



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance
What's On in November and December 2024
www.hrra.org.uk

Here are the HRRRA and some 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

The HRRRA Men's Group is looking for a new organiser from January, please email info@hrra.org.uk

The HRRRA 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

HRRRA 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 NOVEMBER

Friday 15 November, 6.45 to 8.45 pm, *A Captured Moment: Dawn and John-Paul*, Hastings Queer History Collective and We Out Here uncover the incredible story of queer couple Dawn & John-Paul Simmons and their marriage blessing in 1969 at St. Clements Church in Old Town, Hastings - a moment that defied race, gender and social norms. More info and to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/DawnandJohnPaul>

Friday 15th November, 7.30 to 11.00 pm, *Eden*. A chilled night for lesbian and queer women, at The Good Place, 52 Havelock Rd, Hastings, TN34 1BE. Sadly, this will be the final Eden. It's closing due to the number of other local. Organiser Sophie explains, "there are so many great queer spaces for women that it's time to step back. Sapphic Suppers at The Beacon, Club Fliq at The Piper, Queer Ass Folk at The Stade."

Saturday 16th November, *The Pig, Hastings, Pink Suits, Daffodildos*, Hastings Punk Choir 7.30pm Fun, inclusive, queer, life-affirming. Tickets £10 on Skiddle.

Sunday 17th November, 10.00 am start, *HRRRA walking group*, Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, Lady Oak Lane, Goudhurst, Kent TN17 2SJ. Meet in front of the visitor centre by 10am. Since the entrance fee is per car (£11.50 for 3 hours and £14.50 for all day), we are organising car sharing. Please contact walking@hrra.org.uk if you can offer or need a lift.

Thursday 20th November, 6.30pm, *Trans Day of Remembrance*, Vigil and gathering, The Printworks, run by Trans Pride Hastings

Saturday 23rd November, 7.30 pm, *Queer Ass Folk*, Stade Hall, Hastings, tickets £12 to £20. <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/22634/queer-ass-folk-live-music-from-sistie-moose-freddie-lewis-tygermylk>

Monday 25th November, 3.30 p.m, Rainbow Book Group, Sedlescombe village. The book to be discussed is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Setting the Scene: "The Dutch House is one of those books that reminds my why I love reading so much. Flipping through its pages, I feel myself drawn into the understated and engrossing story of Danny and Maeve Conroy. On the most basic level, *The Dutch House* is a book about two people piecing together the fragments of their youth." (Review by Jenn Marie in *The Bibliofile*) Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for meeting details. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

Wednesday 27th November 7pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, 7 for 730pm start, at The Good Place, Hastings. This month's book is *Sunburn* by Chloe Michelle Howarth. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Thursday 28th November, 7.30pm, Salty: Queer Birthday Party, The White Rock Theatre Studio, Hastings, TN34 1JX. Get ready because Salty is back at the White Rock Theatre Studio with an incredible line-up of radical queer performance! Experience the electrifying sound and movement of Rowdy SS, the raucous cabaret from the original 'Bastard of Drag', Ginny Lemon and the dynamic dance duo Pink Suits, who will push the boundaries of sexuality, fantasy, and politics. Plus, Thick & Tight featuring Azara Meghie in a stunning tribute to the inspiring essence of Grace Jones. More artists to be announced! Ticket Prices: £20, £15, £10 (sliding scale according to income). <https://bit.ly/SaltyHLAbirthdayparty>

Friday 29th November, 7pm, HRRRA End of Year Meal. HRRRA take over the Wickham Bistro, Wickham Avenue, Bexhill TN39 3EP. Vegetarian and vegan meals or a meat dish. To book a place contact Carol G via info@hrrra.org.uk Limited to 30 places, which is the maximum for seating at the Bistro, gentle background music but it should be quiet enough to talk to each other! The restaurant is a short walk from Bexhill train station. **Almost fully booked.**

Saturday 30 November, 7.30 pm, Horse, The Road Less Travelled. Scottish singer-songwriter Horse brings her full band to Hastings to share songs from her new album. Support from Kristen Adamson. Henry Ward Hall, 45 Robertson St., Hastings, TN34 1HL, tickets £27.80 <https://tinyurl.com/HorseHastings30Nov>

Every Monday lunchtime, An over 55s LGBTQAI (sic) group meets at Age Concern, Isabel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings, TN34 3AT.

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st December, 2pm, HRRRA Bridge group. Join our friendly HRRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrrra.org.uk

Sunday 1st December, World AIDS Day. 730 pm, Lunch Positive community concert, Brighton. Info and tickets, www.brightonwadconcert.info
Lunch Positive now also have an Eastbourne group. <https://lunchpositive.org>

Thursday 5th December, 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@hrrra.org.uk

Thursday 5th December to Tuesday 24 December. Art exhibition by Steve Harrington-Simpson, St Leonards Warrior Square Train station. Opening night, Thursday 5th December, 6pm to 9pm. www.steve-simpson.co.uk

Saturday 7th December, 11am to 4pm, The Others' Market, The Beacon, Hastings, TN34 3LS. Over 20 unique artist traders: punk, goth, spiritual, witchy, queer. Free. Kids and pets welcome.

Tuesday 10th December, 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 11th December 2pm, HRRRA Men's Group, at The Forbidden Fruit info@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 12th December at 1pm, HRRRA Dining Group The October meeting at the Victorian B&B, St Benedict, was a great success and 11 current and new members enjoyed a delicious dinner in this St Leonards Victorian villa. We intend to return next year for afternoon tea. We will go to the **Bella Vista restaurant on the St Leonard's seafront for lunch on Thursday 12 December at 1pm.** They offer a delicious Christmas menu. A reservation has been made for a table upstairs but if more than 12 people want to come, then we can book the downstairs room.

Contact Richard Jones on richardmjonesuk@hotmail.com by Monday 9 December if you wish to attend and he will try to modify the booking.

Only one payment can be made, so it won't be possible to pay your share of the total bill individually. The organiser will pay the total bill and guests will pay him in cash on the day. There will be two options in order to simplify the process. A three-course lunch with a soft drink will cost £35 including service. A three-course lunch with a large glass of wine (250ml) or bottle of beer will cost £40 including service. You can see the Christmas menu here: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59da1ddc59cc68664342aaa2/t/66eaaeadce03012cffaacedb/1726656181871/FINAL+CHRISTMAS+MENU-3.pdf>

Sunday 15th December HRRRA walking group, a walk in Rye Town, tbc. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details.

Tuesday 31st December, New Queers' Eve, Queer Ass Folk x Laundry Day. Details tbc.

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