



**Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On  
for the rest of December 2025, and January 2026**

[www.hrra.org.uk](http://www.hrra.org.uk)

Here is the monthly list of HRRA and other local LGBTQIA+ events that we are aware of. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)

*We are looking for volunteers to run our Bi+ group and our trans and non binary support group. Please email [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk) if you would like information. In addition, for information on the men's group, which is being relaunched, please email [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk)*

**Rest of DECEMBER**

**Tuesday 16th December, from 7 pm, *HRRA Christmas Social***, Forbidden Fruit, St Leonards On Sea. Come along and have a festive drink and chat with fellow HRRA members. For members, prospective members, friends and families.

**Wednesday 31st December, *Queer Ass Folk x Laundry Day- New Queer's Eve***, from 7pm, French's, 24 Robertson St, Hastings. "We are back again after last year's SELLOUT New Year's Eve party! Two of Hastings biggest nights celebrating QUEER talent join forces to ring in 2026 the only way we know how, by being fucking fabulous! We have a jam-packed night full of love music, drag, go-go dancers and DJs for 8 hours of pure JOY Start the night from 7pm for chill party VIBES and mega happy hour! Live music brought to you by the Queer Ass Folk team starts at 8.30pm, exciting sounds to get you moving from already confirmed @lez\_iz\_more and @icycalisto Laundry Day then takes us through the night from 10.30pm with DJs @theemptypage\_ @max.load @djevezy @mattht and extra special guest @tikoda\_ Drag performances from @thekikiara and @theekally, plus more TBC. As well as gogo dancers galore from confirmed @spiritdoll.uk and more TBC. Tickets available via OutSavvy - limited early bird tickets on sale now so get them while you can!" £25 to £45 <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/31450/queer-ass-folk-x-laundry-day-new-queers-eve>

**Wednesday 31st December, *NYE at the Forbidden Fruit***, Wicked Wonderland. "This New Year's Eve, we're melting into Oz for a night of magic, mischief, and mayhem! Join us for a spellbinding celebration inspired by Wicked and the world of Oz complete with dazzling balloon drops as the clock strikes midnight! Featuring the fabulously talented drag sensation Cherry Liquor. Step into Oz and become your favourite character from any of these classic films: The Wizard of Oz, Return to Oz, The Wiz, Oz the Great and Powerful, Wicked, Wicked: For Good. Or simply keep it iconic in pink or green." Tickets are selling fast at <https://tffhastings.co.uk/nyetickets>

**Every Monday, an *LGBTIAQ Group for people aged over 50*** meets starting at 2.00pm until 4.00pm. There is a good cafe where an inexpensive meal / snack is available

beforehand. Venue details: Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings Old Town, TN34 3AT.

**Every Wednesday evening, Quiz at the Forbidden Fruit,** <https://tffhastings.co.uk>

**Every Thursday evening, 7.30 to 8.30 pm, Hastings Rec FC** at Horntye Park Sports Complex, Trans, enby and GNC inclusive football group, [www.instagram.com/hastingsrecfc#](http://www.instagram.com/hastingsrecfc#)

**Samphire Sauna**, a monthly queer sauna event on Hastings Pier. Held on the last Thursday of each month. [www.instagram.com/samphire\\_sauna](http://www.instagram.com/samphire_sauna)

**Hailsham Queers** hold a variety of regular social events, details at [www.meetup.com/hailsham-queers/events](http://www.meetup.com/hailsham-queers/events)

**Bourne this Way** is an LGBTQ+ Parent support group based in Eastbourne. They aim to provide a non-judgmental, friendly, inclusive space open to all LGBTQ+ parents and their children, as well as prospective parents. <https://bournethiswaylgbtparents.co.uk>

**Eastbourne Lunch Positive** offer healthy & enjoyable community lunches, drop-ins and support groups, and plenty of opportunities to socialise with other people living with HIV. <https://lunchpositive.org>

## **JANUARY 2026**

**Thursday 1st January, 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)

**Sunday 4th January, 1pm, HRRR Dining Club**, The Seadog in Hastings. This pub is at 32 Station Road opposite Hastings station and has developed a well-deserved reputation for its Sunday lunch and real ale. It is often fully booked before the start of the weekend. They ask for payment for meals and drinks at the bar at the time of ordering so it will be a relatively easy meal to organise and we can keep it relatively informal. Let Richard Jones know by the end of Friday 2 January if you wish to attend, by emailing [info@hrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrra.org.uk). They have a separate back room which we may be able to reserve if sufficient people wish to come. <https://www.theseadogpub.com>

**Sunday 4th January, 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)

**Friday 9th January, 2.30 pm, Rainbow Book Group** meeting, overlooking the sea, in St Leonards to talk about *Burnt Shadows* by Kamila Shamsie. An introduction: "Beginning on August 9, 1945, in Nagasaki, and ending in a prison cell in the US in 2002, as a man is waiting to be sent to Guantanamo Bay, *Burnt Shadows* is an epic narrative of love and betrayal. Hiroko Tanaka is twenty-one and in love with the man she is to marry, Konrad Weiss. As she steps onto her veranda, wrapped in a kimono with three black cranes swooping across the back, her world is suddenly and irrevocably altered. In the numbing aftermath of the atomic bomb that obliterates everything she has known, all that remains are the bird-shaped burns on her back, an indelible reminder of the world she has lost. In search of new beginnings, two years later, Hiroko travels to Delhi. It is there that her life will become intertwined with that of Konrad's half sister, Elizabeth, her husband, James Burton, and their employee Sajjad Ashraf, from whom she starts to learn Urdu." (Review from Goodreads) Please email [michael.moor@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.moor@btinternet.com) for details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome to join.

**Wednesday 14th January, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Film Club***, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. Watch the film at home and come along to discuss it. January's film is But I'm a Cheerleader.  
<https://www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerfilmclub>

**Saturday 17th January, 1030 am, *HRRA walking group***, walk at Rye Harbour. Email [walking@hrra.org.uk](mailto:walking@hrra.org.uk) for details

**Wednesday 21st January, 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club***, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. January's book is Tin Man by Sarah Winman. Meetings are usually on the last Wednesday of each month (but it's a week earlier this January).  
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#### **Current HRRA social media pages**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830049603905430/user/100064445632300>

(HRRA public FB page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnderTheRainbowHRRA> (HRRA private group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hrrat> (trans and non binary private group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/907801485993622> (HRRA Walking group)