



**Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On
for the rest of October, and November 2025**

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Here is the monthly list of 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

Rest of OCTOBER

Sunday 12th October, 5.30 pm, *Queer Ass Folk*, The Stade Hall, TN34 3FJ. Live music. Tickets £12 to £15 from <https://www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk>

Sunday 19th October, *HRRRA walking group*, 9.45 for a 10am start. If you would like to come along email walking@hrra.org.uk so we know to look out for you. Martin writes "The next HRRRA walk will be an autumnal ambulation through Bedgebury Pinetum. Coffee at the cafe if you arrive early. Also please tell walking@hrra.org.uk if you either need a lift or can provide one. The full walk will take about 2 to 2½ hours, but people can shorten it to about 1½ hours. The cafe does a few vegan and vegetarian options but mostly meaty dishes and brunches. Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, Lady Oak Lane, Goudhurst, Kent. TN17 2SJ. Meet in front of the visitor centre by 10am.

Tuesday 21st October, 7 to 10pm, *Letter to My Little Trans Self*, Printworks, 14 Claremont, Hastings TN34 1HA. Part of Hastings Storytelling Festival. What would you say if you could write back to your younger self? *Letter to My Little Trans Self* is a powerful new book from hotpencil press, bringing together letters, poems and reflections from trans and non-binary voices across the UK. Writers will read their letters live on stage before joining hotpencil and Cipher Press in conversation about the importance of publishing trans voices. Featuring readings from Bambi Jordan Philips, Kasra Jalilipour, Sarah Savage, Victoria Oldman and Zed Gregory. Plus recorded readings from Alexandra R De Ruiz and Juno Roche Witty, moving, humble, scary and joyful – these are words of love, advice and truth across time. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. Tickets, pay what you can afford, £5/£3. <https://www.homeliveart.com/event/ltmlts>

Saturday 25th October, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. A film screening of the play "A Spectacular Interview" will be shown at the White Rock Hotel (not the Theatre). The film (1hr 17 mins) is about an extraordinary interview. Six candidates are applying for the top position of CEO in the largest company in the world. So humongous is this company that it makes Amazon, Tesla, Microsoft, et al, look like SMEs. But who is the intruder? Is he/she/they a plant? And why did the lights go out for a few minutes? Even the Chair is puzzled. There will be Q&As after the screening with some of the actors. Tickets £10 available on entry to the Seafront Room at the White Rock Hotel on the morning of the 25th October (cash only!) More info from Lindsay, email rickprod@aol.com

Wednesday 29th October, 6pm-7pm, *Book launch, Dickon Edwards - Diary at the Centre of the Earth vol 1*. Free. All welcome! Reading, signing, cocktails & mocktails. Bar

Reel at Kino-Teatr, 43-49 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 0EG. Real all about the book at <https://poniesandhorsesbooks.com/product/dickon-edwards-vol-1/>

Wednesday 29th October, 7pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month. October's book is The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

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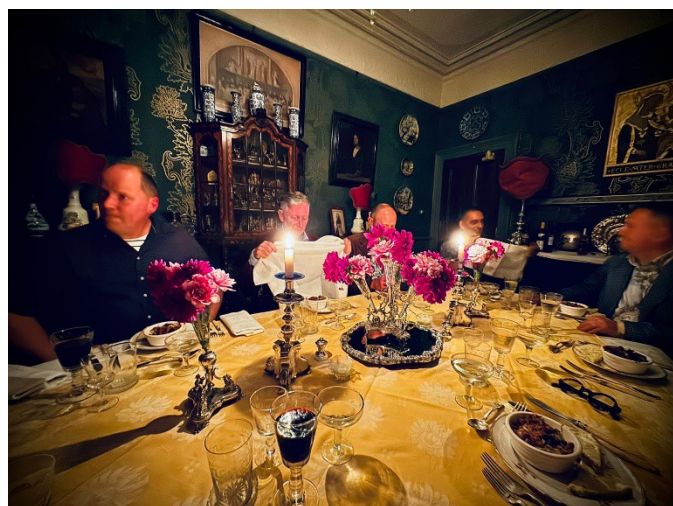
Saturday 1st November, Laundry Day Halloween Special, French's Bar, Hastings. www.facebook.com/laundrydayclubnight

