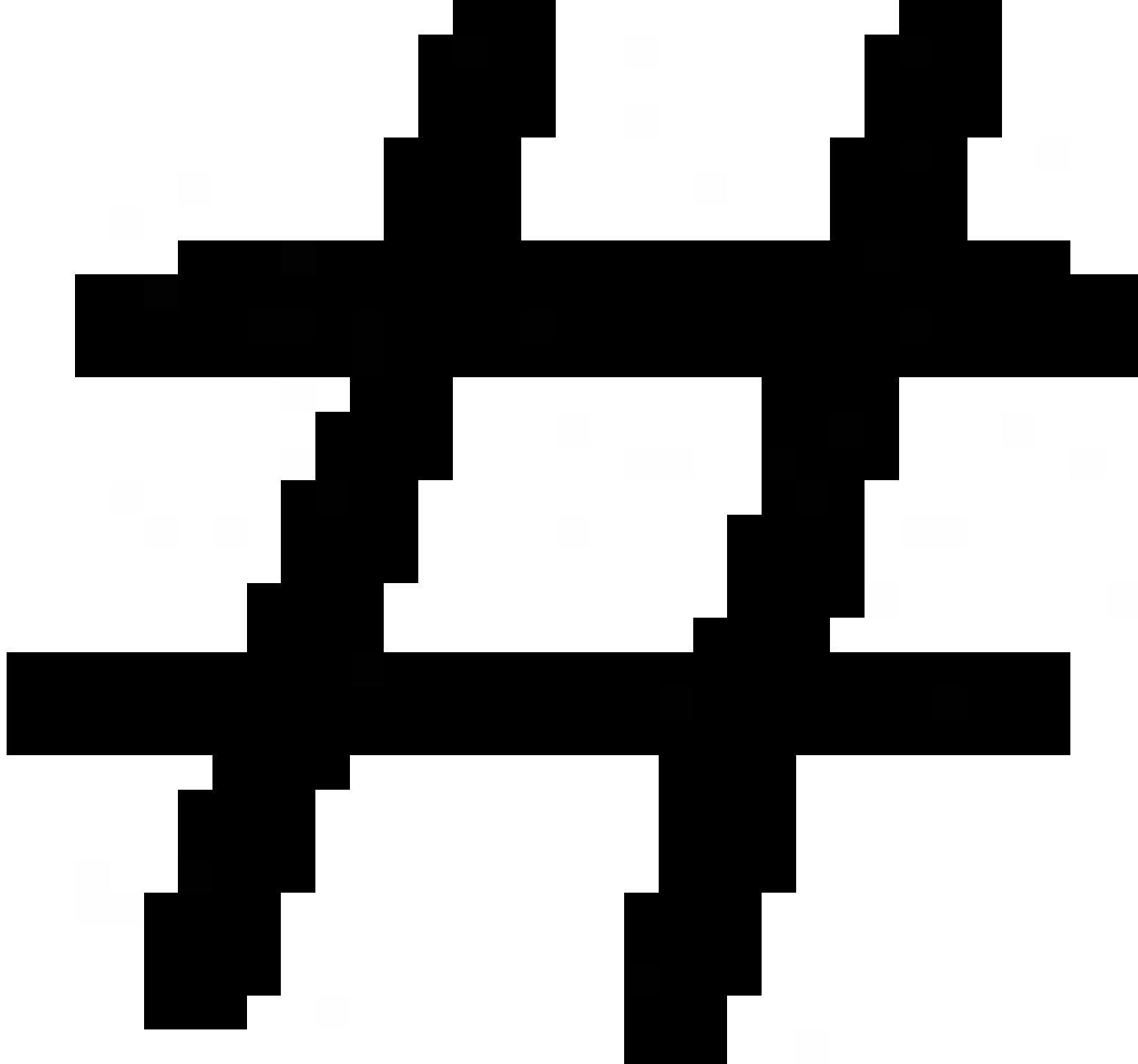


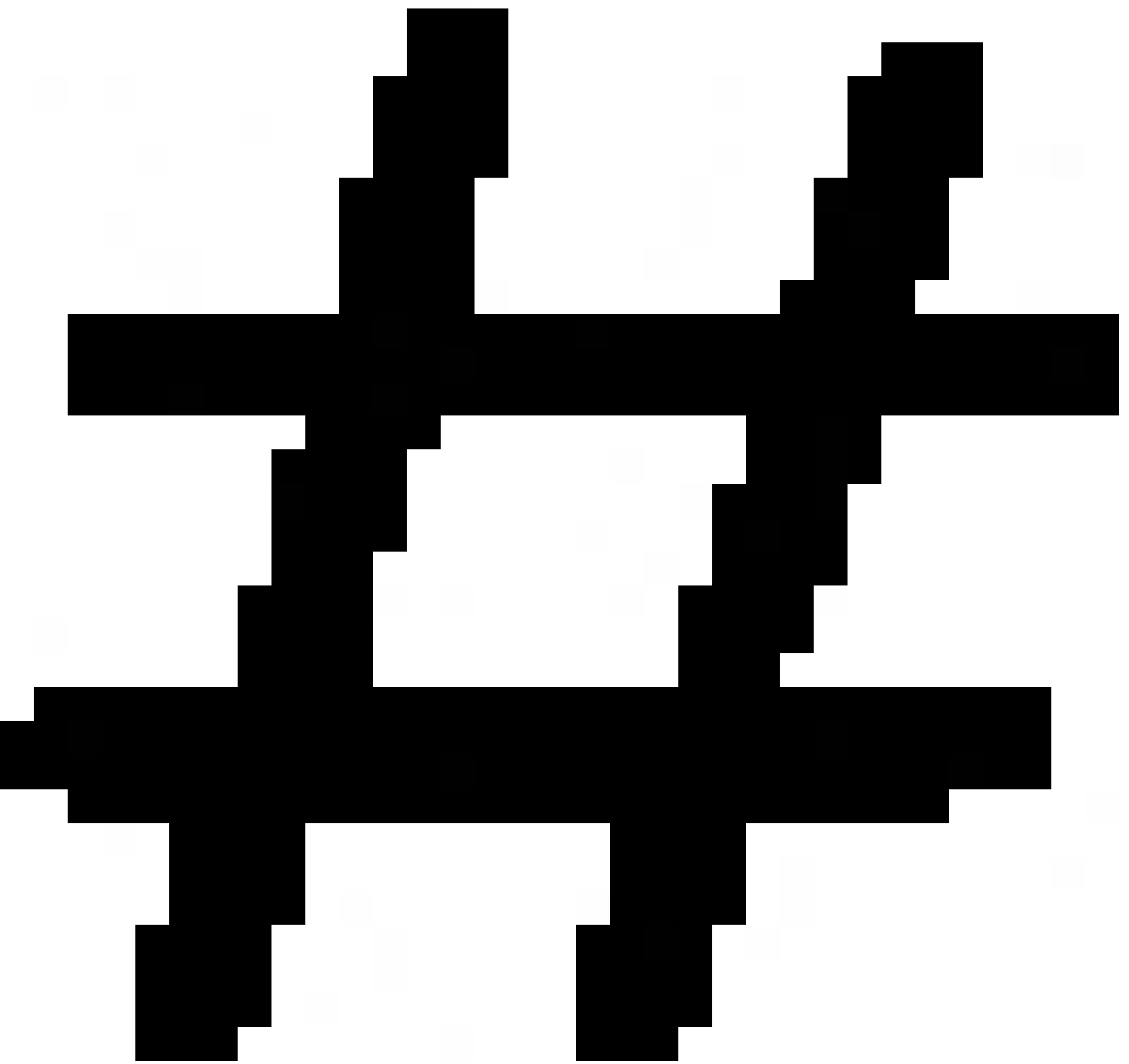












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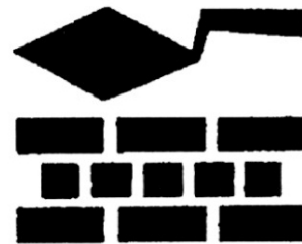
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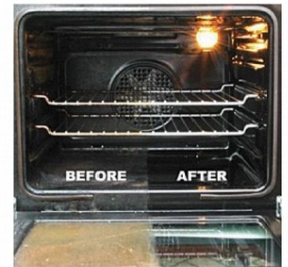


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On Sunday 1st November at 6.00pm at Bridge Church we will have special time of prayer at Evensong for our loved ones who have died, as we join the Church throughout the world in marking All Souls Day. Please call into the church before that day to write names of those you would like to be remembered in the book on the small altar.

The following Sunday we continue remembering the dead as we gather to mark Remembrance Sunday. This year the Remembrance Sunday Service for the parish will be held at Patricbourne Church and start at 1050am. If you need a lift to get there please let me know, as cars are being organised.

We then, on 29 November, move into the special season of Advent. This is a time of remembering the great foretellers of The Incarnation - the prophets, the patriarchs and matriarchs, John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus. Advent is also a time of finding space to slow down and get ready for Christmas, without the distractions of the High Street, as challenging as this is.

This All Souls' Day will be a poignant one for me and my family, after the death of my mother Pamela in September. I thank you for your kindness, support and prayers.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

## Dates For Your Diary

### November 2015

|       |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 01/11 | 18.00 | All Souls' Day Service at Bridge Church                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 03/11 | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                |
|       | 15.00 | Holy Communion at Bridge Haven                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|       | 19.30 | After 8's at Mansfield Court                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09/11 | 19.30 | Caring and Sharing                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10/11 | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                |
|       | 14.30 | Holy Communion at Mansfield Court                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11/11 | 10.00 | FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|       | 14.00 | Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres                                                                                                                                                            |
| 17/11 | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                |
|       | 15.00 | Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|       | 19.30 | After 8's at Mansfield Court                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 18/11 | 15.00 | Hymns at Bridge Haven                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 23/11 | 19.30 | Caring and Sharing                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 24/11 | 09.30 | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6/12  | 15.00 | Bourne Consort are returning to St Mary's Patrixbourne with a concert for the Christmas season, followed by refreshments. Contact Pauline Pritchard for tickets.                                                    |
|       |       | PS If you haven't yet tried out our new underpew heating, this is your chance to discover how much warmer the church is nowadays!                                                                                   |
| 7/12  | 19.30 | Mill Centre Management Committee AGM. Plough and Harrow There will be a proposal to change the constitution of the committee to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, in line with The Charities Act 2011. |

