



## Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On, April and May 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 April and in May. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email [chrissy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk)

### APRIL

**Wednesday 17th April, 2 to 4pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*** at The Forbidden Fruit.

[Info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Info@hrra.org.uk)

**Friday 19th April, 7pm *Lost Souls Club X G(EN)DER SWAP***, The Good Place, Havelock Road, an inclusive and informal queer social. There will be drinks, chats and dogs. Santi from G(EN)DER SWAP will be running a free style taster session 730 to 830pm.

[www.outsavvy.com/event/19190/lost-souls-club-x-gender-swap-social](http://www.outsavvy.com/event/19190/lost-souls-club-x-gender-swap-social)

**Saturday 20th April, 12 to 5pm, *The Others' Market***, The Beacon, St Mary's Terrace, Hastings, TN34 3LS. An alternative market event for all the creative outcasts, queers, witches, weirdos, freaks, goths, punks, outsiders, colourful creatures, spiritual seekers and all who do not fit in a box. 20 unique stalls with traders selling a variety of treasures to behold. Beautiful bizarre art, handmade curiosities and objects, diy fashion, occult and esoteric finds, readings, special creations in every alternative flavour. Performances from @hastingspunkchoir and @asherfynn, food from @homeground\_kitchen, market run by @mastolfandmastej [www.facebook.com/theothersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/theothersmarket)

**Saturday 20th April, 9pm to 2 am, *Laundry Day X Club Fliq***, The Piper, St Leonards on Sea. Two of St Leonards top queer club nights are coming together, celebrating freedom of self-expression along with DJs, gogo dancers and burlesque. Details at

[www.facebook.com/laundrydayclubnight](https://www.facebook.com/laundrydayclubnight) and [www.instagram.com/laundrydayclubnight](https://www.instagram.com/laundrydayclubnight)

**Sunday 21st April, *HRRRA walking group***. Martin will lead this walk, with details to be announced. Contact [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) for more info.

**Sunday 21st April, 7.30pm *Queer Film Night***, "Weekend", Q&A, Chris New (lead actor) as special guest at the screening of Weekend.

[www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/weekend](http://www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/weekend) A monthly film night at the Electric Palace Cinema exploring LGBTQ+ themes and stories on film. Curated by Peccadillo Pictures [www.peccapics.com](http://www.peccapics.com) [www.electricpalacecinema.com](http://www.electricpalacecinema.com)

**Wednesday 24th April, 7 to 9pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club***, Good Place Café, Hastings. This month's book is Sacred Country by Rose Tremain.

[www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks](https://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks)

**Friday 26th April, 3 p.m, *Rainbow Book Group meeting***, West St Leonards. The book to be discussed is *The Betrayal* by Helen Dunmore. "In 1952 Leningrad, Andrei, a young doctor, and Anna, a nursery school teacher are forging a life together in the postwar, post-siege wreckage. But they know their happiness is precarious, like that of millions of Russians who must avoid the claws of Stalin's merciless Ministry of State Security. When Andrei is forced to treat the seriously ill child of a senior secret police officer, his every move is scrutinized..." (from the review on the website of Book Browse). . 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 27th April, 2 to 4 pm, *HARRA Bi+ meet up group***. Join us at the Forbidden Fruit Bar to socialise, make new friends and have fun in a relaxed informal setting that is a lovely warm safe and welcoming space for our community. 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. We know it can be daunting if you are coming along for the first time or to a new place. There are soft drinks, teas and coffees available as well as alcohol and the bar has disabled access. Look for the table with a small pink purple and blue flag on it and join us over the Easter weekend! We look forward to meeting and welcoming you, and hope to see you there. For any enquiries / more information, contact [Kathy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Kathy@hrra.org.uk)

**Saturday 27th April, 12 to 3pm, *Hastings Trans Pride event, The Museum of Transology are collecting in Hastings*** Drop in to Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, John's Place, Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1ET. "The Museum is building 14 local collections working with Trans Prides across the UK and Ireland. Be a part of history, bring your meaningful trans object and share your story. Come and write the label to accompany your object. Join us on the day to find out more about co-curating your object into the big 2025 exhibition in London with the Transology team & about travel bursaries to come & see your object in the show. We are also running a free automata workshop at the museum so you can come and make a banner waving self-portrait for our Trans Pride Hastings 'Paper Protest'. Stay tuned for further details coming soon!"

**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.

## **MAY**

**Wednesday 1st May, 2 to 4pm, *HARRA Men's Group*** at The Forbidden Fruit.  
[Info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Info@hrra.org.uk)

**Thursday 2nd May, 2 to 4pm. *HARRA 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)

**Sunday 12th May, 2pm, *HARRA Bridge group***. Join our friendly HARRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email [bridge@hrra.org.uk](mailto:bridge@hrra.org.uk)

**Tuesday 14th May, 7.30pm. *HRRRA Monthly Social*.** Your regular 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)

**Wednesday 15th May, 2 to 4pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*** at The Forbidden Fruit.  
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**Friday 17th May, IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia).** As in previous years, councillors, community members and allies will gather outside Bexhill Town Hall in the morning (gather outside Bexhill Town Hall at 9.45 am) and Hastings Town Hall late afternoon, to commemorate the day and fly the Pride Progress flag. More details tba, keep an eye on our social media pages. More info [chrissy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:chrissy@hrra.org.uk)

**Friday, 17th May, 7.30-11pm. *Eden*,** a night for lesbian and queer women, at the Good Place Café on 53 Havelock Road, Hastings, TN34 1BE. If you would also like cheese and charcuterie for your evening, please contact the Good Place directly to order.

**Sunday 19th May, *HRRRA walking group*.** Details to be announced. Contact [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) for more info.

**Tuesday 22nd May, 1000 to 1.00 pm, *Hastings Book Festival FREE creative writing workshops*** for the over 60s LGBTQ + community in Hastings and St Leonards! These will be run by the critically acclaimed local author, VG Lee, at a convenient, easily accessible town centre location. VG will be guiding you through a series of readings and exercises to help you find or polish your unique voice and she will be encouraging you to take the plunge to enter your writing into our short story competition. The workshops will commence on 22nd May and run for 6 weeks. Full details will follow very soon. There are a limited number of places, so keep an eye out, and book early! [www.hastingsbookfest.org](http://www.hastingsbookfest.org)

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### **Summer 2024 local festivals and events**

Saturday 15th June, first ever Sidley Festival, a sister festival to the well-known St. Leonards Festival. Sidley Recreational Ground.

Saturday 22nd June, Stand Proud in Hailsham, The White Hart, Horsebridge,  
[www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/news/further-planning-for-stand-proud-in-hailsham-event-next-summer-2-2](http://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/news/further-planning-for-stand-proud-in-hailsham-event-next-summer-2-2)

Sunday 23rd June, Hastings Sanctuary Festival

Saturday 13th July, St Leonards Festival, [www.stleonardsfestival.org](http://www.stleonardsfestival.org)

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

Saturday 27th July, Trans Pride Hastings, Big Queer Party, 7pm till late. Observer Building.

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

Sunday 25th August, Hastings Pride <https://hastingspride.org.uk>