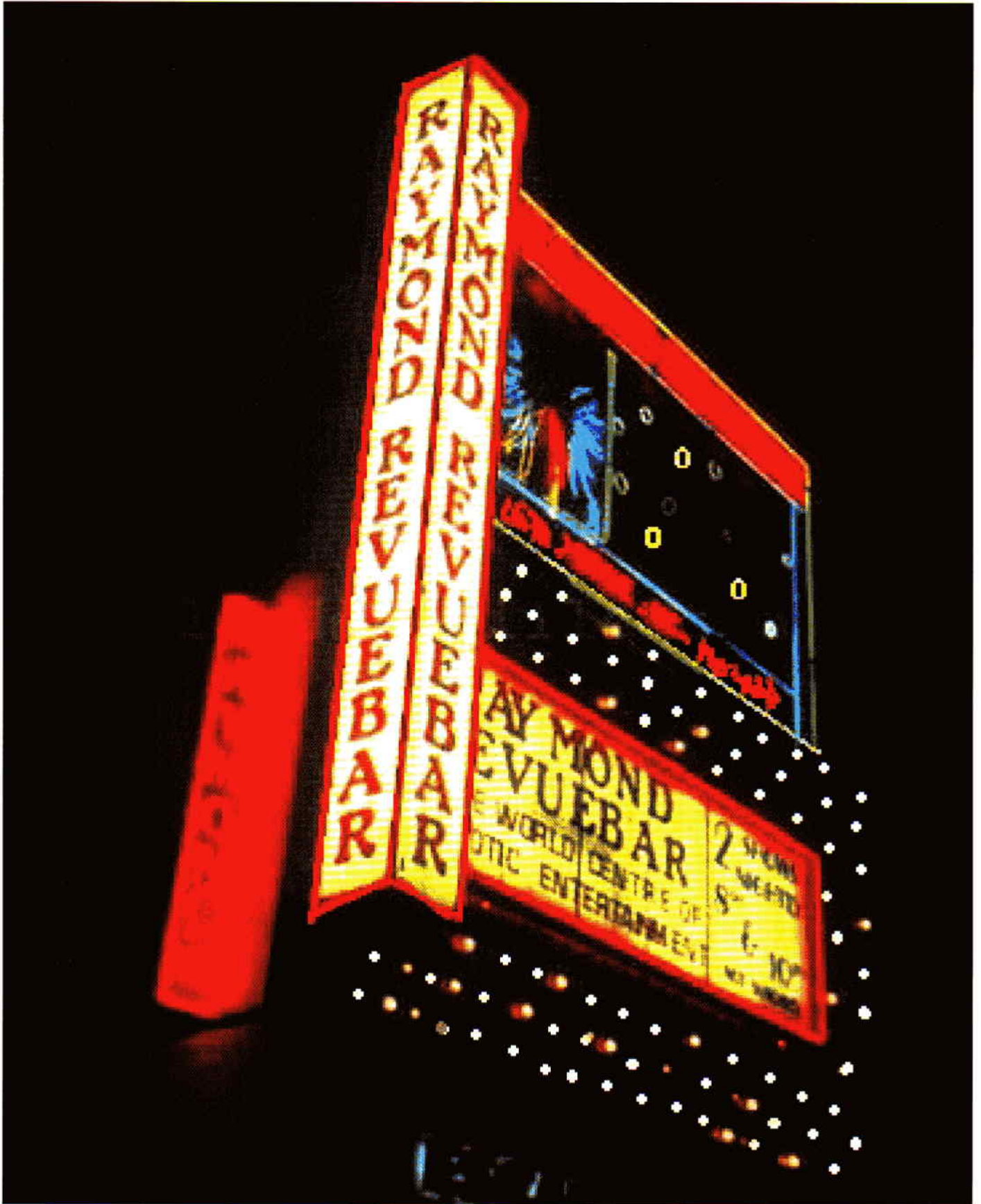


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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Soho Society was held at Saint Anne's Community Hall in Dean Street on Friday 29th February with over sixty members in attendance. Also present were councillors Frixos Tombolis and Glenys Roberts, who invited members to email them with any concerns or comments about life in Soho.

The following are extracts from a selection of the Soho Society's Executive reports. If you are a Society member and were unable to attend the AGM please contact the Society who will send the full set of reports to you.

## Your New Executive

*Chair:* Fiona Rhys-Jenkins Bailey

*Vice-Chair:* Marti McKellar

*Treasurer:* Len Evans

*Secretary:* Martin Furlong

Richard Abraham

Chris Best

David Bieda

Margaret Bloomer

John Edwards

Kell Gatherer

Lesley Lewis

Joan Martyr

Jenny Mortimer

Nigel Robinson

Kaye De Ville

Jo Weir

Christine Yau

*Honorary President:* Leslie Hardcastle OBE

*Honorary Vice-Presidents:* Wendy Greenbury,

Nina Tempia, Janet Vance

# Soho Challenges

## Report of the Chair of the Soho Society

THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES for the Society during 2007 have been dealing with the licensing appeals outstanding from the last year and finding ways to cover all the work that our late president, Bryan Burrough, had managed to do more or less single-handedly. We sorely missed his good counsel this year.

After the resignations of both the previous Chair, and the Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee, the Society was left with a lack of experience. The Executive members are all volunteers with busy lives and careers and are willing to give up as much of their time as possible to the Society. However there is a limit and we had reached it. A decision was made to appoint a paid administrator. This would be funded mainly by the legacy left to the Society by Bryan. We felt

that, as Bryan had loved Soho and the Society so much, it would be a fitting memorial to him.

The membership has remained static during the year and this must be addressed. We have had a vacancy for a membership secretary all year. With the appointment of our new administrator we are hoping for improvement in this area.

The thirty-third Soho Festival was a resounding success. The heavens opened and, like good Soho-ites, we just carried on partying. The emphasis was on live music and entertainment.

Again this annual event only happens because members of the Society, other local community groups and businesses are willing to give their time, energy and even money to make the day successful. This year we especially would like to thank the generos-



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