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Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays

## Lower Hardres News

Just to say a big thank-you to Lindsay and Katie for helping to clean the Church after the plaster incident. We managed to get everything shining again with lots of polish. A great thanks goes to Nackington Church for letting us have two services there.

## Christmas Fair.

Saturday, 21st November, 10-12.30, at John Baker White Hall.

There will be home made cakes, jams and other produce. There will be a raffle, gifts and refreshments. There will also be a bric-a-brac and children's stalls. We also hope to have Father Christmas! All are welcome.

## Christmas Workshop.

Saturday, December 5th 9.30 - noon at John Baker White Hall.

There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Please book early.

## Harvest Lunch

A big thank you to all those who helped at the Harvest Lunch. It was a feast and those that came said that they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Lots to eat and lots of laughs.

Sincere thanks to all.

Margaret and Vicki

## MY BIRTHDAY.

Thank you so much  
all my celebration  
cards and my pre  
I was very moved  
the festivities. I  
certainly did not  
them but they we  
so lovely. THANK  
AGAIN





### **Bridge Flower Arrangers**

A meeting of the flower arrangers for St. Peter's Bridge will be held at The Archways, Conyngham Lane at 2pm on November 26th. This is to arrange the rota for next year and to prepare for Christmas. Anyone who would like to join us please come for a cuppa and cake or phone Viv on 830981

**SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT** This year it is to be held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7.30pm In Bridge School Hall Entrance £3.00 - pay on the door (school children free) Refreshments will be served after the concert Join us for an evening singing carols - all money raised will go to the Salvation Army Fund

**SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT** We invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment On Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall Come along and listen to the children sing their Christmas songs Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276 We can also arrange local transport if required

**Editor's Note.** Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined December2015/January2016 one. Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Tuesday 17th November. Thanks in anticipation, Laurence Dunderdale.

*You are warmly invited to*  
**Come and Sing Carols**  
*at St Peter's, Bridge*  
*on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders* (Chorale, arr. J. S. Bach), *I Saw Three Ships* (Trad., arr. Willcocks), *Lullay, My Little One* (Straßburger Gesangbuch, arr. Reger), *A Manger Carol* (Anthony Hedges), *The Holy Boy* (John Ireland) and *Go, Tell it on the Mountain!* (Trad., arr. Miles).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> | 7–8.30 p.m.    |
| Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>    | 7–8.30 p.m.    |
| Sunday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>    | 3.45–5.30 p.m. |

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or [mjm@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:mjm@kings-school.co.uk). I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News Tel no: 07935 966 030**

The November Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday November 11th will also be the Scheme's Annual General Meeting. Do come if you can.

A gentle reminder that should you want an excellent L'Arche Christmas pudding please ring Anne Rooke on 830298. Thank you

### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and helped to raise £220 for St Mary's, Patrixbourne and Friends of Kent Churches.

It was a glorious day for a walk, though it was disappointing how many of the city centre churches were unmanned. Thank you as well to our noble band of volunteers who ensured we did better.

