



## Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On, March and April 2024

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Here are the HRRRA and some other local LGBTQIA+ events taking place in the rest of March and in April. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email [chrissey@hrra.org.uk](mailto:chrissey@hrra.org.uk)

### MARCH

**Friday 15th March, 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 17th March, *HRRRA walking group***. Meet at 10.30am outside the (new) Pumphouse Cafe in Alexandra Park, which is between the tennis courts and the miniature railway. (postcode TN34 2EL, what three words ///wishes.struck.option). If you would like to join us for the walk and optional lunch, please email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) so we know to expect you.

**Wednesday 20th March, 2 to 4pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*** at The Forbidden Fruit.  
[Info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Info@hrra.org.uk)

**Wednesday 20th (or Wednesday 27th March), 7 to 9pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club***, Good Place Café, Hastings. This month's book is *Confessions of the Fox* by Jordy Rosenberg. Check online for date and details, at [www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks](http://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks)

**Thursday March 21st, *Polari on Sea***, The Printworks, Hastings with VG Lee, Alexis Gregory and Dillon Jaxx. A night of performance and poetry with an LGBTQ+ bent.  
<http://tinyurl.com/4vcnywvz>

**Friday 22nd March, 6pm. *Rainbow Book Group*** meeting in Hastings Old Town. The book to be discussed is *Once Upon A River* by Diane Setterfield. A taster of this Gothic novel: "It all begins at an inn on the evening of a winter's solstice in the 19th century. A man comes in, bearing horrific injuries, interrupting the regulars' chatter. He's carrying a large puppet, with waxen face and limbs and sickly painted hair. Except it's not a puppet, it's a little girl and she's dead, clearly dead – until she's not." Review from The Independent, January 2019). 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 attend.

**Sunday 24th March, 7.30pm *Queer Film Night***, 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)

**Tuesday 26th March, 6.30 to 8.30pm *Trans Pride Hastings launch event and consultation***, The Good Place, 53 Havelock Rd, Hastings TN34 1BE. A special launch announcement event for Trans Pride Hastings 2024 to discuss some of the exciting plans coming together for this year's event, share your thoughts and hear how you can get involved directly.

**Tuesday 26th March, 7.30pm *Spark Speed Dating: Women seeking connections with Women***. Get ready to mingle and connect at Sapphic Speed Dating! An evening of fun, laughter, and meaningful connections. Whether you're seeking romance or looking to expand your circle of friends, this event is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded individuals in a comfortable and inclusive environment. Don't miss out on the chance to make new connections and create unforgettable memories. Event details and tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-lnajkg](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-lnajkg)

**Thursday 28th March, *Flickers Queer Film Club*** at Hair and Hound, Queens Rd, Hastings. Holy Inappropriate. Inclusive night of Film, Fine drinks and food. All welcome including allies (no haters). Please book your ticket in advance <https://tinyurl.com/FlickersMarch24>

**Saturday 30th March, 2.30 to 4.30 pm, *HRRRA 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 30th March, 8 pm to 1.30 am, *Osàre! Queer Easter Rave*** with Elena Colombi B2B PEOPLELIKEUSDJ, The Marina Fountain, St Leonards on Sea. Tickets at <https://ra.co/events/1881840>

**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.

**Every Monday MindOut, LGBTQ mental health charity** 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. **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 working days are Monday to Thursday) [www.mindout.org.uk](http://www.mindout.org.uk)

## APRIL

**Wednesday 3rd April, 2 to 4pm, *HRRRA Men's Group*** at The Forbidden Fruit. [Info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:Info@hrra.org.uk)

**Thursday 4th April, 2 to 4pm. *HRRR 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)

**Tuesday 9th April, 7.30pm. *HRRR 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)

**Friday 12th April 7.15, *HRRR Annual General Meeting*** at the Isobel Blackman Centre, 3 Winding Street, Hastings TN34 3AT. It is in Hastings Old Town at the sea end of Bourne Road, off to the left. Doors open at 7.15pm. Along with AGM business there will be refreshments (sandwiches, tea and coffee) and time for socialising. In order for us to plan catering and send you the relevant papers, please confirm your attendance by sending a response to [agm@hrra.org.uk](mailto:agm@hrra.org.uk)

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**Sunday 14th April 2pm, *HRRR Bridge group*.** Join our friendly HRRR Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email [bridge@hrra.org.uk](mailto:bridge@hrra.org.uk)

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

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

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>