

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1182253

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-02-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ON THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF LEO, THE WORLD'S FIRST BUSINESS COMPUTER, AND SUBSEQUENT AND RELATED COMPUTING MACHINES PRODUCED BY LEO COMPUTERS LTD AND SUCCESSOR COMPANIES.

Activities: To protect the history and legacy of LEO computers by collecting artefacts and memorabilia, first-hand memories both oral and written and compiling a catalogue of such material; and, by working with our members, with museums and archives to protect this heritage and promote it to the public at large and to researchers through events, exhibitions, publications and an accessible online archive.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Australia
- Canada
- Ireland
- Scotland
- South Africa
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£45,828	£45,569	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,628	£1,166	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,036	£3,066	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,971	£892	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,124	£1,262	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER GRAHAM BYFORD	Chair	2020-06-17
BERNARD ROY BEHR		2019-04-07
Dr Jeanette Elizabeth Garwood		2025-06-09
HILARY JANE TRESMAN CAMINER		2019-04-07
JOHN MICHAEL DAINES		2020-06-17
John Francois Paschoud		2019-04-07
VINCENT BODSWORTH		2019-02-28

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Annual Report: 2024-25

This report covers the period from May 2024 to April 2025.

Following approval at our last AGM, the Society this year introduced an annual members' subscription. Many on our lists have become full members with the right to vote at the AGM and other formal meetings, while others remain as associate members. We would like to encourage full membership. We have of course had to report the passing of several members this year. They are sadly missed by the Society and where we have sufficient information, we have listed their names with a short tribute on our website.

We continue to attract **new members** including some who did not work on LEO machines but are interested in discovering more about the LEO story. To help us with the membership activities we have appointed Mike Storey to fill the newly created membership secretary post.

Land archivist post: As members are probably aware, our major project run jointly with the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge and funded by the National Heritage Lottery finished in 2023. This project included archiving work on the LEO documentation and artefacts, but left many documents and artefacts still to be catalogued and digitised. We were successful in our application for funding from The AIT trust which has allowed us to appoint an archivist for 2 years working three days a week. The post has been called the Land archivist in honour of Frank and Ralph Land, both LEO pioneers, who will be well known to our members. We have appointed Kate Stockwell who started work in April at the CCH and is now very involved in the cataloguing work.

A start has been made on our **Museums project** aimed at locating LEO holdings and where appropriate helping improve their displays. Vince Bodsworth has been working with staff at TNMoC to enhance their LEO display. Graham Briscoe is contacting museums and repositories to research their LEO material. He first contacted those abroad in countries where LEO machines were sold and will follow this by contacting those in the UK.

An **Education project** will be starting soon, under John Paschoud's stewardship. We have identified several academics who are willing to help us. We would like to ensure that the story of LEO is better known both at school level and in higher education.

We have continued **zoom forums on roughly two monthly intervals**. In October Eric Dickens gave us a presentation on a project he had led working with a group of volunteers. The project demonstrates how CLEO, one of LEO III's programming languages, was used by the Post Office to run its Premium Bond operations. We were privileged to have a talk from Ruth Bourne in December. This 99 year old lady spoke about her work during WW2 at Bletchley Park to break the German Enigma code. Most recently, we had an introduction to Archives of IT from their CEO, Tola Sargeant. We are planning to have better links with the AIT.

The Society has this year run **two face to face events for members**. **The first, in October 2024** was held at TNMoC. Around 30 members attended as well as Simon Allen & Anna Ryten who are the Big Yellow Self Storage (BYSS) developer and architect. They showed us the plans for the redevelopment of the site in Hammersmith where Cadby Hall once stood. Vince Bosworth and Sheridan Williams, our members who are TNMoC guides, took the attendees on tours around the museum. TMNoC provided a good buffet. We had the usual raffle with some great prizes. **Our second face to face event is to be held on 20th May** at The Queens Head, Brook Green, Hammersmith. (This report had to be done ahead of the event). This is familiar to us as the Lyons and LEO pub and displays various pictures and artefacts about Lyons and LEO. 40 members and guests are due to attend. This

event coincides with the start of the building development by Big Yellow Self Storage Company on what was the Cadby Hall site. BYSS representatives are to give an update on progress of the development and show photos of the Hoardings surrounding it which are decorated with photos and time lines relating to LEO and Lyons. As well as a buffet lunch there is to be a raffle with some interesting prizes. Vince Bodsworth plans to show a video clip of the Virtual LEO I depicting LEO in its computer room in Cadby Hall.

Publicity for the LEO story is one of the Society's most important activities. I must again thank our trustee, Neville Lyons, for continuing to publicise the LEO story through his talks to a variety of organisations, including several u3a branches and he also encourages other members to use his "packaged" talks to other audiences. These talks have led to new members joining us. I must thank Dr. Elisabetta Mori for the presentations she is giving all over the world. These lectures are given at various IT themed academic conferences and nearly always include something about LEO. As I have mentioned before, we have also been working with the IEEE to provide **a plaque commemorating LEO I**. If our ongoing submission is successful, the plaque will be provided by the IEEE in the USA and will be installed in The Queen's Head, mentioned earlier.