Pauline Pritchard (Patrixbourne)

A big thank you to Andrew, Fay, Megan and Nesta Maylam for once again doing the church cycle ride. They raised £142.00 to be shared between St. Peters Bekesbourne and the Friends of Kent Churches. Thanks also to Gill, Romany, Roger, Joan and Sherene who manned the church and served refreshments. Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support.

Jill Gillanders (Bekesbourne)

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our coffee morning raised £240.00 for this great cause.

Thank you for your support.

Maxine (Woodlands Hair & Beauty).

### **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 19th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Richard Eales will give a talk on Magna Carta and its importance to us in Canterbury and Kent.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

### **CORRECTION.**

As a consequence of the article "V J day Remembered" in last month's edition, may I sincerely apologise to John and readers for 2 errors which were involved.

Firstly John Robbins was never a POW in Burma, or anywhere else, fortunately!

Secondly the Chindit's were an invention of Gen. Wingate, not Gen. Waverly.

I confess to not having checked the original before submitting it to the Editor. Please accept my sincere apologies.

B.W.

### **The Friends of St Peter's Bridge**

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Friends of St Peter's Bridge, and responded to our appeal to help the church raise much needed funds to carry out essential repairs. If you haven't responded yet please do so soon. Applying for grants to help with the work will have more chance of being successful, if we can show that the residents here support the church, by helping to fund the repairs via the Friends organisation. Please join the Friends of St Peter's Church!

You can also help by attending fund raising events organised by the Friends, the first of which will be a Harp concert on the 15th November as advertised in this magazine. Plans are also being drawn up for a concert by the Cathedral Choristers, at the church on February 6th, and more details for this event will be in the next magazine.

If you can help in any way to raise the £90,000 we need, or have any queries about the Friends organisation please contact Stephen Woodley the Chairman on 01227 830954.

### **Poppy Appeal 2015**

This year the Poppy Appeal Fundraising Campaign will run from Thursday October the 22nd to November 11 2015. The main service this year will be at St Mary's Church in Patricbourne on Sunday, November 8th (Remembrance Sunday). There will also be a wreath laying ceremony at St Peter's Church in Bridge on Wednesday 11th November. Timings for both these can be found in, the 'Dates For Your Diary' section, in this magazine.

We need new volunteers for the door-to-door poppy appeal collections this year for Bridge High Street, Bridge Down and other areas. It only takes a few hours of one's time and is actually good fun! Please volunteer if you can.

Last year we raised a record amount for the poppy appeal and we would like to try and do so again!

Please contact Emily Shirley on 07753779074 for more details.

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

We can hardly believe that the Poppy Appeal is almost upon us again! We are still looking for people to help us with our house to house collection, so if anybody feels they can spare an hour or two to help please get in touch. We are especially needing collectors for Bekesbourne and Adisham. Please ring either the Poppy Organiser on 01227 728228 or the Secretary on 01227 472023.

Membership subscriptions are now due and we have our Branch AGM on Tuesday, 10th November when we elect Branch Officers for the coming year. Our Christmas meeting will be on Tues 8th December. Both these will be at 8pm at the Recreation Club as usual. Hope to see you there.

### **October 2015 on the Recreation Ground**

This has been another busy month. Thank you to all the volunteers. The adults who braved the damp weather on Saturday 17th October to prune and weed the flower beds round the Pavilion and the children from Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School who had great fun planting Narcissi bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne on 19th October. Last but not least thank you to the residents who donated appropriate shrubs and plants. It was a good community effort.

Sue Hodges



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE RESTORATION APPEAL

To aid the appeal, my cousin, the incredible harpist (and  
raconteur)

## DAVID WATKINS

[See his website - [www.davidwatkins.info](http://www.davidwatkins.info)]



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PLEASE HELP TO STOP OUR CHURCH FROM FALLING DOWN

*Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC*



# *Autumn Coffee Morning*

*Bridge Village Hall  
Saturday 14th November  
10 am–12 noon*

**Cake stall, books, puzzles,  
Christmas gifts, cards and  
Decorations.**

**Christmas Hamper raffle**

*Refreshments served.*

*Come and do some early Christmas  
Shopping!*

**Any donations for the stalls that can't be brought to the  
Hall on the day, can be collected, in advance, by calling  
01227 830947 or 01227 830960**

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Firstly a reminder of our talk by Rosemary Piddock on "**Monet's Garden**" on **Tuesday 3 November**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and there will be a small admission charge to include refreshments.

Then, on **Tuesday 1 December**, we have asked **Derek Marsh** to return after many years to entertain us with his **Port and Stilton Presentation** as part of our pre-Christmas Social Evening. On this occasion only and so that our speaker can cater for his presentation, we are asking you to purchase your participation ticket in advance. The charge will be £5 per person (to include a glass of Ruby port and cheese accompanied by festive "nibbles") and tickets are available from our Secretary Brenda Wood (tel 831704), Kathy Walder (830057) or any other member of the Committee.

We hope to see you then.

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

The **Annual Meeting** of the Institute when officers and members of the committee are elected for the coming year will be on **Tuesday 17 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

### **Bridge Farmers' Market**

#### **Candlelit Christmas Market**

**Thursday 17th December**  
**3.30pm to 6.30pm**  
**Red Lion Inn**

**School choir singing carols at**  
**3.45pm**

**Community carols with Stuart**  
**Field and David Cutting at 6pm**

**All our regular stalls plus many**  
**guest stalls**

**St Mary's Church in**  
**Chartham (CT4 7JW) presents a**  
**Coffee & Cake Concert The**  
**talented Rev Phil Brown (guitar**  
**and voice) with songs and**  
**stories Saturday 21st**  
**November 2015 10.15 am:**  
**Coffee and Cake 11.00 am -**  
**12.00 noon: Concert (Entry £3,**  
**for church funds) Access - Easy**  
**walking from the Chartham**  
**Station or Bus Stop and parking**  
**at the Village Hall opposite the**  
**church**





St Peter's Church Bekesbourne



Invite you to a



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday

5<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

10.00 am



Stalls  Raffle  Coffee



Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and Bekesbourne Brownies



### Report 15th Annual Open Exhibition October 2015

This was the most successful exhibition so far with 226 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge School contributed two roof hangings and the 1st Bridge Guides submitted a Holiday Collection. The Bridge and Patricbourne WI Craft Group contributed a Quilt. The exhibition favourite was A Stormy Day by ten year old Jenson North. The results can be seen on the web site ([www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk)).

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There were presentations by Peter Hodges, Secretary of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this year's sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to George Stanley who submitted three pieces of craft work. The senior prize was awarded to Mollie Bryant who submitted two pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers.

