



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On - July and August 2024

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

JULY

Tuesday 16th July, 7.30pm. *HRRRA Monthly Social.* LGBTQIA+ social from 7.30 pm onwards at the Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6DN. All members of the LGBTQIA+ community welcome. For further details contact chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 18th July, 3.30 pm, Rainbow Book Group, 3.30 p.m. The book to be discussed is *The Good Doctor* by Damon Galgut. "The Good Doctor, the Pretoria-born writer's fifth novel, is his dark tale of a physician's struggle with his conscience in a rural hospital ... Galgut writes from a new fictional space: post-apartheid South Africa, where the "homelands" have been given fresh names but little has changed. The landscape and its people still seethe with violence, locked in a battle with the brutal legacy of the country's recent history." (From the Review in *The Independent* in 2003). All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome. Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting.

Friday 19th July, 7.30 to 11 pm, *Eden*, The Good Place, a night for lesbians and queer women. 53 Havelock Road, Hastings.

Saturday 20th July, The Forestry Commission have invited HRRRA (and other LGBT+ walking groups in Kent and Sussex) to celebrate Pride by joining them on a Wellbeing Walk at Bedgebury Pinetum. Spaces are limited, so do say asap if you want to take part. walking@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 20th July, 12 to 5. *The Others' Market*, The Beacon, Hastings, pirate-themed. Featuring 20+ unusual, alternative, weird stalls full of curiosities and oddities, handmade art, unique objects and out of the box creations. 67-68 St Mary's Terrace, Hastings TN34 3LS.

Saturday 20th July, 10 am to 8pm, *Eastbourne Pride* <https://eastbournepride.org>

Sunday 21st July, *HRRRA walking group.* Martin will lead a walk around Arlington reservoir. There are 3 options: 2hr 30 min walk (longer option); 1 hour 40 min walk (medium option); one-hour walk (short option). Meet at the Berwick Inn car park at 9.45 for a 10.00 start for the longer option. Postcode BN26 6TB. If people want to come by train, there is one from Hastings 9.12 am which gets into Berwick at 9.57. The pub is opposite the exit from the train station, but please let walking@hrra.org.uk know so we can wait a minute or two if slightly late. There will be a table booked for 12.45 pm at the Berwick Inn so if you want to eat

please let us know by Thursday 18 July (it is quite a popular pub). Contact walking@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 24th July, 2pm, *HRRR Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 25th July, *Benched* at the Stables Theatre, Tink Flaherty is bringing their intimate solo performance "Benched" Hastings! Using their unique transgentle storytelling style, Tink dives into the complexities of human relationships, investigating why we sometimes treat strangers better than loved ones. Tix £15/10 conc. Part of the Trans Pride Hastings celebrations. <https://stablestheatre.co.uk/benched> with thanks to Home Live Art.

Saturday 27th July, 2 to 4 pm, *HRRR Bi+ meet up group*. This group is for all who experience attraction to more than one gender. Let us know if you are coming along for the first time and we will be sure to look out for you and meet / greet you. Look for the table with a small pink, purple and blue flag on it. For any enquiries / more information, contact info@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 27th July, *Queer on the Pier* 2pm to 10pm www.facebook.com/queeronthepier
Hastings Pier

Saturday 27th July, *Trans Pride Hastings, Big Queer Party*, 7pm till late. Observer Building. <https://transpridehastings.uk>

Sunday 28th July, 12 to 6pm, *Trans Pride Hastings*, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. Stalls and celebrations, see details at <https://transpridehastings.uk>

Wednesday 31 July, 7pm for 730 start, *Hastings Queer Book Group*, The Good Place Café, Hastings. Discussing *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name* by Audre Lorde. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm Quiz at The Forbidden Fruit. Teams need to book their places in advance as it is often full.

Every Monday, 2.15pm. Over 50s' LGBTQ+ Social group at Isobel Blackman Centre. A weekly social group specifically for people over 50 who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Meeting informally for a chat over a cuppa. 3 Winding Street, Old Town, Hastings, TN34 3AT.

AUGUST (more events will be announced in the next HRRR update, due mid-August)

Thursday 1st August, 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 4th August, 2pm, *HRRR Bridge group*. Join our friendly HRRR Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

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Sunday 18 August Walk, HRRRA walking group. To be led by Carol G around Winchelsea. walking@hrra.org.uk

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Sunday 25th August, Hastings Pride <https://hastingspride.org.uk> Parade/march from 1100 at The Stade, then Pride at the Oval, opens 1140. HRRRA will have a stall here. But we need volunteers to staff it. Please let chrissy@hrra.org.uk know if you can do any of the following shifts: 1000 to 1200 (set up); 1200 to 1400; 1400 to 1600; 1600 to 1800. Thanks 😊

Saturday 31st August, Hastings Queer Book Festival The Printworks, Hastings from 1pm, £15. Details and tickets at www.cipherpress.co.uk/shop/hastings-queer-book-festival-2024-ticket

Looking ahead to September...

September 13th to 22nd, Hastings Book Festival, For all details see www.hastingsbookfest.org/our-events Includes an HRRRA sponsored event, Saturday 21 September, 1845 to 1945. Karen McCleod - Lifting Off. Karen will be sharing her experiences as cabin crew where it wasn't okay to be gay (unlike male cabin crew)! www.hastingsbookfest.org/events/karen-mccleod-lifting-off