



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On October and November 2024

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Here are the HRRRA and some other local LGBTQIA+ events that we are aware of taking place this autumn. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email chrissy@hrra.org.uk

The HRRRA Bi+ meet up group is looking for a coordinator and cannot run until someone comes forward. If that could be you, please email info@hrra.org.uk

HRRRA is also looking for new committee members and trustees, see our ad at RVA www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed/

REST OF OCTOBER

Friday 11th October, 730 to 1100 pm, *Eden*. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE.

Wednesday 16th October 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 19th October, 12 to 5pm, *The Others' Makers' Market*, Samhain edition, The Beacon, 67-68 St. Mary's Terrace, Hastings TN34 3LS <https://facebook.com/events/s/the-others-market-samhain-edit/2670363929802552>

Sunday 20th October, *HRRRA walking group* - an autumnal adventure of about 4 miles (6km) in the countryside near Battle, with shortcuts if needed, and the option of lunch. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

Friday 25th October at 3.30 pm, *Rainbow Book Group* meeting in St Leonards. The book to be discussed is *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson. Setting the Scene: "As its title suggests, Mary Lawson's *A Town Called Solace* is concerned with finding comfort in the place we live. The novel tells two stories about families in crisis, one in the present, the other in the past. The link between them is Liam, who, reeling from the break-up of his marriage, has quit his job in Toronto and moved to the small northern Ontario town of Solace. He has unexpectedly been given a house there by Elizabeth Orchard, his parents' one-time neighbour...." (Review in the Times Literary Supplement). Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

Wednesday 30th October 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 30th October 7 for 730 pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club*, at The Good Place Café. This month's book is *Gears for Queers*.

Every Monday lunchtime, Over 55s LGBTQAI (sic) group meets at Age Concern, Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings, TN34 3AT

NOVEMBER

Friday 1st November 6pm for 730, *Flickers Film Night*, Halloween special, at Hair And Hound, 196 Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1RG <https://tinyurl.com/FlickersNov24>

Saturday 2nd November, Laundry Day at The Piper, St Leonards. Halloween special.

Sunday 3rd November, 2pm, *HRRA Bridge group*. Join our friendly HRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 5th November, 7pm, *Women Seeking Women, Spark Speed Dating Event*
The Forbidden Fruit. An exciting evening of connections and fun! Don't miss your chance to meet amazing women in a vibrant, safe, and welcoming environment. £20.
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spark-speed-dating>

Wednesday 6th November, *Polari* returns to Hastings with Adam Macqueen, VG Lee, Joelle Taylor, Paul Burston and more TBA. <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/22588/polari-on-sea>

Thursday 7th November, 2 to 4pm. *HRRA Bexhill Women's Afternoon Tea*. The Front Room, 71 Devonshire Road, Bexhill TN40 1BD. Join fellow lesbians for a cuppa and a chat. Contact mary@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 12th November, 7.30pm. *HRRA Monthly Social*. LGBTQIA+ social from 7.30 pm onwards at the Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6DN. All members of the LGBTQIA+ community welcome. For further details contact chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 13th November 2pm, *HRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit
info@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 14th November, *HRRA Dining Group*, Rustico Italian restaurant in Robertson Street Hastings at 1 pm on Thursday 14th November. They offer a great value lunch for £8.95 or have a full à la carte menu. <https://hellorustico.co.uk/hastings.shtml> I suggest we go to the Hanushka coffee house next door for a coffee afterwards. Please email Richard Jones by Friday 8 November if you'd like to come on RichardMJonesuk@hotmail.com

Friday 15th November, 730 to 1100 pm, *Eden*. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE. Sadly, this will be the final Eden.

Sunday 17th November, *HRRA walking group*, a walk around Bedgebury. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

Saturday 23rd November, 730 pm, *Queer Ass Folk*, Stade Hall, Hastings, tickets £10 to £20. <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/22634/queer-ass-folk-live-music-from-sistie-moose-freddie-lewis-tygermylk>

Wednesday 27th November 2pm, *HRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit
info@hrra.org.uk

Friday 29th November, 7pm, HRRRA End of Year Meal HRRRA have arranged to take over the Wickham Bistro in Wickham Avenue, Bexhill TN39 3EP. There will be choices for vegetarian and vegan meals, as well as a meat dish. To book a place contact Carol G via info@hrra.org.uk We are limited to 30 places, which is the maximum for seating at the Bistro, and there will be gentle background music but it should be quiet enough to talk to each other! **Closing date for bookings is 31 October** so that any unused places can be re-sold by the Bistro. Parking is difficult in the centre of Bexhill and there is a parking charge for many car spaces – space is often found around Egerton Park which is nearby. The restaurant is a short walk from Bexhill train station.

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December events, so far

Thursday 12 December at 1pm, HRRRA Dining Group at Bella Vista restaurant on the St Leonard's seafront for lunch on. They offer a delicious Christmas menu and, if more than 12 people want to come, then we can book the downstairs room. We will have to pre-order choices and only one payment can be made, so it won't be possible to pay your share of the total bill individually. The organiser will pay the total bill and guests will pay him in cash on the day. There will be two options in order to simplify the process. A three-course lunch with a soft drink will cost £35 including service. A three course lunch with a large glass of wine (250ml) or bottle of beer will cost £40 including service. You can see the Christmas menu here: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59da1ddc59cc68664342aaa2/t/66eaaeadce03012cfaacedb/1726656181871/FINAL+CHRISTMAS+MENU-3.pdf>

Please let Richard know if you if you would like to attend, by Friday 8 November, so that a deposit and reservation can be made in mid-November. It might be possible to add extra guests later, but we need to make a reservation soon. RichardMJonesuk@hotmail.com

Sunday 15th December HRRRA walking group, a walk in Rye Town, tbc. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.