Sue Hodges

### The Quiet View

Your Faith Has Healed You, a Retreat Day led by Celia McBride: Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10 am to 4 pm

Celia writes, "These words of Jesus really mean '*Your **desire** to be healed is the key*'. And so the day offers you the opportunity to discover or re-discover that desire within you – to connect with a God who heals, loves and transforms our brokenness and to walk with fellow travellers on the road to wholeness. Using gentle practices such as body prayer, free-flow writing, silence, improvisation and group sharing we will explore what wounds are currently holding us hostage and how, through faith, we may begin to let them go and be transformed. Church and non-church goers equally welcome!"

Celia McBride is a multi-disciplinary artist and spiritual director from Canada currently living in England with the Sisters of the Christian Retreat. She accompanies both groups and individuals of all faiths and practices as she follows her own healing path and lives the spiritual journey. [www.celiamcbride.com](http://www.celiamcbride.com)

Suggested donation £15 – please bring your own lunch, refreshments will be served throughout the day. Book with Lizzie

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Lizzie Hopthrow 146 The Street Kingston - [lizziehopthrow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehopthrow@gmail.com)

01227 830070 [www.quietview.co.uk](http://www.quietview.co.uk)

## **Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council**

**Thursday 8 October 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

(Full version on website [www.bridgevillage.co.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.co.uk) and BPC noticeboards. BPC = Bridge Parish Council; CCC= Canterbury City Council)

### **Recreation Ground**

The annual firework display will take place on the Recreation Ground on 7 November. Security fencing around the children's play area will be fitted and the ladies toilet in the pavilion improved. There will be a logo competition for school children. New signs on the Recreation Ground will carry the new logo.

### **Cantley Development Proposals**

The Chair stated that

The recreation ground lease expires in 2023. The recreation space and all of the buildings and tennis courts on it, including the children's play area, could disappear.

There is great pressure for housing development in Canterbury district.

We would do well to manage this process by agreement with potential developers rather than by allowing less controlled development to take place without any village benefits.

Villagers raised questions about the legal status of the recreation ground and its lease, the environmental impact of the proposed development and its location. Could the recreation ground lease renewal be detached from the housing proposals? Where to site a new village hall? Could the recreation ground be purchased? The status and content of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan were also raised.

CCC does not have a 5 year supply of land as requested by the planning inspector so it will be very difficult to turn down planning requests for new housing.

All of the formal information from Cantley estates is on the village website and villagers' views will be heard through an open surgery meeting on Saturday 7 Nov (2-4) and Saturday 28 Nov (9.30- 11.00) in the village hall. BPC will consider opinions before taking next steps.

### **Green Court**

Kent County Council (KCC) will not dig up the existing tarmac, landscape and maintain the area. Consultation with those who live in the area is needed on suggestions to be formulated by BPC.

### **Illegal parking**

Villagers: send photographs of cars illegally parked to Lacy Dixon of CCC

### **Drainage on the High St during heavy rainfall.**

KCC officials are aware.

### **Mill Centre**

BPC will negotiate and formalise a new lease with no risk to BPC. If funds cannot be raised (and the Mill Centre upgraded as required) then it can be handed back to CCC at any time.

### **High St Safety**

The kerbside has been raised: bus stop needs relocation to prevent cars driving on the pavement. (opposite the pharmacy).

### **Skateboarding event: 28 October 2015: Bridge Recreation Ground**

### **Street lighting:**

Respond to the KCC street lighting questionnaire online (via the KCC website) or by post to KCC.

**Next meeting: Thursday 12 November 2015 7.30: Bridge Village Hall**

## The Reverend Pamela LLOYD (our Vicar's mother)

*The Dean of Canterbury writes...*

Pamela LLOYD, who died on 25th September 2015 under a month short of her 90th birthday, was a pioneer in women's ministry. Her life and her own ministry paved the way for the acceptance of women's ministry today. Speaking in 1978, when the vote for the Ordination of Women had been lost in the General Synod House of Clergy she said: "I have far greater faith in God than in the clergymen of the Synod. I believe that if God wants women to be priests, God will have them as priests. I do not know how it will happen, but I know it will happen."

Pamela Bampton was born on 20th October 1925. Her father was a Civil Engineer, holding the rank of Colonel in the British Army in India but Pamela was born in London and came back to England for her education, enduring long journeys by boat and often staying with other families in holiday time.

The War was the first of three events which radically altered the course of her life. She found herself in the headquarters of the Special Operations Executive (or SOE) with its highly secret business of dropping agents behind enemy lines. The second life-changing event came from the fact that Pamela worshipped at Holy Trinity Brompton where, at the evening service, she came under the influence of Canon Bryan Green and underwent a powerful conversion experience. She wrote of this experience, "I can feel the power and the strength of the Holy Spirit. I have never been so happy and contented in all my life." She informed her parents that she would not be returning to India and she began a journey that was to lead her to being selected for training as a Deaconess. She worked as a medical secretary; then with the Oxford Pastorate; and then as assistant to Ronald Hunt, Vicar of Malvern.

Pamela completed her training at Gilmore House, but at the same time the third life-changing event occurred, which was that she fell in love with Robert LLOYD the Curate at the local parish Church and accepted his proposal of marriage. As she left Gilmore House, she was told that she would never work for the Church of England and must now fulfil her vocation as a wife and mother. Robert was required to compensate the college by paying them a third of a year's stipend.

Pamela achieved much in her life, but being a wife and a mother was one of those achievements. She produced four sons, two of whom are now priests themselves, supported Robert in his ministry and created a home, wherever the family went.

As well as bringing up four sons, Pamela began to develop a ministry of her own, outside the structures of the Church. She trained as a counsellor and for many years worked with the Marriage Guidance Council (now Relate). She developed her skills of listening and her experience of working with broken people from all walks of life. She came to Canterbury Cathedral to work as the Personal Assistant to the manager of the Gift Shop. When he retired the Cathedral wanted to develop its merchandising in one direction and Pamela wanted to go in another. So she moved on and bought Conquest House in Palace Street, which she ran as a very successful gift shop for a number of years. She gave the profits from the business to the Diocese, to be used for the care of clergy.

But the call to ministry never left her. Four times during her life she came into Canterbury Cathedral to be Commissioned or Ordained by four different Archbishops, Ramsey commissioned her as a Parish Worker, Coggan licensed her as a Deaconess, Runcie ordained her as a Deacon and Carey as a Priest. From 1976 to 1985 she worked at All Saints' Canterbury. Her Vicar, David Matthiae, said of her, "I would always give her the most challenging families to visit in the parish, and with no hesitation she would whiz off on her bicycle to see them." She also, at different times, exercised a ministry in some of the local hospitals and at the prison.

Her preaching ministry had begun at the age of 18 and she went on to preach at such places as Downing College Cambridge, Lincoln Theological College and Bedbury Park School, as well as being the first woman to preside regularly at the mid-week Eucharist in Canterbury Cathedral. Her early experience of spirituality and one-to-one counselling gave rise to a lifetime of ministry to individuals, and she helped to lead a number of pilgrimages as well as skilfully leading many different prayer and study groups.

