75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEO 1

LEO Computers Society

Registered Charity 1182253

Annual Report: 2025-26

This report covers the period from April 2025 to May 2026.

This report comes in a year of special significance, as we are **marking the 75th anniversary of the world's first business computer — LEO I,** or simply *LEO* (Lyons' Electronic Office) as it was known at the time. The world of business computing has transformed beyond recognition since those pioneering days, yet it was LEO and the remarkable people who built and operated it who set the foundations. Their work established many of the core principles and standards that shaped modern business computing and continue to influence the field today.

Sadly, we must record the **loss of several members** during the year. Each of them made a valued contribution to LEO, but two losses in particular stand out: **Neville Lyons and Frank Land OBE**. **Neville** served as a trustee and was a passionate advocate for LEO's history. His enduring legacy is the illustrated LEO talk he developed and delivered widely across the UK and internationally, helping countless people discover the story of LEO. We are pleased that this talk remains available for others to use, ensuring that his work and enthusiasm continue to inspire.

We are saddened by the passing of **Frank Land OBE on Saturday 16th May.** Frank needs no introduction, he is the last of the pioneers of the LEO story and also a pioneering figure in information systems. He was a long-standing supporter of the LEO Computers Society where he was a trustee until recently. He will be sadly missed by those who knew him and many who only knew of his work.

Hilary Caminer, who has been an excellent **secretary for the past 10 years, is retiring f**rom this role at this AGM. We are looking for more people to carry out work for the Society particularly on the financial side as our excellent **treasurer**, Bernard Behr, is looking to retire as well.

Jeanette Garwood is the trustee managing the **75th anniversary events** over the period of 28th to 30th November this year. These will be held at CCH (Cambridge), TNMoC (Bletchley Park) and the Worshipful Company of IT (London). The first two events should appeal to lots of people including children whilst the WCIT event will be more academically inclined. **We are again grateful to the AIT trust** for providing funding to support these events. We are also holding a **social event at The Queens Head, Hammersmith** on Saturday, September 19th.

We are committed **to significantly strengthening our publicity efforts** across national and specialist computing press, social media, and broadcasting. We are already in discussion with several individuals and organisations who can help us increase the reach and effectiveness of our communications. While much of this work will focus on promoting the 75th anniversary of LEO I, we are equally determined to build on this momentum and continue raising the profile of LEO and the Society well into next year.

We have had **6 Zoom sessions** since my report last year. The AGM in June will be the 52nd Zoom session since we started after Covid. In this last year we had a talk from Chris Date who talked about his 50 year career working and teaching in data management and relational database etc. , two AI experts talking about their subject, others included updates about the 75th anniversary plans and a review of the year.

Hilary handed over **editorship of LEO Matters** to retired computer journalist and new member **Ron Condon**. Ron did help us with publicity in the early years of the Society. Ron's first edition was published in October and the second recently in May this year.

We are continuing our **partnership with CCH** and indeed they are hosting a **LEO 75 anniversary event on November 29th. Lizzie Salter is now the museum directo**r taking over from Lisa McGerty. Lisa has health issues at home to deal with but has confirmed her interest and support of LEO by joining the Society. You may recall that Lisa provided amazing support to our National Lottery Heritage fund grant bid a few years ago. It was her excellent work putting together the successful application that was a significant reason for our success. Lisa also co-edited, with Hilary Caminer, the latest edition of LEO remembered.

Kate Stockwell, the Land archivist , whom we recruited last year is doing a very professional job in cataloguing and digitising the LEO documents deposited at CCH. She hopes to complete it all before the end of her contract.

The 66 Hammersmith Rd (ex-Cadby Hall site) is making progress and something of the history of Lyons and LEO is shown on the hoardings around the site. They have also removed the LEO plaque and information board and stored them safely.

Some progress is being made on **the IEEE milestone**. This is a plaque commemorating LEO which, once agreement on wording is reached, will be manufactured in the USA and eventually be installed in The Queens Head, Hammersmith.

