



**Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On, January to February 2024**  
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Here are the HRRRA and some other local LGBTQIA+ events taking place in the rest of January and February (and a few in March)

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, New WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) course for LGBTQ+ carers**

Join Coastal Wellbeing for a course to support your wellbeing as you navigate your caring role. A new 6-week WRAP course will start on Monday 8th January, each Monday through to 12th February, 1pm to 4pm, Age Concern, The Venton Centre, Eastbourne. For more details and to book, please contact Molly on 07507 734 370 or [molly@coastalwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:molly@coastalwellbeing.co.uk) or visit [www.coastalwellbeing.co.uk](http://www.coastalwellbeing.co.uk)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, HRRRA Walking Group.** On Sunday 21 January Carol G will lead a walk of about 3 miles around the inner and outer harbours and along the coastal footpath towards Eastbourne. It is flat walking with solid ground underfoot. At the half way point, we may be able to get a coffee at one of the cafes along the route, before returning to Sovereign Harbour for lunch at the Marina Turkish Restaurant where there are good vegetarian and vegan options. Meet at 10.30am in Sovereign Harbour car park which is free parking with public toilets nearby. The turn off for Sovereign Harbour is signed at a roundabout on the main A259 as you approach Eastbourne. Take the turn off and at next small roundabout take the first exit straight on (avoiding the large retail car park) and you arrive in the smaller Waterfront car park.

If you would like to join us for the walk and/or lunch, please email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) so we know to expect you.

The next HRRRA walk will be on Sunday 18 February 2024. We will need walk leaders for our 2024 walks - please email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) if you can help.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2 to 4pm, HRRRA Men's Group** at The Forbidden Fruit.  
[Info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Info@hrra.org.uk)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January** 2 to 4 pm, **HARRA Bi+ group** at The Forbidden Fruit, details [kathy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:kathy@hrra.org.uk)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Hastings Queer Book Group** meeting 7pm. Good Place Cafe Hastings. "You Exist Too Much" by Zaina Arafat, see their Insta page

## **FEBRUARY**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, 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 4<sup>th</sup> February, HARRA Bridge Group, 2pm.** [Learn this card game, and make new friends in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome.](#)  
[bridge@hrra.org.uk](mailto:bridge@hrra.org.uk)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** 2-4 **HARRA Men's Group** at the Forbidden Fruit [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, 6 to 8pm. **HARRA trans support group are running a Q&A with NHS Sussex Gender Service.** At The Good Place, 53-54 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE.

Members of the NHS Sussex Gender Service will talk about their services for trans and non binary people. Come along to ask any questions. Trans people and partners and allies are welcome. Refreshments provided. Please let Chrissy know if you plan to attend. [Chrissy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Chrissy@hrra.org.uk) More information on the NHS Sussex Gender Service pilot scheme is at [www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk](http://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk)

**Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, HARRA lunch at Azur** (tbc), details [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, HARRA Rainbow Book Group at 5.30pm.**

We will be meeting in a member's home in St Leonards.

The book to be discussed is **The Marriage Portrait** by **Maggie O'Farrell**.

### **A taster:**

O'Farrell's subject is a woman whose story has been overshadowed by men; Lucrezia, the third daughter of Cosimo I de' Medici, the ruler of Florence. The historical Lucrezia was married off at the age of 13 to Alfonso, Duke of Ferrara, as a last-minute substitute for her older sister, Maria, who died just before the wedding. Then Lucrezia herself died, supposedly of tuberculosis, though it has long been thought that she could have been poisoned by Alfonso. (thanks to the Guardian review, August 2022)

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 us.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm. HRRRA Monthly Social.** Your regular LGBTQIA+ social from 7.30 pm onwards at the Forbidden Fruit cafe bar at 22 Grand Parade, St Leonards on sea. TN37 6DN. All members of LGBTQIA+ community welcome. Come along and meet new people, socialise and make new friends in this warm welcoming and safe space. The Forbidden Fruit has disabled access and serves a variety of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks and beverages. Look forward to meeting and seeing you there! For further details / queries contact [Kathy@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Kathy@hrra.org.uk)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-11pm Eden,** a night for lesbian and queer women, is relaunching at the Good Place on 53 Havelock Road, Hastings, TN34 1BE This will be a much more laid back vibe in a far more intimate setting. If you would also like cheese and charcuterie for your evening please contact the Good Place directly to order. Future dates 15 March and 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> February, Laundry Day club night** 9pm to 2am, The Piper, St Leonards. The Big Queer Love-In. Tickets £10 via Dice. Details at [www.instagram.com/laundrydayclubnight](http://www.instagram.com/laundrydayclubnight)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February Electric Palace Queer Film Nights** start – see below.

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## **MARCH**

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March HRRRA AGM 7.15** at Isobel Blackman Centre

More Details and invitations to follow.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** 11am – 7pm **Hear Me Roar Women's Festival** [at the Observer Building, Hastings, for International Women's Day. Stalls/workshops until 2 or 3pm then speakers, performers and musicians.](http://www.womens-voice.org.uk) [www.womens-voice.org.uk](http://www.womens-voice.org.uk) Facebook: [Hastings Women's Voice](https://www.facebook.com/HastingsWomen'sVoice)

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**Last Friday of the month, Flickers monthly queer film night. Doors 6pm, film 730pm.** at Hair and Hound, 196 Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1RG. £5 Supports a different LGBTQIA+ charity each month. Tickets on Eventbrite or on the door.  
[richebabes@hotmail.com](mailto:richebabes@hotmail.com)

**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. It is free and there is no need to book. 3 Winding Street, Old Town, Hastings, TN34 3AT.

**Queer Film Night** is a monthly film night at the **Electric Palace Cinema** exploring LGBTQ+ themes and stories on film.  
Curated by Peccadillo Pictures <https://www.peccapics.com/> one of the UK's most recognised distributors of LGBT & World Cinema titles. The Electric Palace Cinema, Hastings Old Town.

Starting off with a tribute to queer artist and filmmaker, Derek Jarman:  
Sunday 18th February at 11.00am Caravaggio (Derek Jarman)  
Sunday 18th February at 7.30pm The Garden (Derek Jarman)  
Wednesday 21st at 7.30pm Let's Talk Film: Derek Jarman

The upcoming dates:  
Sunday 24th March at 7.30pm:  
Sunday 23rd April at 7.30pm:

Monthly titles can be found on the Electric Palace's website and if you want to sign up for their newsletter you can get updates direct to your inbox.  
[www.electricpalacecinema.com](http://www.electricpalacecinema.com)

**MindOut an LGBTQ mental health charity is running a welcoming peer support group** for over 18's for people looking for connection and support with their wellbeing. Held in a central location in Hastings in person we offer a safe and friendly place where people can come along to discuss their mental health without judgment and confidentiality. After a friendly assessment you'll be invited to our bi-weekly meetings. If you would like to join or learn more, please call or email. You also scan the QR code below to register your interest via our online form.

Hastings Wellbeing Group in Hastings on Mondays between 3:30 and 5pm  
[info@mindout.org.uk](mailto:info@mindout.org.uk) , 01293234839 , **Phil Ayling**, *Wellbeing Mental Health Project Worker (My working days are Monday to Thursday)* [www.mindout.org.uk](http://www.mindout.org.uk)