From 1995 almost to the end of her life she was a regular and active member of the congregation of Canterbury Cathedral and she and Robert engendered much love and affection. After Robert's death two years ago Pamela's own health began to fail but she never lost her interest in all that was going on around her or her cheerful courage as she became increasingly less mobile. Happily she lived to see the consecration of women as Bishops and retained a lively memory of every step that it had taken to reach that moment right to the end.

## Bourne Vets Advice

As the temperature starts to drop and the nights draw in, it is time for tortoises to start their hibernation. This can be a traumatic time for tortoise owners as it is a time when they hibernate tortoises.

The first thing to check is that your tortoise is healthy and big enough to hibernate. If your tortoise is less than 3 years old, has a shell length less than 10 cm, is underweight or at all unwell then we would recommend not hibernating it but keeping it awake over winter in a heated vivarium.

It is also important to ensure that your tortoise does not hibernate with undigested food in its stomach as this can make them very poorly. As the temperature drops and the tortoise cools down they will start to slow down and will stop eating. They shouldn't eat for 2-4 weeks before hibernation to ensure their stomachs are fully empty.

During hibernation the most important thing is to try and maintain the tortoise's body temperature between 3 and 7 degrees C and not allow it to fluctuate which is easier said than done!

Tortoises hibernate best in strong plastic boxes with ventilated lids about half filled with soil. The tortoise will bury himself in the soil and this will help keep his temperature constant much more than using straw or paper. They are best kept in brick outbuildings as these stay cool but protected from frost. It's a good idea to use a min-max thermometer underneath the soil in the hibernating box which you can check every couple of weeks.

Tortoises tend to start waking up again about March when the weather becomes milder and at this stage you should move the box to somewhere warmer and allow them to gradually wake up naturally. Once they are awake they should be placed in a bath of luke warm water for about 10 minutes to help them rehydrate as it is dehydration rather than starvation that most affects them as they come out of hibernation.

Our other big concern at Bourne Veterinary Practice at this time of year is that fireworks season is underway and many pets get very frightened by the unusual loud noises and bright lights. We can help with various techniques to ensure your pet is better equipped to cope when the scary noises start. Ask us at reception or call us on **01227 832322** for more details and we can discuss the options with you as we know this can be a stressful time for many pets and their owners.





## News from The Fifth Trust at Elham Valley Vineyard

We have had a very busy few months over the Summer, with our students and staff attending several local events promoting the Charity and selling items made in our various Craft sessions. On May 23rd we spent the day in Whitefriars Shopping Centre, we gave out hot drinks and home made cup cakes in return for donations from shoppers. This resulted in £900 for the Trust and we also sold plants, pottery etc – we actually provided the flowers and hanging baskets which decorate Whitefriars for Canterbury City Council and we are very proud of this.

Three members of staff got their pictures in the Folkestone Herald in June, when they ran a stall at the Elham Food Fair which was opened by Pam Ferrers of “Darling Buds of May”. The event was very well attended, we even saw Kaddy Lee Preston the BBC Weather Girl and her family!

Students and staff attended a day out at Godmersham Park recently where they were treated to lunch, they did a Treasure Hunt and played Cricket and generally had a very good time and on September 6th some of them went over to Tenterden where they did well in an “It’s a Knockout” competition.

We have just taken delivery of two really nice sparkling wines just ready for the Christmas Market, they will be available in our Café. We also have a dry white and a blush rose available. These are the results of our re-planting in 2011 with different grape types and enabling us to offer a wider range of English wines – one of which is to be entered into an award – wish us luck!

We are looking for “Fifth Trust Friends” to support our Charity, please contact our main office on 01227 832022 to get a form, you can also ask for a copy of our latest Newsletter “Grapevine” which we publish 4 times a year. This gives more details on our activities. You can also take a look at our website:- [www.thefifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.thefifthtrust.co.uk)

This year our Annual Craft Fair is on 5th December from 11 a.m. in our Garden Centre with cakes, pottery, woodwork, cards and gifts all made in our work centres, do come along as it is the main fund raising event in our Calendar, there will be festive food, music and fun for all.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give us, we appreciate it and so do the students.



*Charlton Park*

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**Sunday 8 Nov 3.30pm: Talk by John Hedgeley**

*“The Water’s Edge”* illustrated talk on the varied Kent coast Tks £17.50 inc. Full tea

**Sunday 15 Nov 3pm: David Watkins Solo Harp Recital**

*In aid of Bridge Church appeal.* Tks £20 inc. Refreshments. Book on: 01227 830344

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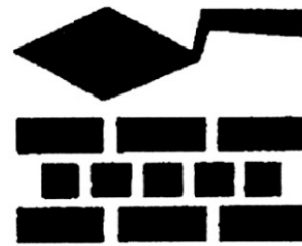
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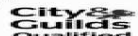
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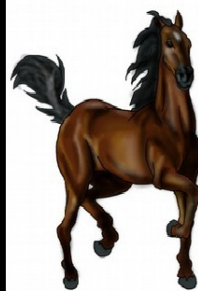
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| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2015</b>               | <b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>                                    | <b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>                                 | <b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>                                   | <b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Second Sunday of Advent<br/>6 December</b>          | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Communion                           | <b>6.00pm</b> Advent Evensong                                                                                                                            | <b>9.30am</b><br>Sung Eucharist                              | <b>9.30am</b><br>Advent Family Service        |
| <b>Third Sunday of Advent<br/>13 December</b>          | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>Carol Service</b>                        | <b>4.00pm</b><br><b>Carol Service</b>                        | <b>11.00am</b><br>Family Communion                                                                                                                       | <i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i> | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion           |
| <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent<br/>20 December</b>         | <i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i> | <b>3.00pm</b><br><b>Crib Service</b>                         | <b>11.00am</b><br>Parish Eucharist<br><br><b>6.00pm</b> <b>Carol Service</b>                                                                             | <b>8.00am</b><br>BCP Holy Communion                          | <b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist                  |
| <b>Wednesday 23 December</b>                           |                                                              |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                          | <b>7.00pm</b> <b>Carol Service</b>                           |                                               |
| <b>CHRISTMAS EVE<br/>24 December</b>                   | <b>11.30am</b><br><b>Midnight Mass</b>                       | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice</i> | <b>3.00pm</b><br><b>Christingle</b> (younger children)<br><b>5.00pm</b><br><b>Christingle</b> (older children)<br><b>11.30pm</b><br><b>Midnight Mass</b> | <i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i> | <b>11.30pm</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>           |
| <b>CHRISTMAS DAY<br/>25 December</b>                   | <i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i> | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>Family Christmas Service</b>             | <b>8.00am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> BCP                                                                                                                  | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>Christmas Family Eucharist</b>           | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Family Carol Service</b> |
| <b>St JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist<br/>27 December</b> |                                                              |                                                              | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>Benefice Eucharist</b>                                                                                                              |                                                              |                                               |

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge.