Since the last AGM there have **been two editions of LEO Matters** our newsletter. We are still collecting reminiscences for inclusion. One item we covered in our October edition was the exciting news that there is a LEO connection in the alphabetical storm names chosen by the Met Office for 2024-2025. The one that interested us was **Storm Mavis**. This is named after Mavis Hinds who, with a colleague, worked on weather forecasting on LEO I as early as 1951. The latest storm - in January - was called Eowyn so there are 7 more to go before we get to Mavis. If we get there we will publicise Mavis's work on LEO I.

After a delay of some months we are also moving ahead with **oral histories**. We are working to identify those people we still need to interview and to make existing histories easier to access. **Another historical initiative** is being undertaken by member Simon Lavington who is researching female programmers working in the 1950s. He is trying to identify them all. We believe that LEO had the most at that time. If you know of any please let us know.

I would like to thank all our **trustees and other volunteers for their work this year**. Sadly Hilary Caminer our Honorary Secretary/newsletter editor/minutes secretary etc. gave the Society a year's notice of retiring from her secretarial etc. role. Her retirement will take place at this year's AGM in June. Hilary has done a brilliant job and has expanded the original role of secretary making it difficult to find a replacement. Indeed we have recruited two people to take on the work but still need somebody else. We welcomed Ron Condon into the Society, a retired computer journalist, who worked with the Society briefly in its early days. Ron Condon is taking over the role of newsletter editor. Eric Dickens has taken the Minutes secretary role. We will need somebody to take on the general secretarial duties.

Looking to the future, 2026 will mark the **75th anniversary of LEO I** and hence of business computing, We were prevented from honouring the 70th anniversary in a major way as it fell during the pandemic, but we are now starting to consider how to celebrate this significant occasion which will fall on the 29th-30th November 2026.

We continue to be **a busy Society so we need more help to cover all of our many activities**. If you think you might have some time to help please let me know.

Peter Byford, Chair (peter.byford@leo-computers.org.uk)

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure

For the Year 1st Jan to 31 Dec. 2024

Charity No. 1182253

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank Interest Received LLOYds	265.19
Donations & Grants	
Donations - Easy Fundraising	106.98
Donations - General	20.00
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	123.75
Donations - Subscription Appeal	625.00
Grant - AITT	42,936.00
Total Donations & Grants	43,811.73
Reunion Income	
Attendance Fee	1,520.00
Raffle	175.00
Total Reunion Income	1,695.00
Sales	
Book Sales & Publishing	
Book Sales	36.00
Postage for Members a/c	14.95
Total Book Sales & Publishing	50.95
LEO Tote Bag	18.00
Total Sales	68.95
Total Income	45,840.87
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	12.39
Total COGS	12.39
Gross Income	45,828.48
Expense	
Bank Charges	
PayPal Service Charges	0.68
Zettle/Paypal Charges	0.71
Total Bank Charges	1.39
Committee Meeting Expenses	
Travel - Committee Meetings	0.00
Total Committee Meeting Expenses	0.00
Computer & Web Expenses	
Domain Name Renewal	0.00
Email - additional	48.52
Web Hosting	259.06
Total Computer & Web Expenses	307.58
LEO Plaque	
Cleaning Plaque	16.00
Total LEO Plaque	16.00
Newsletter/LEO Matters	
Postage	5.49
Total Newsletter/LEO Matters	5.49
Office Expense	
Computer Equipment	104.99
Postage & Stamps	18.14
Total Office Expense	123.13
Oral History & Heritage Project	
Land Archivist	42,936.00

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	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>
Oral History	
OH Travel-Meetings/Sustenance	163.44
Total Oral History	<u>163.44</u>
Total Oral History & Heritage Project	43,099.44
Publishing	
Postage & Carriage	
Postage	5.85
Total Postage & Carriage	<u>5.85</u>
Total Publishing	5.85
Reunion Expenses	
Reunion Expenses	1,920.00
Total Reunion Expenses	1,920.00
Uncategorized Expenses	
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	1.90
Travel - General	88.80
Total Uncategorized Expenses	<u>90.70</u>
Total Expense	<u>45,569.58</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>258.90</u>
Income for the Year	<u><u>258.90</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2024

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	31 Dec 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Other Current Assets	
Accrued Income	123.75
Stock	
LEO Remembered 2nd Edition	148.67
Total Stock	148.67
Total Other Current Assets	272.42
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	9.10
Total Accounts Receivable	9.10
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	648.39
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c	64,720.08
Total Cash at bank and in hand	65,368.47
Total Current Assets	65,649.99
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	42,936.00
Total Accounts Payable	42,936.00
Total Current Liabilities	42,936.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	22,713.99
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...	22,713.99
NET ASSETS	22,713.99
Capital and Reserves	
Accumulated Funds	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Fund - LEO Plaque	1,148.32 ¹
Restricted Funds-Preservation	
Heritage Project	4,014.07
Oral History	5,992.24 ²
Total Restricted Funds-Preservat...	10,006.31
Total Restricted Funds	11,154.63
Unrestricted Funds	11,559.36 ³
Total Accumulated Funds	22,713.99
Retained Income	-258.90 ⁴
Income for the Year	258.90
Available funds	22,713.99

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	Notes	DR	CR
1.	LEO Plaque Expenses	16.00	
2.	Oral History Expenses	163.44	
3.	Unrestricted Fund - Increase		438.34
4.	Retained Income Allocated	258.90	
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Annual Report: 2023-24

This report covers the period from our last AGM in September 2023, some nine months ago until the end of May 2024. We decided to move our AGM earlier in the calendar year so that it aligned better with other reporting schedules.

