



Hastings and Rother Rainbow Alliance What's On, May and June 2024

www.hrra.org.uk

Here are the HRRRA and some other local LGBTQIA+ events that we are aware of taking place in the rest of May and in June. If you know of any events and want them included here, please email chrissy@hrra.org.uk

MAY

Friday 10th May, Queer Ass Folk, Live music from Eden J Howells, Tygermylk, Charlie Austen and Special Guests. Tickets The Stade Hall, Hastings, £10 to £20. Bi-monthly
www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk

Sunday 12th May, 2pm, HRRRA Bridge group. Join our friendly HRRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Tuesday 14th May, 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 15th May, 2 to 4pm, HRRRA Men's Group at The Forbidden Fruit.
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Friday 17th May, IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia). As in previous years, councillors, community members and allies will gather outside Bexhill Town Hall in the morning (gather outside Bexhill Town Hall at 10.45 am) and Hastings Town Hall 5.30pm, to commemorate the day and fly the Pride Progress flag. More details tba, keep an eye on our social media pages. More info chrissy@hrra.org.uk

Friday, 17th May, 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 19th May, HRRRA walking group. Details to be announced. Contact walking@hrra.org.uk for more info.

Tuesday 22nd May, 1000 to 1.00 pm, Hastings Book Festival FREE creative writing workshops for the over 60s LGBTQ + community in Hastings and St Leonards! These will be run by the critically acclaimed local author, VG Lee, at a convenient, easily accessible town centre location. VG will be guiding you through a series of readings and exercises to help you find or polish your unique voice and she will be encouraging you to take the plunge to enter your writing into our short story competition. The workshops will commence on 22nd

May and run for 6 weeks. Full details will follow very soon. There are a limited number of places, so keep an eye out, and book early! www.hastingsbookfest.org

Friday 24th May, Queer Ass Folk, Live music from Eden J Howells, Tygermylk, Charlie Austen and Special Guests. Tickets The Stade Hall, Hastings, £10 to £20. Bi-monthly www.outsavvy.com/organiser/queer-ass-folk

Saturday 25th May, 2 to 4 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. We look forward to meeting and welcoming you, and hope to see you there. For any enquiries / more information, contact Kathy@hrra.org.uk

Sunday 26th May, 7pm till late, Curious Town Laundry Day afterparty takeover, with a Curious twist! Oscar's on the Square, St Leonards. Come along for one STELLAR night with Laundry Day regular DJs @max.load @lemurbeats and @okjamesuk along with resident gogo dancers @pre_t_boy_ & @spiritdoll.uk and special guest pole performer @jojoxfox Laundry Day is THE queer club night of St Leonards celebrating freedom of self-expression - the perfect people to take over A Curious Town's Alternative Sunday Service afterparty. Expect to get filthy and mop up the dance floor alongside our curious walkabout performers. A safe space for everybody, come and have some raucous fun dancing to the best tunes around! Dress code: fabulous, flamboyant and flowering! £14 standard tickets, £10 low income tickets. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laundry-day-tickets-884285550887?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Wednesday 29th May, 7 to 9pm, Hastings Queer Book Club, Good Place Café, Hastings. This month's book is The Color Purple by Alice Walker. www.instagram.com/hastingsqueerbooks

Wednesday 29th May, 2 to 4pm, HRRRA Men's Group at The Forbidden Fruit. Info@hrra.org.uk

Every Wednesday, 7.30 pm Quiz at The Forbidden Fruit. Teams need to book their places in advance as it is often full.

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.

JUNE

Sunday 2nd June, 2pm, HRRRA Bridge group. Join our friendly HRRRA Bridge group in a relaxed environment. Beginners and experienced welcome. Email bridge@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 6th June, 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@hrra.org.uk

Thursday 6th June, 3 pm, Rainbow Book Group, St Leonards. The book to be discussed is *Learned By Heart* by Emma Donoghue. "In *Learned By Heart*, Donoghue explores the real-life relationship between Anne Lister and Eliza Raine when the two girls were pupils at Miss Hargrave's Manor school in York. Lister, best known to modern audiences as the inspiration for Sally Wainwright's BBC drama *Gentleman Jack*...." (from the Guardian review by Clare Clark) Please email michael.moor@btinternet.com for details of the meeting. All members of The Rainbow Alliance are very welcome.

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Saturday 15th June, first ever Sidley Festival, a sister festival to the well-known St. Leonards Festival. Sidley Recreational Ground.

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

Sunday 23rd June, Hastings Sanctuary Festival, Hastings Museum

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Summer 2024 local festivals

Saturday 13th July, St Leonards Festival, 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>