### Invitation

All are warmly invited to the Farewell Evensong for our Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Sheila Watson, on Sunday 13 December at 3.15pm at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by tea in the Chapter House.

| <b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2016</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>THE EPIPHANY</b><br>3 January               | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion                                     | 11.00am Family Communion                                     | 6.00pm Epiphany Evensong                              | 9.30am Sung Eucharist                                         | 9.30am Three Kings Family Service                            |
| <b>BAPTISM OF CHRIST</b><br>10 January         | 9.30am Sung Eucharist<br>3.30pm Evensong                      | 3.30pm Evensong at Nackington                                | 11.00am Family Communion                              | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i> | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion                                    |
| <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b><br>17 January | <i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i> | 9.30am Family Service                                        | 11.00am Choral Eucharist                              | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion                                     | 9.30am Sung Eucharist                                        |
| <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b><br>24 January  | 9.30am Sung Eucharist                                         | <i>all welcome at the other services across the Benefice</i> | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion<br>11.00am Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Mattins                                                | <i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i> |
| <b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b><br>31 January |                                                               | 11.00am Benefice Service                                     |                                                       |                                                               |                                                              |

9.30am Every Tuesday at Bridge Church: Holy Communion. All welcome.

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**St Mary's Church, Nackington**

**Sunday 29 Nov at 9.30am** Advent Benefice Service

**Sunday 13 Dec at 9.30am** Carol Service

**Christmas Eve at 11.30pm** Midnight

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**St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres**

**Sunday 29 Nov at 6.30pm** Advent Music & Readings with *Lees Court Music*  
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**Saturday 5 Dec 9.30am-12.00noon** Christmas Children's Workshop at John Baker  
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**Sunday 13 Dec at 4.00pm** Carol Service \*

**Sunday 20 Dec at 3.00pm** Family Crib Service #

**Christmas Day at 9.30am** Family Christmas Service #

**Sunday 3 Jan at 11.00am** Epiphany Family Service #

**St Peter's Church, Bridge (T&L)**

**Sunday 6 Dec at 6.00pm** Advent Choral Evensong \*

**Thursday 17 Dec at 6.00pm** Carol Singing at *The Red Lion* (in support of Friends of  
St Peter's Bridge)

**Sunday 20 Dec at 6.00pm** Carol Service \*

**Christmas Eve at 3.00pm** Christingle Service (*for younger children*) #

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**Christmas Eve at 11.30pm** Midnight Mass \*

**Christmas Day at 8.00am** Christmas Eucharist \*

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**St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne (T&L)**

**Sunday 6 Dec at 9.30am** Advent Family Service #

**Sunday 13 Dec at 2.00pm** Carols at Chalk Pit Farm #

**Christmas Eve at 11.30pm** Midnight Mass \*

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Dear friends

The terrible attacks in Paris that killed so many young people have shaken us all. We are starkly reminded of the reality of evil in our world, and the need to be united across Europe in our responses to terror. We are praying for all those affected and those who grieve. It is understandable and easy to feel frightened. At that first Christmas a young refugee family on the run in a climate of political violence, also felt fear. So did the shepherds in the fields. Just at the point when the fear of the people was probably getting out of control, God sent angels to proclaim from the skies 'Fear not!'. My prayer is that the voices of the angels will be heard loudly across our skies of Europe, as we try to 'fear not'.

The weeks leading up to Christmas are a time of getting ready for Christmas. The first year I lived in Denmark I got caught out as they start Christmas celebrations a day early, and I found all the shops closed on 24th! My last minute man-shopping was thwarted! In the Christian Church we mark the season of Advent. In many ways it is a counter-cultural experience, as Advent aims to help us slow down at the very moment the world is speeding up. Over the four Sundays we focus on the foretellers of the Incarnation - John the Baptist, the Patriarchs & Matriarchs, the Prophets, and young Mary. All people that pointed to and enabled the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of expectant waiting.

My prayer this Advent and Christmas is that we will hear the angels singing 'fear not', and that our celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace will be a time of building peace in our community and world. The message of Christmas is that the light of Christ in the world is brighter than all the darkness and can never be extinguished.

There will be a warm welcome at your local church at all our special Advent and Christmas services - please come along with your family. See page 12 for the full list.

When the time comes, have a very Happy Christmas!  
Jonathan



**Dates For Your Diary December 2015**

|                                |             |       |                                                    |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 01/12                          | 09.30       |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge               |
| Haven                          |             | 15.00 | Holy Communion at Bridge                           |
|                                |             | 19.30 | After 8's at Mansfield Court                       |
| 05/12                          | 09.30-12.00 |       | Christmas Children's Workshop,<br>John Baker White |
| Hall, Lower Hardres            |             |       |                                                    |
| 06/12                          | 09.30       |       | Advent Family Service at St                        |
| Peter's, Bekesbourne           |             | 18.00 | Advent Evensong at St                              |
| Peter's, Bridge                |             |       |                                                    |
| 08/12                          | 09.30       |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's,                      |
| Bridge                         |             | 14.30 | Carol Service at Mansfield                         |
| Court                          |             |       |                                                    |
| 09/12                          | 10.00       |       | FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall                 |
|                                |             | 14.00 | Social afternoon at John                           |
| Baker White Hall Lower Hardres |             |       |                                                    |
| 13/12                          |             | 09.30 | Carol Service at St Mary's,                        |
| Nackington                     |             | 14.00 | Carols at Chalk Pit Farm,                          |
| Bekesbourne                    |             | 16.00 | Carol Service at St Mary's,                        |
| Lower Hardres                  |             |       |                                                    |
| 14/12                          | 19.30       |       | Caring and Sharing Christmas                       |
| Party                          |             |       |                                                    |
| 15/12                          | 09.30       |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's,                      |
| Bridge                         |             | 15.00 | Carol Service at Saxon                             |
| Lodge                          |             |       |                                                    |
| 18/12                          | 14.00       |       | Carol Service at Bridge Haven                      |
|                                |             |       |                                                    |
| 20/12                          | 15.00       |       | Family Crib Service at St Mary's,                  |
| Lower Hardres                  |             | 18.00 | Carol Service at St Peter's,                       |
| Bridge                         |             | #     |                                                    |
| 22/12                          | 09.30       |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's                       |

