



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

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

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

HRRRA is also looking for new committee members and trustees, see our ad at RVA [www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed/](http://www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed/)

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 13th August, 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](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk)

**Sunday 18 August Walk, HRRRA walking group.** 10.00am for 10.15am: Carol will lead a walk around Winchelsea, with an optional lunch at newly-opened Winchelsea Farm Kitchen. Please reply to [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) if you would like to join us and if you would like lunch.

**Wednesday 21st August 2pm, HRRRA Men's Group,** at The Forbidden Fruit [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)

**Thursday 22nd August, 8pm, Quiz fundraiser for Hastings Pride,** Forbidden Fruit, £5. Get booked in now and all entrance money goes to Hastings Pride. You can even win a £100 bar tab - head over to <https://forms.office.com/e/x41ePMYeqs> to book your table.

**Friday 23rd August 730pm, Love Lies Bleeding** at Electric Palace cinema, Hastings. Wrestling and romance finally meet in this 5-star rated, electrifying new love story from Rose Glass. Includes introduction from Asten Holmes-Elliot [www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/love-lies-bleeding](http://www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/love-lies-bleeding)

**Sunday 25th August, Hastings Pride** <https://hastingspride.org.uk> Parade/march from 1100 at The Stade, then Pride at the Oval, opens 1140, ends 2100. HRRRA plan to have a stall here but only if we have enough volunteers to staff it! Please let [chrissy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk) asap 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 ☺

**Wednesday 28th August, 7pm for 730pm start, Hastings Queer Book Group,** The Good Place Café, Hastings. Discussing Memorial by Bryan Washington. [www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks](http://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks)

**Thursday 29th August, 3.30pm, Rainbow Book Group** meeting in Hastings Old Town. The book to be discussed is *Dissolution* by C J Sanson. "Set in 1537 during the dissolution of the monasteries, the book follows the lawyer Shardlake in his attempt to solve the murder of one of Thomas Cromwell's commissioners in the monastery at the fictional town of Scarnsea" (Wikipedia); it's not far from Rye me thinks (Michael). Please email [michael.moor@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.moor@btinternet.com) for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome to join.

**Saturday 31 August, HRRRA walking group.** The HRRRA walking group will explore a longer full-day walk along the Cuckoo Trail. We will meet outside Polegate station at 10.00am, catch a 51 bus to Heathfield, and then walk 11 miles back to Polegate. Shorter options will be available. Please bring a packed lunch and drink, and there are shops in Horam and Hailsham along the trail. For full details and to reserve a place email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk)

**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](http://www.cipherpress.co.uk/shop/hastings-queer-book-festival-2024-ticket)

**Saturday 31st August, 9pm to 2 am, Laundry Day Club Night**, The Piper, St Leonards. Tickets £12 via DICE app. To coincide with @cipher\_press Queer Book Festival, anyone who show their tickets for festival on the door will pay only £10.

## September

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

**Wednesday 4th September 2pm, HRRRA Men's Group**, at The Forbidden Fruit [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)

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

**Thursday 5th September, 7pm HRRRA dining group** Colombo 16 in St Leonards. The next visit will be to this popular Sri Lankan restaurant. On a Thursday evening as they do not offer a full menu at lunch time. [www.colombo16.co.uk](http://www.colombo16.co.uk) Please contact Richard Jones on [richardmjonesuk@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmjonesuk@hotmail.com) by Friday 30 August if you would like to come.

**Tuesday 10th September, 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](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk)

**September 13th to 22nd, Hastings Book Festival**, For all the festival details, see [www.hastingsbookfest.org/our-events](http://www.hastingsbookfest.org/our-events) It includes an HRRRA sponsored event on 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)! Concession tickets available for the Karen McCleod session, [www.hastingsbookfest.org/events/karen-mccleod-lifting-off](http://www.hastingsbookfest.org/events/karen-mccleod-lifting-off)

**Sunday 15th September, HRRRA walking group**, The HRRRA walking group will lead their regular walk of around 4 miles on the third Sunday of the month, with an optional lunch.

They are still planning this walk, but email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) to get details when they are available.

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