



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On
October 2026
www.hrra.org.uk

Here is the monthly list of HRRA and other local LGBTQIA+ events that we are aware of. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email info@hrra.org.uk

We are looking for volunteers to run our groups or to volunteer to help at events. Please email info@hrra.org.uk if you would like information or think that you may be able to assist.

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Thursday 1st October, 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

Sunday 4th October, 2pm, HRRA Bridge Group. Join our friendly HRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk.

From **October 11th** Trans Pride Hastings will be hosting a regular free monthly **trans and non binary swimming session** at Summerfields Pool in Hastings from 12 -1.30 - alternating monthly between trans and non binary exclusive and friends and family inclusive too. This first session allows you to bring your friends and family and is wheelchair accessible too. Book your spot at www.transpridehastings.uk

Friday 16th October 6.30pm - 8pm - Dickon Edwards: On Diaries @The Waves Bookshop, Claremont, Hastings. - www.thewavesbookshop.com for details and tickets. Dickon Edwards speaks on the topic of diaries and reads from his own. His friends will also read from the historic diaries of others including Derek Jarman and Virginia Woolf. The event is hosted by cultural historian Travis Elborough, with readings from Victoria Redfern and Robert Wringham.

Sunday 18th October, HRRA Walking Group, This month's walk will be lead by Deborah and Devora in the Rye area. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for details. (Following walk will be on 15th November.)

Saturday 17th October 2.30pm - Rainbow Book Group, in St Leonards.
We will be talking about Wild Swans by Jung Chang

An introduction.... " Wild Swans, first published in 1991 had a global impact few authors dare to dream of. It told the story of three generations of women in 20th-century China – Chang's grandmother, her mother and herself – and became one of the most popular non-fiction books in history". (The Guardian)

Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting.
Our November meeting is on Friday 13th November at 5.30pm in St Leonards. The book is

The Very Long, Very Strange Life of Isaac Dahl by Bart Yates
All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome to join us.

Wednesday 21st October – HRRA Dining Club. The next HRRA dining club will be at The Reel restaurant on Wednesday 21 October 6-9pm. This restaurant is part of The Kino cinema at 43-9 Norman Rd St Leonards.

Guests can choose a coffee and snack or a drink and meal and socialise informally. You can see the menu here - there are many options for coffees, teas, cocktails, mocktails and beers/wines. Guests are encouraged to have a snack or a meal but you're welcome to just come for a drink if you wish. <https://www.kino-teatr.co.uk/reel>

If you'd like to come then let the organiser know on info@hrra.org.uk by Friday 16 October or as soon as possible.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show - Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm The Electric Palace, High Street, Hastings Old Town - Don't just dream it, be it. Book via their website www.electricpalacecinema.com (dressing up encouraged but not compulsory)

Queer Ass Folk: Live music from Calypso, Bobo Rose, and Tygermylk

@The Stade Hall **Saturday 24th October 8pm**

Tickets £5-£20 via Outsavvy

LGBT+ Songwriters sharing their work in an LGBT+ safe space, allies welcome.

Pride - Tue 27th October, 3pm @ The Electric Palace Cinema Hastings (see above) -

Based on a true story from the 1980s of an unlikely alliance between gay and lesbian activists and striking miners.

Book via the website.

They Can't Burn Us All - Cathryn Kemp with Chris Bridges -30th October at The Waves Bookshop Hastings (check out their site for more details when available).

Strong & Nice Lifting Club with Trans Pride Hastings

Saturday 31st October - new course of 6 week block in a private gym of free gender affirming strength training for trans and non-binary people - book via the Trans Pride Hastings website

The Others Market- 31st October - Samhain Edition - Inclusive Arts and Crafts Market with an alternative edge @The Beacon 67-68 St Marys Terrace, West Hill, Hastings, TN34 3LS - Free entry 12-5pm

Laundry Day - Queer Halloween Bash - Blackbox Hastings - **Saturday October 31st** 9pm-2.30am £12.00 (£8 early bird if you get in quick)

Expect Halloween vibes, DJ sets, Gogo dancers, drag queen performances and a best dressed competition.

Date for your Diary - booking now open:

Straight Talk - A tribute to Dolly Parton

Sunday 1st Nov 3pm Electric Palace Hastings

A film full of very quote-able Dolly at her best.

Book via their website - details above.

Book Launch - Safe: The Carceral Roots of the Anti-Trans Backlash

With author Lamble and activist Janey Starling in conversation with Victoria Oldman.

16th November 6.30pm Amici Studios, 12 Claremont, Hastings, TN34 1HA - further details and booking via www.womensvoice.org.uk

Regular Groups/Events:

Greyskull Coffee Hastings - Our friends at Greyskull Coffee will be closed for a makeover from the 12th - 16th of October, with a relaunch party on Halloween- Saturday October 31st - check out their socials for more details. <https://www.facebook.com/greyskullcoffee/>

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#

Hastings Queer Film Club, *Watch the film at home and come along to discuss it. Keep eye out on the Instagram page for film and location-*
<https://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerfilmclub>

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

Samphire Sauna, a monthly queer sauna event on Hastings Pier. Held on the last Thursday of each month. www.instagram.com/samphire_sauna

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 HRRR social media pages

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

(HRRR public FB page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnderTheRainbowHRRR> (HRRR private group)

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

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