



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

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

JUNE

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

Sunday 23rd June, *Hastings Sanctuary Festival*, Hastings Museum.

Wednesday 26th June, 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 26th June, 7pm for 730 start, *Hastings Queer Book Group*, The Good Place café, Hastings. Discussing *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name* by Audre Lorde. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Friday, 28th June, 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.

Saturday 29th June, 2 to 4 pm, *HRRRA Bi+ meet up group*. 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. Look for the table with a small pink, purple and blue flag on it. For any enquiries / more information, contact Kathy@hrra.org.uk

Sunday 30th June, 11 am to 2 pm *Bourne This Way 4th Wellbeing Birthday Picnic*, Gildredge Park, Eastbourne. Family yoga, Indian head, hand and foot massage, football, soft play area, face painting. All welcome, bring a picnic.

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.

JULY

Tuesday 2nd July, 7 to 9 pm, *Men Seeking Men Speed Dating Night*, The Forbidden Fruit, 22 Grand Parade, St Leonards. Spark Speed Dating, www.ticketsource.co.uk/spark-speed-dating

Thursday 4th July, 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

Friday 5th July, *Queer Ass Folk*, Every other month at the Stade Hall, Hastings see www.instagram.com/queerassfolkmusic and www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk

Sunday 7th July, 2pm, *HRRRA Bridge group*. Join our friendly HRRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 9th July, 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

Wednesday 10th July, 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 13th July, *St Leonards Festival*, www.stleonardsfestival.org

Thursday 18th July, 3.30 pm, *Rainbow Book Group*, 3.30 p.m. The book to be discussed is *The Good Doctor* by Damon Galgut. "The Good Doctor, the Pretoria-born writer's fifth novel, is his dark tale of a physician's struggle with his conscience in a rural hospital ... Galgut writes from a new fictional space: post-apartheid South Africa, where the "homelands" have been given fresh names but little has changed. The landscape and its people still seethe with violence, locked in a battle with the brutal legacy of the country's recent history."(From the Review in *The Independent* in 2003). All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome. Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting.

Friday 19 July, 7.30 to 11 pm, *Eden*, The Good Place, a night for lesbians and queer women. 53 Havelock Road, Hastings.

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

Saturday 20th July, 10am to 2pm, *Celebrate Pride at Bedgebury Pinetum and Forest with Rainbow Canopy and Forestry England*, a guided walk organised by Rainbow Canopy, the Forestry Commission's LGBTQ+ Network. Contact walking@hrra.org.uk for more info.

Sunday 21st July, *HRRRA walking group*. Martin will lead a walk around Arlington reservoir. Contact walking@hrra.org.uk for more info.

Wednesday 24th July, 2pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

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>

Other local Summer 2024 festivals with LGBTQIA+ content

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

Saturday 31st August, Hastings Queer Book Festival www.cipherpress.co.uk/shop/hastings-queer-book-festival-2024-ticket

September 13th to 22nd, Hastings Book Festival, www.hastingsbookfest.org