## Dates For Your Diary January 2016

|       |       |       |                                                          |
|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/01 | 09.30 |       | Epiphany Family Service at St Peter's, Bekesbourne       |
|       |       | 11.00 | Epiphany Family                                          |
|       |       | 18.00 | Epiphany Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge                  |
| 05/01 | 09.30 |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                     |
|       |       | 15.00 | Holy Communion at Bridge Haven                           |
|       |       | 19.30 | After 8's at Mansfield Court                             |
| 11/01 | 19.30 |       | Caring and Sharing                                       |
| 12/01 | 09.30 |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                     |
|       |       | 14.30 | Holy Communion at Mansfield Court                        |
| 13/01 | 10.00 |       | FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall                       |
|       |       | 14.00 | Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres |
| 19/01 | 09.30 |       | Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge                     |
|       |       | 15.00 | Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge                            |
|       |       | 19.30 | After 8's at Mansfield Court                             |

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**January 3rd:-** Feast of the Three Kings. This is our nativity service. The young people of the congregation will be performing a short drama involving the three kings. If there are any other young people who would like to be involved-acting or music, then please come to the rehearsal on Sat.2nd Jan. from 2.30pm-4.00pm in St.Peter's, Bekesbourne and/or give me, Pat Kusel, a ring on 01227 830272.

We look forward to welcoming you to our All Age worship.

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Come and listen to an audio visual presentation by Phil at St.Peter's Bekesbourne on Sunday 6th Dec. at 9.30 during our all age worship.

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Please book your place by contacting Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke 765598 .Parents please stay with your pre-school child. it would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials. Do come along - it will be fun. Advent Carol Service St . Mary's ,Lower Hardres on Sunday December 13th at 4 o'clock ,followed by mulled wine and mince pies . Do

come along to this service of Advent hymns, carols and readings. Crib service. Our crib service will be held on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm. Please bring along any gifts of food for Canterbury Food Bank . It would be lovely if children dress up as a Nativity character . Family Service At 9-30 am on Christmas Day, so do come to praise God and meet friends.

Epiphany Family Communion Service January 3rd at 11am . We will celebrate the arrival of the 3 Kings. A very happy Christmas and a Blessed

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A very happy Christmas to us all.

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The annual Christmas evening will be held at the White Horse Inn, Bridge on Thursday 15th December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. There will be a photo quiz and a raffle. Choice of menu and included drink on arrival. Members £20.00, non-members £25.00.

Details from John Cardy Tel:721360.

The first meeting of 2016 will be on Thursday 21st January in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Prof. Alan Chadwick will speak about the discovery of Henry VIII's ship The Mary Rose, the raising of the wreck and the challenges it has presented to the conservators. Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Details from David Gilmour, Tel:832450.

## **Ride and Stride**

Many thanks to the Riders and Striders, Greeters and Sponsors who helped raise £288 on behalf of St. Peters Bridge on Saturday 12th September. 50% of these monies go the Church and the other half to The Friends of Kent Churches. Next years event will be held on the 10th September. Ann and David Edmonds.

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

15 members attended the Branch AGM on 10th November. We are delighted to have a new Branch President - Mr John Hewett and also a Vice President - Mr Geof Welch. Other Branch officers and officials were re-elected as follows - Chairman - Ray Tupper, Vice Chairman - Barbara Hunt, Hon Secretary - Barbara Hunt, Hon Treasurer - John Hewett, Branch Committee - Ray Tupper, Bob Catt and Peter Murton, Standard Bearer - Tom Pett, Deputy Standard Bearer - Bob Catt, Service Committee Officer - Geof Welch, Poppy Appeal Organiser - Wendy Giles, Deputy Organiser - Nancy White.

Our next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 8th December at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne when the meeting will have a "Christmassy" theme to it. We look forward to seeing you. Our first meeting of the new year will be on ~~Tuesday 12th January 2016 - same time and same venue.~~

Dear friends, neighbours and OTN connections, After 30 years Eileen and Maurice Smith have moved from the delightful environs of The Close, Union Road to 45 Mansfield Court, same phone number 831075. If you would like to view our labour-saving home in The Close, please contact Colebrooksturrock.com – 01227 831999, 88 High Street, Bridge.



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and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders* (Chorale, arr. J. S. Bach), *I Saw Three Ships* (Trad., arr. Willcocks), *Lullay, My Little One* (Straßburger Gesangbuch, arr. Reger), *A Manger Carol* (Anthony Hedges), *The Holy Boy* (John Ireland) and *Go, Tell it on the Mountain!* (Trad., arr. Miles).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> | 7–8.30 p.m.    |
| Friday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>    | 7–8.30 p.m.    |
| Sunday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>    | 3.45–5.30 p.m. |

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or [mjm@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:mjm@kings-school.co.uk). I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

## **Patricxbourne Carol Service**

Our Carol service at Patricxbourne is on 23rd December this year at the usual time of 7pm. We are proposing to hold choir rehearsals on Monday 14th and Monday 21st at 7pm and Wednesday 23rd at 5pm. All of these will be in the church.

If you would like to join the choir for this festive occasion,  
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Further details from Pauline Pritchard (830685)





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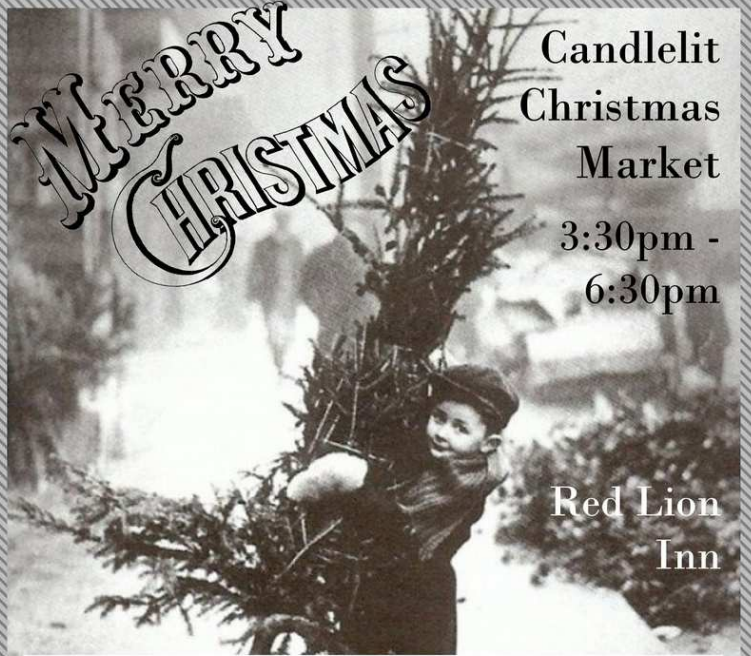
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## Nailbourne

We wind up the Society's activities Social Evening on Tuesday 1 D our **AGM** on **Tuesday 26 January** subscriptions for the year are due ( have an interesting programme of t our two shows for which sc And now a plea. We would be **committee** which is currently ope resignation pending. I can assure committee we usually meet no mor have some new (younger?) blood secretary, Brenda Wood, or make After the short business meeting, w collector **Phil Andrews** to give

**Bridge with Patrixbourne Women** For the final meeting of the year (Tu Village Hall) we have a presentation who will be giving us a short talk ab Cabaret of Magic. This will be follo Committee.

