



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On for the rest of March, and April 2025

www.hrra.org.uk

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

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

HRRRA need to recruit new trustees, committee members and volunteers. Please get involved! www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed

Rest of MARCH

Sunday 16th March, 10am, HRRRA walking group, Martin will lead the HRRRA walk with a return to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Book your place for the walk and/or lunch by emailing walking@hrra.org.uk by Friday 14 March.

Wednesday 26th March, 7pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, 7 for 730pm start at The Good Place, Hastings. Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month.
www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Monday 31st March, from 6pm. Trans Pride Hastings launch, The Observer Building, 47 Cambridge Road, Hastings, TN34 1DT. "Join us on Trans Day of Visibility for the launch of Trans Pride Hastings 2025. We'll be sharing our plans for this year's events, listening to your ideas/feedback and letting you know how you can get involved directly. We'll be in the bar area on the ground floor of the Observer Building from 6pm with announcements starting at 7pm. Come socialise and share the space as we look forward to another exciting year of Trans Pride Hastings." <https://transpridehastings.uk>

Every Monday, an LGBTIAQ Group for people aged over 50 meets starting at 2.00pm until 4.00pm. There is a good cafe where an inexpensive meal / snack is available beforehand. Venue details: Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings Old Town, TN34 3AT.

Every Wednesday evening, Quiz at the Forbidden Fruit

APRIL

Thursday 4th April, 2 to 4pm. HRRRA 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

Saturday 5th April, Rainbow Book Group meeting, 2:30pm, We will be meeting in Rye to talk about "**Long Island**" by Colm Toibin.

Setting the Scene:

"Long Island is masterpiece: an exquisite, exhilarating novel that asks whether it is possible to truly return to the past and renew the great love that seemed gone forever. The sequel to Brooklyn. A man with an Irish accent knocks on Ellis Fiorello's door on Long Island and in that moment everything changes....." (Review from Waterstone's)

Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting.
All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome to join us.

Saturday 5th April, Laundry Day Alterna-Queer special, 9pm to 2am, The Piper, St Leonards. "As well as our usual mix of club floor fillers and disco, DJs will be spinning new wave, indie sleaze, riot grrrl, trash rock n' roll, glam, electroclash and everything in-between! Expect one massive queer party with drag and gogo dancers throughout the night". DJs: Max. Load, Lemur Beats, The Empty Page, Matt Adore. Drag: Alexia Lush, Regina, Sweet FA. Gogo dancers: Spirit Doll, Dan Harvé. Tickets £12 on Dice
https://link.dice.fm/9vRacU8OgRb?sharer_id=5db1c9f6d30dd06e327f9f6d

Sunday 6th April, 2pm, HRRR Bridge group. Join our friendly HRRR Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 8 April, HRRR Dining Group will visit the Crown pub on 64-66 All Saints Street in Hastings Old Town. We will meet for a drink from 5.30pm and then eat from 7pm.
<https://www.thecrownhastings.co.uk> This Gastropub offers a wide range of drinks and has a dining room with an imaginative menu of locally sourced dishes. It is inexpensive and guests will be able to choose flexibly from a range of smaller and larger plates. Please let Richard Jones know by Monday 31 March if you wish to come on
Richardmjonesuk@hotmail.co.uk

May dining event is planned to be on Saturday 17 May at St Clements Restaurant in St Leonards.

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th April, Stables Theatre, Hastings. Normalised, presented by East Sussex Young People's Theatre. "When an environmental campaign is the catalyst for protecting an LGBTQIA+ shrine, a group of friends must confront what comes first – friends, or family. And as the stakes rise, the battle lines are drawn between being loyal, being an ally, and what does 'normal' really mean anyway?" <https://stablestheatre.co.uk>

Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday), HRRR walking group, led by Peter, searching for bluebells. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

Thursday 24th April, 7.30pm, Giddy Up presents Lucy & Friends by Lucy McCormick, White Rock Theatre, tickets £11.50 to £19.20. Lucy McCormick is back with her most ambitious medium-concept queer cabaret spectacular. In a despairing world, Lucy attempts to create community and connection the only way she knows how- through a chaotic mix of pole dancing, cat impersonation, a clairvoyant and some quick re-working of social policy. Lucy makes nightclub interruptions, cabaret interventions and extravaganza theatre shows, marrying interests in absurdity, ego and the grotesque. Her practice is cross-genre, taking inspiration from theatre, performance art, comedy and dance. Lucy & Friends is part of Giddy Up, a programme bringing daring performance from LGBTQ+ artists to the stages of Hastings. Giddy Up is co-presented with Home Live Art and Marlborough Productions.
<https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/lucy-and-friends-2025>
<https://www.homeliveart.com/giddyup>

Friday 25th April, 7pm, *HRRRA Annual General Meeting*, Battle Memorial Hall. Invites with details will be emailed to all HRRRA members (a reminder that HRRRA membership is free, sign up at www.hrrra.org.uk)

Tuesday 29nd April, 730 pm, *HRRRA monthly social*, Forbidden Fruit, St Leonards on Sea, more details from chrissy@hrrra.org.uk

Wednesday 30th April 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club*, 7 for 730pm start at The Good Place, Hastings. Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month.
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Summer dates for your diary

Saturday 28th June, *Stand Proud in Hailsham*, noon to midnight, White Hart, Horsebridge, featuring a variety of live entertainment. <https://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/news/wheels-in-motion-for-stand-proud-in-hailsham-2025-event>

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July, *Trans Pride Hastings*, a weekend of community, joy, and celebration by the sea! <https://transpridehastings.uk>

Saturday 19th July, *Eastbourne Pride*, Princes Park, www.eastbourne-pride.com

Saturday 19th July, *Trans Pride Brighton*, <https://transpridebrighton.org>

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August, *Brighton Pride*, <https://www.brighton-pride.org>

Sunday 24th August, *Hastings Pride*, The Oval, <https://hastingspride.org.uk>