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Welcome to the Winter edition of the *Soho Clarion*!

In keeping with the season, this issue has a foodie feel, with a search for the perfect croissant, and a feature on Lina's on Brewer St.,

one of Soho's few remaining independent food stores.

As corporate chains try and take a hold on Soho, it's places like Lina's which give Soho its character and unique village atmosphere. It's absolutely essential that we use them to ensure their survival.

Another vital piece of Soho is the Colony, and on its sixtieth birthday we celebrate this legendary drinking den.

And don't forget the Soho Society AGM on 27th February. This is open to all Soho Society members - there's a application form on page 16 if you're not yet a member - and is your chance to have your views heard, vote for members of the Executive, and have a say in the future of Soho, the best place in London in which to live, work and party.

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NIGEL ROBINSON, EDITOR

Soho on the Web

HAVE YOU VISITED the Soho Society's website recently? The website is now in its fourth incarnation.

Prior to 2000, it consisted of a few web pages of information about the society, its activities and about Soho. It was hosted on my personal website. Visitors browsed and e-mails came in from the UK, Europe and the USA with questions which were answered by Bryan Burrough, now sadly deceased.

In December 2000 I registered the domain name. The website was then transferred to the Soho Society and it was hosted by Soho company Reading Room on their server. After a few years it moved to the server of Vivid London, also in Soho.

Nowadays the website is hosted on the server of LocationWorks, the UK's largest film, TV and event location finder company by kind permission of its owner, long-time

Soho Society member and crossword setter, Kell Gatherer.

The website has two big sections dealing with planning and licensing applications which are relevant to Soho.

The basic information is located on the website of Westminster Council and we provide links to their webpages. Indexes are provided to simplify finding applications which are relevant to specific street addresses. Application dates and "last date to object" are displayed.

There is a bibliography. We hope to provide some maps showing where to find Soho's traditional village facilities: groceries, medical and dental facilities, newsagents, stationery, places where one can buy stamps and post letters.

A website is always a "work in progress" so if you know of something which ought to be featured then please contact us via www.thesohosociety.org.uk.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of

the Soho Society

will take place

on

Friday 27th February 2009

at 7pm in

Saint Anne's Community Hall,

Dean Street,

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