



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On for the rest of April, and May 2025

www.hrra.org.uk

Here are the HARRA 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

The HARRA Men's group meets every other Wednesday afternoon at The Forbidden Fruit and is relaunching to meet on evenings or at the weekends, email info@hrra.org.uk for details.

The HARRA Trans support group will be relaunching regular meetings soon, email info@hrra.org.uk

The HARRA Bi+ meet up group is still looking for a coordinator and cannot run until someone comes forward. If that could be you, please email info@hrra.org.uk

HARRA need to recruit new trustees, especially more women and non binary people. Please get involved! www.rva.uk.com/volunteer-roles/committee-and-trustee-volunteers-needed

Rest of APRIL

Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday), HARRA walking group, led by Peter, searching for bluebells. This walk will be in Abbot's Wood, Arlington, between Hailsham and Polegate. Lunch will be at the Old Oak Inn in Arlington. Email walking@hrra.org.uk for more details or to book a place.

Thursday 24th April, 7.30pm, Giddy Up presents Lucy & Friends by Lucy McCormick, White Rock Theatre, tickets £11.50 to £19.20. Lucy McCormick is back with her most ambitious medium-concept queer cabaret spectacular. In a despairing world, Lucy attempts to create community and connection the only way she knows how- through a chaotic mix of pole dancing, cat impersonation, a clairvoyant and some quick re-working of social policy. Lucy makes nightclub interruptions, cabaret interventions and extravaganza theatre shows, marrying interests in absurdity, ego and the grotesque. Her practice is cross-genre, taking inspiration from theatre, performance art, comedy and dance. Lucy & Friends is part of Giddy Up, a programme bringing daring performance from LGBTQ+ artists to the stages of Hastings. Giddy Up is co-presented with Home Live Art and Marlborough Productions.
<https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/lucy-and-friends-2025>
<https://www.homeliveart.com/giddyup>

Friday 25th April, 7pm, HARRA Annual General Meeting, Battle Memorial Hall. Invites with details have been emailed to all HARRA members (a reminder that HARRA membership is free, sign up at www.hrra.org.uk) Please email agm@hrra.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

Saturday 26th April, 7.30 pm, Queer Ass Folk, The Stade Hall, Hastings. Live music from May Payne, Matilda Cole & Charlie Austen, Tickets £10 to £20, from

www.outsavvy.com/event/26305/queer-ass-folk-live-music-from-may-payne-matilda-cole-charlie-austen

Tuesday 29th April, 730 pm, *HARRA social*, Forbidden Fruit, St Leonards on Sea, all LGBTQIA+ people are welcome, more details from chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Wednesday 30th April 7pm, *Hastings Queer Book Club*, 7 for 7.30pm start at The Good Place, Hastings. Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month. April's book is "This is How You Lose the Time War" by Max Gladstone.
www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

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*

MAY

Thursday 1st May, 2 to 4pm. *HARRA 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 2nd May, 5pm, *Rainbow Book Group* meeting in Hastings Old Town to talk about "Shattered" by Hanif Kureishi. Setting the Scene: "On Boxing Day 2022, in Rome, Hanif Kureishi had a fall. When he came to, in a pool of blood, he was horrified to realise he had lost the use of his limbs. He could no longer walk, write or wash himself. He could do nothing without the help of others and required constant care ... he felt compelled to write, but being unable to type or to hold a pen, he began to dictate to family members the words which formed in his head. The result was an extraordinary series of dispatches from his hospital bed – a diary of a life in pieces, recorded with rare honesty, clarity and courage." (Review from Waterstone's). Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for the details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome to join.

Saturday 3rd May, *The Others' Market*, an alternative arts and crafts market event based in the south east of the UK. The first market of the year 2025 will be in Hastings, at the wonderful and creative space that is The Beacon, which is where all our creatures are born (our studio). We will be back at the Beacon, taking over this lovely space and giving it a dose and half of spook and freak. Featuring 20+ unusual, alternative, weird stalls full of curiosities & oddities, handmade art, unique objects and out of the box creations. We also always have divination readers. Discover a beautiful and bizarre collection of bespoke pieces, DIY fashion, occult /tarot /astrology readers, skulls, horror, queer prints, original art, drag themed objects, unusual dolls, occult trinkets, obscure prints, one of a kind creations, bric-a-brac, hand-made jewellery, goth candles, black hats, masks and much more.

<https://fb.me/e/88KKg81EB>

Sunday 11th May, 2pm, *HARRA Bridge group*. (Changed date – normal first Sunday, but second Sunday this month.) Join our friendly HARRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 15th May, *The HRRR dining group* will visit The Royal gastropub. The venue is just opposite Warrior Square station at 1 St John Road. We will meet from 5.30 pm for a drink and eat at 7pm. The menu changes often and offers a reasonably priced range of simply produced food using seasonal ingredients. <https://theroyalstleonards.co.uk> Contact Richard Jones on RichardMJonesuk@hotmail.com by 9 May if you wish to attend.

The HRRR dining group will visit the Pebbles seafood restaurant on Bexhill seafront on **Friday 20 June**. We can meet for a drink from 5.30pm and eat at 7pm. Further details to be given next month but note the date now. www.pebblesrestaurants.co.uk/bexhill.html

Friday 16th May, A group of HRRR members are going to see the T Rex tribute band ***T. Rextasy at the White Rock Theatre*** in Hastings. You should obtain your own tickets but contact info@hrra.org.uk if you wish to meet for a drink at the venue. <https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/t-rextasy-2025>

Friday 16th May, *Big Quiffy Bingo*, 7.30pm, The Crown House, St Leonards. With Boogaloo Stu and DJ Jane Dinmore. A night of utter filth, joyous fun, flashmob dances and disco dancing. Tickets, pay what you can, from <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/25691/big-quiffy-bingo>

Saturday 17th May is *IDAHOBIT* (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia). IDAHOBIT's theme for 2025 is 'The power of communities'. This year, HRRR and allies are thinking of commemorating this the day before, on **Friday 16th May**, outside **Bexhill Town Hall at 1030**, then going for coffee and a chat. **To be confirmed**, email chrissy@hrra.org.uk for details.

Sunday 18th May, *HRRR walking group*, Email walking@hrra.org.uk for details.

Saturday 24th May, A group from the Isobel Blackman Centre LGBTIAQ 50+ group is planning to visit the performance of the musical ***Everybody's Talking About Jamie*** at the White Rock Theatre in Hastings. You should obtain your own tickets but contact info@hrra.org.uk if you wish to meet for a drink at the venue. <https://whiterocktheatre.org.uk/whats-on/event/hastleons-present-everybodys-talking-about-jamie>

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Summer dates for your diary

Saturday 28th June, *Stand Proud in Hailsham*, noon to midnight, White Hart, Horsebridge, featuring a variety of live entertainment. <https://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/news/wheels-in-motion-for-stand-proud-in-hailsham-2025-event>

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July, *Trans Pride Hastings*, a weekend of community, joy, and celebration by the sea! Friday 11th is Trans Pride Board Games Night. Saturday 12th is

Trans Town, and Big Queer Party presents Testo. Sunday 13th is Trans Pride Fest at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery. More information at <https://transpridehastings.uk>

Saturday 19th July, *Eastbourne Pride*, Princes Park, www.eastbourne-pride.com

Saturday 19th July, *Trans Pride Brighton*, <https://transpridebrighton.org>

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August, *Brighton Pride*, <https://www.brighton-pride.org>

Sunday 24th August, *Hastings Pride*, The Oval, <https://hastingspride.org.uk>