



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance
What's On in January and February 2025
www.hrra.org.uk

Here are the HRRRA and some 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 looking for a coordinator and cannot run until someone comes forward. If that could be you, please email info@hrra.org.uk

The Men's group is likely to start up again in February

HRRRA still need to recruit new trustees, along with new committee members and volunteers. See our ad at RVA www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed

Rest of JANUARY

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094656978101>

Sunday 19th January HRRRA walking group. June will guide us around Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. The aim is to do a circular walk, starting around 10:15, out past the Discovery Centre, along the coast past the historic but tragic old lifeboat house, and back inland taking in the beautiful scenery of the nature reserve. The walk will be approximately 2 hours long and is very likely to include some very muddy stretches. For those who would like a shorter walk it is possible to do part of the walk on firm ground and then retrace your steps back to the Discovery Centre. Lunch will be at William the Conqueror pub at 1:00pm. Book your place for the walk and/or lunch by emailing walking@hrra.org.uk. Lunch deadline – Friday 17 January.

Saturday, 25th January, 10 am, White Rock Hotel Boardroom, auditions Male, female and non-binary actors, aged mid-20s to early-60s, required to audition for a film about an interview at the White Rock Hotel (not the Theatre) starting at 10 a.m. for approx. 2 to 3 hours in the Boardroom on the ground floor. Script to be supplied on the day as well as free coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits. No previous acting experience necessary and no need to memorise lines if you are chosen to take part in the film. Actors selected from the audition will be paid. Fees TBC. Email Lindsay at rickprod@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 29th January 7pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, 7 for 730pm start at The Good Place, Hastings. The book is *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides.

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Every Monday lunchtime, An LGBTQAI (sic) group for people aged 50 and over meets at Age Concern, Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings, TN34 3AT.

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st February, 2 p.m. Rainbow Book Group meeting in St Leonards. The book to be discussed is *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. Setting the Scene: "Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do if eccentric Dublin couple ... Cyril is adrift in the world, ... at the mercy of fortune and coincidence, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from ... struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country We are shown the story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man. *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit." (Goodreads review) Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

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

Thursday 6th February, 2 to 4pm. HRRR 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

Thursday 13th February, 7pm, HRRR Dining Club at Coast training restaurant at East Sussex College. "The usual offer is a five-course meal, with choices at each course, at a cost of £35. But it may be a special theme night in which case the cost is slightly higher at £40. I can confirm this next month. It is licensed with an inexpensive wine list. Guests can purchase their own drinks at the bar so it will be simple to divide the cost of the meal fairly. I have had several good reports of this restaurant and it will give us opportunity to support the training of young catering professionals in the area. You can see pictures of the restaurant, and sample menus <https://www.escg.ac.uk/shops-services/coast-restaurant> I suggest we meet in the Seadog pub at 32 Station Road, opposite Hastings Railway Station, from 6 pm. Alternatively, you can meet at the restaurant at 7 pm. www.theseadogpub.com " Please contact Richard Jones on RichardmJonesuk@hotmail.com by 31 January to let him know if you'd like to come. He will then make a reservation. It may be possible to add guests later but please let him know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.

Sunday 16th February HRRR walking group, Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

Wednesday 26th February 6.35 to 8.45pm. Hastings Queer History Collective, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. Uncover how personal objects reveal queer stories and connect to wider LGBTQIA+ histories. This community gathering sparks conversations about discovering and sharing LGBTQIA+ stories, contributing to the Collective's major exhibition

at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery in 2026. Expect short, intimate conversations with group members and local LGBTQIA+ individuals, each sharing the powerful stories behind objects that hold personal meaning. There will also be an opportunity to get involved and help shape the upcoming exhibition with interactive activities like Mapping Queer Hastings, where you can mark significant places on a collective town map and Your Object, Your Story, where you can create a label and share the story behind something personal to you. As always, there'll be space for informal conversations and time to reflect over a signature queer history mocktail. Come along and help shape how queer histories are remembered and valued in our town. Open to LGBTQIA+ folks and allies —all welcome! RSVP Here - <https://bit.ly/QueerLivesQueerObjects>

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