



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance
What's On in December 2024 and January 2025
www.hrra.org.uk

Here are the HARRA 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 HARRA 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

HARRA still needs 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 DECEMBER

Sunday 15th December HARRA walking group, a relatively short simple walk around the ancient town of Rye, meeting at 11:00am at Rye Railway Station. Email Peter on walking@hrra.org.uk for more details and to book a place for lunch at the Ship Inn after the walk.

Sunday 15th December at 6pm, A Claude Cahun Evening, Electric Palace. Celebrate the life and work of surrealist queer/trans icon Claude Cahun and partner Marcel Moore, with an evening of screenings, readings and discussion. www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/claude-cahun

Until Tuesday 24th December. Art exhibition by Steve Harrington-Simpson, Zoom Art, St Leonards Warrior Square Train station www.steve-simpson.co.uk

Tuesday 31st December, New Queers' Eve, Queer Ass Folk x Laundry Day. The Stade, Hastings. Tickets £15 to £35 <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/23780/queer-ass-folk-x-laundry-day-new-queers-eve>

Tuesday 31st December, New Year's Eve Party at the Forbidden Fruit. The theme is dress as a computer game character. Tickets are £15 but always sell out in advance, so buy yours asap from the web which also lists all the other events taking place at the venue, from the weekly Wednesday night quiz, a Monday night film show, and drag shows at the weekends and on Christmas Eve <https://tffhastings.co.uk>

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

JANUARY 2025

Thursday 2nd January, 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

Sunday 5th January, 2pm, HRRR Bridge group. Join our friendly HRRR Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Sunday 12th January, 1pm, HRRR Dining Club at The Seadog pub, 32 Station Road opposite Hastings station. It has developed a well-deserved reputation for its Sunday lunch and real ale. It is often fully booked before the start of the weekend. They ask for payment for meals and drinks at the bar at the time of ordering so it will be a relatively easy meal to organise and we can keep it relatively informal. Let Richard Jones know on richardmjonesuk@hotmail.com by the end of Friday 3 January if you wish to attend. They have a separate back room which we may be able to reserve if sufficient people wish to come. www.theseadogpub.com

Sunday 19th January HRRR walking group. A walk around Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, led by June. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

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

Every Monday lunchtime, An LGBTQAI (sic) group for people aged 55 or 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 13th February, 1pm, 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.