



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On, September and October 2024 www.hrra.org.uk

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

The HARRA 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

HARRA 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/

Rest of September

Tuesday 8th September, 7.30pm. HARRA 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

September 13th to 22nd, Hastings Book Festival, For all the festival details, see www.hastingsbookfest.org/our-events

Friday 13th September, 730 to 1100 pm, Eden. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE.

Sunday 15th September, HARRA walking group, This month's walk will be led by Carol G in the beautiful foothills of the South Downs. The walk will be 4-5 miles, starting at 10:00am in Wilmington. The walk will be followed by lunch at the Long Man Inn (pre-orders will be required). Email walking@hrra.org.uk to join or get more details.

Wednesday 18th September 2pm, HARRA Men's Group, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Hastings Book Festival An event which has some queer focus is the Indie Publishers evening on **Thursday 19th September, at 1930**, where **Effie Black** is coming along with Epoque Publishing to talk about her book *In Defence of the Act*, a queer look at dealing with life and how suicide can impact on that. <https://www.hastingsbookfest.org/events/an-indie-salon>

Saturday 21 September from 1845 to 1945. Karen McLeod - Lifting Off. Hastings Book Festival event sponsored by Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance. A fly on the wall tale of flying long-haul, drinking miniatures, hotel bedroom parties with the rest of the crew, one-night stands in exotic locations and the loneliness of having to deny your true self. 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-mcleod-lifting-off

Saturday 21 Sept, 730pm, *Queer Ass Folk*, The Stade, live folk music, tickets £10 to £20
<https://www.outsavvy.com/event/21361/queer-ass-folk-live-music-from-peter-kerry-heren-wolf-and-charlie-austen>

Tuesday 24th September at 4 p.m. *Rainbow Book Group* meeting in Hastings Old Town. The book to be discussed is *A Spy Among Friends* by Ben Macintyre. It's about Kim Philby who is related to one of our members; we will be engaging with both the political and the family story. Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

Wednesday 25th September, 7pm for 730pm start, *Hastings Queer Book Group*, The Good Place Café, Hastings. Discussing *The Argonauts* by Maggie Nelson.
www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Saturday 28th September, 1100 to 2045, *Derek Jarman screenings and conversations* at Electric Palace, Hastings,
www.electricpalacecinema.com/whats-on/jarman-now-all-dayer/slot/2434

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd October 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit
info@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 3rd October, 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

Sunday 6th October, 2pm, *HRRRA Bridge group*. Join our friendly HRRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 8th October, 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

Friday 11th October, 730 to 1100 pm, *Eden*. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE.

Wednesday 16th October 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit
info@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 19th October, 12 to 5pm, *The Others' Makers' Market*, Samhain edition, The Beacon, 67-68 St. Mary's Terrace, Hastings TN34 3LS
<https://facebook.com/events/s/the-others-market-samhain-edit/2670363929802552>

Sunday 20 October, *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 to get details when they are available.

Friday 25th October at 3.30 pm, *Rainbow Book Group* meeting in St Leonards. The book to be discussed is *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson. Setting the Scene: "As its title suggests, Mary Lawson's *A Town Called Solace* is concerned with finding comfort in the place we live. The novel tells two stories about families in crisis, one in the present, the other

in the past. The link between them is Liam, who, reeling from the break-up of his marriage, has quit his job in Toronto and moved to the small northern Ontario town of Solace. He has unexpectedly been given a house there by Elizabeth Orchard, his parents' one-time neighbour...." (Review in the Times Literary Supplement). Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

Wednesday 30th October 2pm, *HRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit
info@hrra.org.uk

A couple of dates for your diary in NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd November, Laundry Day at The Piper, St Leonards. Halloween special.

Friday 15th November, 730 to 1100 pm, *Eden*. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE.

Friday 29 November, 7pm, *HRRA End of Year Meal* HRRA have arranged to take over the Wickham Bistro in Wickham Avenue, Bexhill TN39 3EP. There will be choices for vegetarian and vegan meals, as well as a meat dish. To book a place contact Carol G via info@hrra.org.uk We are limited to 30 places, which is the maximum for seating at the Bistro, and there will be gentle background music but it should be quiet enough to talk to each other! **Closing date for bookings is 31 October** so that any unused places can be re-sold by the Bistro. Parking is difficult in the centre of Bexhill and there is a parking charge for many car spaces – space is often found around Egerton Park which is nearby. The restaurant is a short walk from Bexhill train station.