

The AIMS of the Society include:

- Mutual support
- Promoting gay pride and a positive image of gay men and lesbians
- Combating sexism, racism, ageism, and discrimination against gay people
- Organising social, cultural and educational events
- Helping and supporting gay men and lesbians in difficulties
- Working with other community groups to ensure that the needs of gay and lesbian people are taken into account.

There's a fuller version of these aims on the CAGS website at www.cags.org.uk/aims.htm.



Croydon Area Gay Society

How to join

CAGS welcomes gay men and lesbians of all ages who live, work, play, or socialise in Croydon or the surrounding area, and who support the aims of the Society.

Membership costs £14 a year, £24 for two people at the same address – reductions for non-earners.

There's a lot more about CAGS, including a membership form you can download, on the website at www.cags.org.uk. You can e-mail us at info@cags.org.uk, or you can write to us at **CAGS, 3 Thanescroft Gdns, Croydon CR0 5JR.**

If you'd like to speak to someone before joining, ring Geoff on **07827 397817**.



CAGS has been serving the gay and lesbian community in Croydon for over 30 years.

The officers and committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting in April/May each year. All members are welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings.



A social group for gay men and lesbians



Introducing CAGS

CAGS (Croydon Area Gay Society) is a social group for lesbians and gay men in Croydon and the surrounding area.



We have a full programme of social events, including walks, visits to restaurants, theatres, and places of interest, and at least two events a month in members' homes.

All members receive a monthly Newsletter with articles contributed by members, and full details of forthcoming events.

Silver Rainbow

Silver Rainbow is CAGS' service for older gay and lesbian people, in partnership with Age Concern Croydon. We meet for lunch every other week. For the current diary of events, and details of our other activities, see www.silerrainbow.org.uk.

Tennis

CAGS' Tennis Group is almost as old as the Society itself, and probably older than some of the current players. We play every Sunday throughout the year.



Highlights of the year are the spring and autumn Finals Days, and the associated Finals Parties.

Campaigning

True to the Society's origins as a local group of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) CAGS members have been involved in many of the issues affecting gay people in recent years, such as the introduction of Civil Partnerships.



THE BRIEF ENCOUNTER

The Brief Encounter is our bi-monthly series of open meetings for the local LGBT Community. The meetings, at The Brief in George Street, Croydon, are free and open to all.

Previous speakers have included Brian Paddick, Allan Horsfall and Ray Gosling, Denise Anderson, and Peter Tatchell.

SIN

The optional Special Interests Network (SIN) allows members to exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses with other people on the SIN list. Current special interests range from antiques to yoga and from cinema to swimming.



CAGS is part of SLAGO (the Surrey and London Association of Gay Organisations) and our members are welcome at events arranged by our sister groups in other areas. CAGS members can also compete in events for the annual SLAGO Cup, and take part in events arranged by SLAGO itself, like the annual away-day to Brighton.



CAGS and the Community

CAGS supports Aurora, Croydon's LGBT Police Consultation Group, and is a member of:

- Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA)
- The International Lesbian Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA)
- the Consortium of LGBT Voluntary and Community Organisations
- Crocus (Croydon's LGBT Network).

