



## Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On for the rest of May, and June 2025

[www.hrra.org.uk](http://www.hrra.org.uk)

Here are the HRRA 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](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk)

*The HRRA Men's group is aiming to relaunch to meet on evenings or at the weekends, email [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) for details.*

*The HRRA Trans support group will be relaunching regular meetings soon, in partnership with Trans Pride Hastings, email [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)*

*The HRRA 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](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)*

### **Rest of MAY**

**Thursday 15th May, *The HRRA dining group*** will visit The Royal gastropub. The venue is just opposite Warrior Square station at 1 St John Road. We will meet from 5.30 pm for a drink and eat at 7pm. The menu changes often and offers a reasonably priced range of simply produced food using seasonal ingredients. <https://theroyalstleonards.co.uk> Places are fully booked but contact Richard Jones on [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) in case last minute places become available.

**Friday 16th May, 10.30 a.m. IDAHOBIT** (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex phobia and Transphobia). **Bexhill Town Hall**. IDAHOBIT's theme for 2025 is "The power of communities". IDAHOBIT is always on 17 May but as that falls on a Saturday this year, HRRA, Rother councillors, Rother Voluntary Action and other allies are commemorating this the day before, then going for coffee and a chat, email [chrissy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk) for details.

**Friday 16th May, 7.30 pm**, A group of HRRA members are going to see the T Rex tribute band **T. Rextasy at the White Rock Theatre** in Hastings. You should obtain your own tickets but contact [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) if you wish to meet for a drink at the venue. <https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/t-rextasy-2025>

**Friday 16th May, *Big Quiffy Bingo***, 7.30pm, The Crown House, St Leonards. With Boogaloo Stu and DJ Jane Dinmore. "A night of utter filth, joyous fun, flashmob dances and disco dancing." Tickets, pay what you can, from <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/25691/big-quiffy-bingo>

**Saturday 17th May, *Together we fRock!*** Frock Up Friday, 12 to 2pm outside Oscar's on the Square, St Leonards. "Wear an outfit you love, speakers across communities, bringing people together through the joy of dressing up to break down barriers." [www.facebook.com/frockupfridaythebook](https://www.facebook.com/frockupfridaythebook)

**Sunday 18th May, *HRRA walking group***, Rye to Camber Castle, about 6 km  
Over flat terrain without stiles. Meet at 10.45 at Rye Station and start walking at 11.00.  
We have booked a table at The Ship Inn and as it may be a large group  
they have asked to preorder food. Email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) asap if you plan to go.

**Sunday 18th May, 1130 to 5.30, *Are We Left Behind*** at White Rock Studio, Hastings.  
“EXPRESSFEST: Art for All! In collaboration with The White Rock and thanks to Arts Council  
England, a free/pay-what-you-can, queer-led arts festival for the community!”  
<https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/expressfest-art-for-all>

**Sunday 18th May, *Queer Ass Folk Open Mic***, The St Leonard Pub, sign up from 5pm, free  
entry. “A cosy, sparkly space to share your songs, stories, poems, jokes, rants, dreams, or  
whatever’s in your heart. Whether you’re stepping up to the mic or soaking up the magic,  
everyone’s welcome. With a performance from this month’s radiant featured artist Buoy  
Sound.” [www.instagram.com/queerassfolkmusic](https://www.instagram.com/queerassfolkmusic)

**Saturday 24th May**, A group from the Isobel Blackman Centre LGBTIAQ 50+ group is  
planning to visit the performance of the musical ***Everybody's Talking About Jamie*** at the  
White Rock Theatre in Hastings. You should obtain your own tickets but contact  
[info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) if you wish to meet for a drink at the venue. <https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/hastleons-present-everybodys-talking-about-jamie>

**Wednesday 28th May, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club***, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good  
Place, Hastings. Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month. The book for  
May is Corey Fah Does Social Mobility by Isabel Waidner.  
[www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks](https://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks)

**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: Isobel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings Old Town,  
TN34 3AT.

**Every Wednesday evening, *Quiz at the Forbidden Fruit***, <https://tffhastings.co.uk>

**Every Thursday evening, 7.30 to 8.30 pm, *Hastings Rec FC*** at Horntye Park Sports  
Complex, Trans, enby and GNC inclusive football group, [www.instagram.com/hastingsrecfc](https://www.instagram.com/hastingsrecfc)

## **JUNE**

**Sunday 1st June, 2pm, *HRRA Bridge group***. Join our friendly HRRA Bridge group in a  
relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email [bridge@hrra.org.uk](mailto:bridge@hrra.org.uk)

**Thursday 5th June, 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](mailto:mary@hrra.org.uk)

**Saturday 7th June, 3pm, *HRRA Rainbow Book Group***, meeting in Sedlescombe to talk  
about *Conundrum* by Jan Morris. “*Conundrum* is a 1974 memoir by British travel writer and  
historian Jan Morris. *Conundrum* is a memoir of her transition.” All members of The Rainbow  
Alliance are very welcome to join. Please email [michael.moor@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.moor@btinternet.com) for details of  
the meeting.

**Saturday 14th June, 7.30 pm, *Queer Ass Folk***, Live music from Dirt Flirt, Sherika Sherard and Tygermylk, at The Stade Hall, The Stade, Hastings, TN34 3FJ. Tickets £10 to £20.  
[www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk](http://www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk)

**Saturday 14th June, 12.00 to 9.30pm, *Sidley Festival***. Free, family-friendly community festival at Sidley Recreation ground. Community, storytelling, music and dance, workshops, circus. HRRRA plan to have a stall there <https://heartofsidley.co.uk/sidley-festival>

**Sunday 15th June, *HRRRA walking group***, Email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) for details.

**Friday 20th June, 7pm, *The HRRRA dining group*** will visit the Pebbles restaurant on Bexhill seafront. It is at 2 Marina Court Avenue. [www.pebblesrestaurants.co.uk/bexhill.html](http://www.pebblesrestaurants.co.uk/bexhill.html) Contact Richard Jones on [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) by 31 May if you would like to attend. He will make an initial booking but it may be possible to add more places subsequently.

**Wednesday 25th June, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club***, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place, Hastings. Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month.  
[www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks](http://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks)

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

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### **Summer Pride Events**

**Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July, *Trans Pride Hastings***, a weekend of community, joy, and celebration by the sea! Friday 11th is Trans Pride Board Games Night. Saturday 12th is Trans Town, and Big Queer Party presents Testo. Sunday 13th is Trans Pride Fest at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. More information at <https://transpridehastings.uk>

**Saturday 19th July, *Eastbourne Pride***, Princes Park, [www.eastbourne-pride.com](http://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>