



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On for the rest of August, and September 2025

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Here is the monthly list of HRRRA and other local LGBTQIA+ events that we are aware of. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Rest of AUGUST

HRRRA Trans Social group relaunched in June. For details of meetings, dates and locations, please email hrrat@hrra.org.uk

Sunday 17th August, HRRRA walking group in the rolling countryside of Guestling. Meet at The Three Oaks Pub, Butchers Lane, TN35 4NH, 10 am for a 10.15am start in the pub car park. Circular walk roughly 2.5 hours. The walk will pick up the 1066 route at Great Maxfield and head across to Lidham Hill Farm via Ashenden and then head down North Lane cutting across fields and then retracing our route back to the pub from Great Maxfield. Lunch is booked for 1pm. Please email walking@hrra.org.uk if you plan to attend.

Thursday 21st August, HRRRA Rainbow Book Group, 3pm, meeting in St Leonards overlooking the sea to talk about *My Name is Why* by Lemn Sissay. At the age of seventeen, after a childhood in a foster family followed by six years in care homes, Norman Greenwood was given his birth certificate. He learned that his real name was not Norman. It was Lemn Sissay. He was British and Ethiopian. And he learned that his mother had been pleading for his safe return to her since his birth. This is Lemn's story: a story of neglect and determination, misfortune and hope, cruelty and triumph. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome. Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting.

Lemn Sissay is speaking at the Hastings Book Festival on Saturday 20th September, 8pm. See www.hastingsbookfest.org/our-events

Thursday 21st August, Queer Ass Folk, 7.30pm The Stade Hall, TN34 3FJ. Live music from Beauty Sleep, Steady Habits & Charlie Austen. Tickets from £12 to £15 from <https://www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk>

Saturday 23rd August, Bottle Alley Art Market (BAAM) 10 am till 6pm, Third annual edition of this market: a public exhibition featuring 70 artists, ranging from local talents to national figures. BAAM is set to transform the iconic 480-metre-long walkway between Hastings and St Leonards into the UK's longest beachside art market.

Saturday 23rd August, HRRRA Dining Group, 1pm, St Clements restaurant in St Leonards. Please contact Richard Jones so that an initial booking can be made. This well-established local restaurant offers a wide variety with an emphasis on French cuisine.

<https://www.stclementsrestaurant.co.uk> Contact Richard Jones via info@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 23rd August, HRRR Swimming Session, 5.15 to 6.15 pm, Sovereign Baths, Royal Parade, Eastbourne BN22 7LQ. HRRR have booked the place privately so it will be a good chance to have a free swim in a safe environment for anyone who's nervous about swimming in public. If you wish to come along, please book a place by emailing hrrat@hrra.org.uk

Saturday 23rd August, Laundry Day, 7.30pm to 3.00 am, pre-Pride Party, Drag's a Beach, French's, Robertson Street, Hastings. "Expect a big night of DJs, Drag, Burlesque and Gogo dancers. DJs: @nialmartin @lemurbeats @max.load @theemptypage_ plus more to be announced. Live Performance: @pupindevert @revoltingrosy @stella.adore. Gogo Dancers: @spiritdoll.uk @ewharriz Kitty Sparks and Dan Harvé. Start the night by attending @dragsabeach from 7.30pm and follow us into the night from 10.30pm till 3am." www.instagram.com/laundrydayclubnight

Sunday 24th August, Hastings Pride, The Oval, <https://hastingspride.org.uk> Parade/march 11am from the Stade, Festival at The Oval, 12 until 8pm. Volunteers for HRRR stall required (set up at 11 am, leave at 5pm), please email chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Sunday 24th August, Vogueness Big Gay Pride Day Rave, 3pm to late, French's Bar, Robertson St, Hastings. Hi nrg acid and breaks party for the girls, gays, theys and everyone else who is sound.

Sunday 24th August, Pride After Party, The Forbidden Fruit, St Leonards, <https://tffhastings.co.uk>

Monday 25th August, HRRR Men's Group relaunch, 6pm at Tonka on Marine Parade, Hastings Old Town. For more details email info@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 27th August, 7pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place Cafe, Hastings. Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month. August's book is The Safekeep by Yael van der Wouden www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Sunday 31st August, 2pm, HRRR Bridge group. (Normally first Sunday in month – September's session has been brought forward due to venue unavailable.) Join our friendly HRRR Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

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#

Hailsham Queers hold a variety of regular social events - details are available at 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>

SEPTEMBER

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Thursday 4th September, 1230, HRRA Dining Group, Farmyard, 52 Kings Rd, St Leonards. They have a lunch offer of three small plates and a glass of wine/soft drink for £18.50 but they have a full menu too. Let Richard Jones know by Friday 29 August if you'd like to come info@hrra.org.uk <https://farmyardwine.com>

Thursday 4th September, 2 to 4pm. HRRA 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

Thursday 4th September, 730 to 1030 pm, Giddy Up, Tried and Tested, Home Live Art, The White Rock Theatre Studio, Hastings, TN34 1JX Tried & Tested is a scratch night bringing together two local artists and one invited guest to try out new ideas and share bold performance work in progress. Bambi Phillips, Mary Malone, and Vanessa Farinha. Ticket Prices: £10 for a limited time only, then £15 (both plus booking fees). <https://www.homeliveart.com/event/triedandtested>

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OCTOBER

Looking ahead to the autumn, the ***Coast is Queer Festival*** in Brighton runs from 9th to 12th October at The Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts. The UK's "biggest and brightest LGBTQ+ literature festival." <https://coastisqueer.com>

Current HRRRA social media pages

<https://www.instagram.com/hastingsrotherrainbowalliance>

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

(HRRRA public FB page)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UnderTheRainbowHRRRA> (HRRRA private group)

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

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