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

Thursday 6th November, 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

Friday 7th November, 2.30 pm HRRRA Rainbow Book Group meeting in Rye to talk about Four Letters of Love by Niall Williams. "The four letters in the novel's title are the letters of the word 'love' in both English and Latin; but they are also the life-changing love letters written over the years by various people in the story; and, finally, they are four particular love letters that are never received." (Review from The New York Times) Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

Monday 10th November, 7pm for 7.30pm, HRRRA Dining Club will return to the St Benedict's Victorian house. The fixed price menu costs £50 to include canapés, three courses and coffee and petit fours. The menu is: canapés, celery and Stilton soup, Coq au Vin or roast vegetable tart, raspberry Pavlova, and coffee and petit fours. St Benedict's is a Victorian bed and breakfast hotel furnished in a high Victorian style. <https://victorianbedandbreakfast.co.uk>



We start with drinks and canapés in the drawing room and move to the dining room for dinner. The table is fully decorated with Victorian tableware and centre pieces. The price includes service and there is no corkage fee should you wish to bring your own drinks. The organiser has asked Salon (@salon_stleonards), the new wine and cheese shop in Norman Road, to recommend a wine selection from their new season wines to include a sparkling aperitif and wines chosen to accompany each of the three courses. This will cost £20 per person. This is

the recommended option. Contact Richard Jones on info@hrra.org.uk by Friday 17 October if you wish to attend. The table can accommodate twelve guests so early reservation is advised. Payment for the dinner can be made by cash or card on the night. Payment for the wine option can be made in cash on the night.

Wednesday 12th November, 7pm, *An Evening with Misan Harriman: Shoot the People*, The De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, A film screening in collaboration with Playing the Race Card and Ten66 Television Ltd Tickets £10, £5, or free <https://www.dlwp.com/event/an-evening-with-misan-harriman-shoot-the-people>

Wednesday 12th November, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Film Club*, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. Watch the film at home and come along to discuss it. An offshoot of Hastings Queer Book Club www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks Please note that *The Queer Film Club* may be attending the Misan Harriman film at De La Warr instead, this month. Check Insta for info.

Sunday 16th November, *HRRA walking group*, Email walking@hrra.org.uk for details

Wednesday 26th November, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club*, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Thursday 27th November, 7pm, *Queer Cxntry*, White Rock Theatre Hastings. Accessible Toilets, Relaxed Performance, Step Free Access, Wheelchair Accessible. £10 to £25. A boot-stomping night of queer country music, cabaret and DJs. All wrapped in fringe, denim and rhinestones. "Saddle up! The legendary Margate club night created by Pink Suits is coming to Hastings. Whether you're a seasoned cowboy or a first-time rider, throw on your cxntry best for a fun night of live music, dancing, performances and new connections. The evening kicks off at 7.15pm with a line dancing workshop led by the Little Gay Line Dancing Club so arrive early to learn some classic moves and routines to be danced throughout the night. Full line-up revealed very soon but here is the lowdown on what to expect on the night: Live music from Pink Suits and The Northdown Rodeo, Cabaret performances, Costume contest with prizes to be won, DJs spinning queer country anthems till late." <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/29860/queer-cxntry>

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*, <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#

Hailsham Queers hold a variety of regular social events, details at www.meetup.com/hailsham-queers/events

Bourne this Way is an LGBTQ+ Parent support group based in Eastbourne. They aim to provide a non-judgmental, friendly, inclusive space open to all LGBTQ+ parents and their children, as well as prospective parents. <https://bournethiswaylgbtparents.co.uk>

Eastbourne Lunch Positive offer healthy & enjoyable community lunches, drop-ins and support groups, and plenty of opportunities to socialise with other people living with HIV. <https://lunchpositive.org>

Current HRRA social media pages

<https://www.instagram.com/hastingsrotherrainbowalliance>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830049603905430/user/100064445632300>

(HARRA public FB page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnderTheRainbowHARRA> (HARRA private group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hrrat> (trans and non binary private group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/907801485993622> (HARRA Walking group)