For our first meeting of 2016 on Tue in Bridge Village Hall, we have invit **Baby Unit** at the William Harvey Ho

there. If you are interested in this topic or in the wv generally please do come along to the meeting. You will be made most welcome.

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Our Christmas plans for events in 2016 to follow the tradition of the Red Lion (with a magnificent hamper to be included) on Thursday 17 December. Especially if you are giving a concert in the church at 7pm on any night available in due course.



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Thursday 12 November 2015 (full minutes on [www.bridgevillage.co.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.co.uk))

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

A thorough review of the conservation areas in the District will be undertaken over the next 2-3 years. He encouraged Bridge residents to be fully involved in the consultation which will form part of this review. The water table appears to be about 4 metres lower than the equivalent time last year.

**Report from Kent County Councillor Michael Northey.**

Villagers might consider the role of foster parenting? There is a great shortage at present in Kent. Go to Thanington Resource Centre on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 p.m. to find out more. Also Kent County Council website.

**Recreation Ground**

Cllr Moon thanked the Parish Council for allowing the recreation grounds to be used for the firework display.

**Matters for discussion and action.**

**a. To review responses received to the Cantley development proposals, to plan for further consultation and next steps. (Cllr Atkinson)**

66 emails from 27 individuals and a further 8 formal letters from a total of 8 individuals received so far.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council's role is to consult with the village on the whole suite of the Cantley proposals and not to focus just on the proposed housing development on Conyngham Lane. The council agreed to set up a working group to consider how to canvass the opinions of the whole Parish in respect of the Cantley Proposals as currently phrased. The last scheduled public consultation event is on 28 November in the village hall from 9.30-11.00 a.m.

**b. To note the proposed housing development on the Brickfield Site and the proposed relocation of the Post Office.**

Cllr Cook spoke about the importance of the ownership of the land by Canterbury City Council. Canterbury would therefore control the scope and scale of the development. It would be of an appropriate size for a village such as Bridge and would take into account comments made by villagers once the formal 8-week consultation opens on November 25 2015.

Letters are to be sent by the Parish Council to the owners of the Chemist shop and to the Post Office asking for the reasoning behind the impending closure of the Post Office.

**To discuss the future status and management of the Mill Centre.**

The broad outlines of the lease to be granted to the Parish Council have been discussed and will be developed further on 10 December.

**Bridge needs a new footpath warden- contact the Clerk if interested.**

**To consider the report from KCC and decide on next steps for the Green Court area. (Cllr Atkinson)**

A consultation document on possible options for improvement to the area for completion by residents of the Western Avenue development will be drawn up. Christmas trees will be put up on Saturday December 5 starting at 9.30 am in the village hall. Volunteers are very welcome.

**Bridge Parish Council next meets: Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.00pm in Bridge Village Hall.**

Residents from the Bekesbourne Road and Town Hill part of the Parish attended the meeting to discuss the problems caused by HGV's parking in the lay-by at the top of Bridge High Street. The lay-by was used extensively for HGV parking during 'Operation Stack' but continues to be heavily used since then. Noise from refrigeration units and lorries moving at all times of the day and night, the blocking of rear gates and the litter and other detritus left by the lorry drivers is of great concern to residents and other lay-by users. A suggested solution is to place bollards along the lay-by so only cars can enter the space. The council agreed to write to our KCC and City Councillors and propose that such bollards be installed.

Parish Councillors had attended the meetings about the proposals for the major housing development at Mountfield Park. The new A2 junction and the implications for traffic flow through the villages, and the changes to the junctions leading to Bridge and Bekesbourne were discussed with the traffic consultant at the meeting. Letters detailing our concerns about the proposals are to be sent to the developers and the City Council.

The skate board day to be held in conjunction with Bridge Parish Council had been cancelled due to concerns over the weather, but will be re-arranged for a day in the spring. Other items discussed at the meeting can be seen in the full minutes of the meeting on the Parish website.



## REFUGEE CRISIS

Refugees risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean in a pressing reminder of the refugee crisis in the aftermath of World War II that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

According to the UN, in the first half of 2015, a third of the people making the sea crossing to Italy and Greece were from Syria. More than 50% of the population are now displaced, with more than 4.1 million people forced to seek safety outside the country, in Lebanon, Iraq and Europe. Their needs will increase now winter is here, and the numbers of people seeking refuge will continue to grow as long as the conflict in Syria continues. As in 1945, Christian Aid is reaching out to those in need. As we approach Christmas and remember that the child Jesus was himself a refugee, could you help Christian Aid respond to the immediate and long-term needs of today's refugees by giving to its Refugee Crisis Appeal? Your donations could buy sleeping bags, food, water, baby kits, and also improve conditions in reception centres.

Christian Aid asks for donations of money rather than clothes or other goods, because it helps people more quickly, is more cost-effective, avoids damaging local economies and makes sure people get what they need most.

To donate go to [www.christianaid.org/refugees](http://www.christianaid.org/refugees) or send a cheque marked 'Refugees' to Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL.

Up until 5th February 2016 all donations will be doubled by UK Aid

Bridge Village Butcher As you may be aware, Laurie Wakeham, who has been in Bridge for the past 25 years, has decided it is time to hang up his meat cleaver, retire and sell the business. If you think it is important to preserve a butcher's shop in Bridge, would you be willing to invest in a Community-owned Enterprise that would purchase the premises, hire a butcher and also become a shareholder in an integral part of the Community? If you are interested to find out more please contact us:  
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Laurie is in full agreement with this approach and will be giving

out these notes in his shop. Many thanks.

REFUGE Children's author, Anne Booth, (who lives in Bridge) has written a new book called Refuge. The Times newspaper named it the Children's Book of the Week at the end of last month. The book is a timely and timeless retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by refugee children everywhere. Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell, said it is "a book to share with a lump in your throat and an ache in your heart until the beauty and hope of the very last page." Anne has generously waived her author's fee, and £5 from the sale of each book is being given to War Child UK, assisting child refugees. The book is published by Nosy Crow Ltd., ISBN 978-0-85763-741-3, £7.99~~5~~ and is available at Waterstones in Canterbury. Thank

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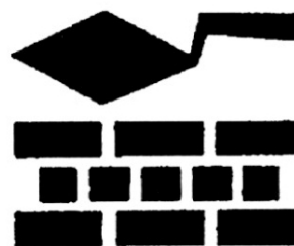
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