Society membership : as you know we requested members to pay £10 subscriptions to help us fund our various activities. Subscriptions for this year are now due and it would be very helpful if those wishing to help the Society financially would pay this subscription. If you didn't sign up for the subscription last year and now feel you would like to do so you are of course welcome to do so.

In conclusion, this has been a busy year as we plan to celebrate LEO's 75th anniversary. We are sad to be doing so without Frank Land and Neville Lyons, both of whom were so firmly committed to preserving and promoting LEO's heritage.

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LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure

For the Year 1st Jan to 31st Dec. 2025

Charity No. 1182253

	Jan - Dec 25	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Annual Membership Fee		1,983.25
Bank Interest Received LLoyds		216.22
Donations & Grants		
Donations - Easy Fundraising	31.30	
Donations - General	20.00	
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	369.04	
Donations - Subscription Appeal	325.00	
Total Donations & Grants		745.34
Reunion Income		
Attendance Fee	680.00	
Raffle	185.00	
Sponsoship - Reunion at Queens	500.00	
Total Reunion Income		1,365.00
Sales		
Book Sales & Publishing		
Book Sales	131.00	
Postage for Members a/c	30.50	
Total Book Sales & Publishing	161.50	
LEO Tote Bag	-6.00	
Total Sales		155.50
Total Income		4,465.31
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		8.26
Total COGS		8.26
Gross Income		4,457.05
Expense		
Bank Charges		
PayPal Service Charges	14.02	
Total Bank Charges		14.02
Committee Meeting Expenses		
Travel - Committee Meetings	0.00	
Total Committee Meeting Expenses		0.00
Computer & Web Expenses		
Domain Name Renewal	28.78	
Email - additional	67.74	
Web Hosting	227.72	
Total Computer & Web Expenses		324.24
Newsletter/LEO Matters		
Postage	3.35	
Total Newsletter/LEO Matters		3.35
Office Expense		
Postage & Stamps	14.75	
Printing	14.00	
Stationery	9.99	
Total Office Expense		38.74

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Income and Expenditure

For the Year 1st Jan to 31st Dec. 2025

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	Jan - Dec 25	
Oral History & Heritage Project		
Oral History		
OH Conference	150.00	
OH Transcriptions & Secretarial	335.33	
OH Travel-Meetings/Sustinence	65.30	
Total Oral History	550.63	
Total Oral History & Heritage Project		550.63
Publishing		
Postage & Carriage		
Postage	33.67	
Total Postage & Carriage	33.67	
Total Publishing		33.67
Reunion Expenses		
Reunion Catering	1,200.00	
Reunion Expenses	107.89	
Total Reunion Expenses		1,307.89
Uncategorized Expenses		
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	1.65	
Travel - General	68.22	
Total Uncategorized Expenses		69.87
Total Expense		2,342.41
Net Ordinary		2,114.64
Income for the Year		**2,114.64**

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Balance Sheet

At 31st. December 2025

Charity No. 1182253

	31 Dec 25	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Other Current Assets		
Stock		
LEO Remembered 2nd Edition	140.41	
Total Stock		140.41
Total Other Current Assets		140.41
Cash at bank and in hand		
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c		587.92
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c		24,100.30
Total Cash at bank and in hand		24,688.22
Total Current Assets		24,828.63
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24,828.63
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...		24,828.63
NET ASSETS		**24,828.63**
Capital and Reserves		
Accumulated Funds		
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Fund - LEO Plaque	1,132.32	
Restricted Funds-Preservation		
Heritage Project	4,014.07	
Oral History	5,457.61 [1]	
Total Restricted Funds-Preservat...	9,471.68	
Total Restricted Funds		10,604.00
Unrestricted Funds		14,224.63 [2]
Total Accumulated Funds		24,828.63
Retained Income		-2,114.64 [3]
Income for the Year		2,114.64
Available funds		**24,828.63**

1.	Notes	DR	CR
	Oral History Expenses	550.63	
2.	Unrestricted Funds - Increase		2665.27
3.	Retained Income - Allocated	2114.64	
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