Our National Lottery Heritage fund project, carried out in partnership with the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge was completed last summer. The products of the project – the archive at CCH, the film about LEO, the educational resources and the Virtual LEO I are all now being used. The Virtual LEO 1 application was entered into the BCS IT awards last autumn in their charities sector and won a Highly Commended – with a plaque presented at a ceremony last November in London attended by three of our trustees. -More recently, we have entered the Virtual LEO 1 application into the CCS Tony Sale award this year with the result expected very soon.

Inevitably we must report the deaths of **members** this year. Those members are sadly missed by the Society and their families and friends. We were sorry to hear of the death of Helen Pinkerton, widow of John Pinkerton LEO's original design engineer. Helen was a good friend to the Society and died on Boxing Day having just celebrated her 100th birthday. We publish obituaries when we can and make these available on our website.

We continue to attract **new members** and, as last year, are pleased to have welcomed several who have no direct LEO work connection, but are motivated by an interest in early business computing. Our trustee, Neville Lyons continues to do an excellent job **managing talks** given both by himself and by other members to a variety of organisations, including branches of the u3a which has proved to be an organisation which welcomes our talks. We look to our members to help us identify other organisations which might be interested in hosting a talk – or indeed an article in one of their publications.

Our zoom forum sessions have continued and as of May this year we have had 41 sessions , each with a reasonable attendance often with members from overseas. We record our sessions for those who cannot attend at the original date or time. We try to run sessions alternately in the morning and the evening to

find convenient times for those *across the pond* and *those down under*. Since our last AGM, we have held five sessions – including a film show and a compilation of recordings of LEO on the radio. We have been pleased to welcome distinguished guests to speak at sessions this year– from the world of museums and from the CCS. We have now decided to run the Forums every other month.

This year we ran a **members' survey** and I would like to thank those who completed the detailed questionnaire. Your opinions are guiding our future planning. For example, there was some support for in person gatherings and we are now planning an event at TNMoC ,Bletchley Park this Autumn and , probably next Spring an **event at the LEO pub, The Queens Head in Hammersmith**.

Following the success of the NLHF project, we are now engaged on a number of other initiatives :

1. The LEO in museums Project

This project entails research to find which museums, libraries and archives hold LEO information/artefacts. Obviously we know of several already and work with our colleagues in those institutions, but we want to have a more comprehensive picture of LEO holdings across the UK and abroad. We will offer support to enhance their displays including films and the Virtual LEO I facility, maybe in a recorded form, where this is appropriate. Clearly this will need significant funding in some cases.

2. The LEO in education project

This covers work to improve the LEO information available to educators both in schools, linking to the National Curriculum and in Higher Education.

3. The CLEO project

This has changed course a little from trying to revive a CLEO emulation facility to a project which enables people to see how a CLEO programme operated. This project is making good progress under Eric Dickens' direction

4. Oral history interviews of our LEO working members

We now have a good collection of oral histories – easily accessible via the CCH LEO project website. There have been some recent changes in the OH coordination team and we will shortly be starting a new round of interviews.

5. Supporting another PhD student to work on aspects of LEO history

Following Elisabetta Mori's graduation with a doctorate from Middlesex University with a PhD focussed on LEO, we have been investigating further such doctorates – possibly under the auspices of the Open University with whom we have held exploratory talks. We will need to raise funds to support this.

6. Renewing our co-operation agreement with CCH.

Our existing partnership agreement with CCH was based around our co-working on the NLHF project. We want to continue our close cooperation with CCH and are redrafting the agreement to reflect this.

7. Obtaining funding for some of the above projects.

As indicated, many of our ambitions will require funding to reach fruition. We would also like to obtain funds to continue the ongoing archiving work of the LEO material being held at CCH. We are considering likely funders for applications and will be working to research the highly detailed information that such applications require.

WE continue to publish our newsletter LEO Matters twice a year. The second and larger edition of **LEO remembered** has been selling reasonably well and has been sent all around the world. Stocks of the book are being held at CCH and at TNMoC in their bookshops.

I conclude my report focusing on the *engine room* of the Society where all the work is done. I have first to report Frank Land's resignation as a trustee in April this year. Frank has stood down from this formal role on health grounds, but will continue as an active committee member. Frank has been the Society Historian and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his enormous wisdom and comprehensive knowledge of all things LEO related.

I am pleased to welcome Eric Dickens as a new committee member.

We have had 5 board meetings since the last AGM. The number of trustees is now 8 : myself as chairman, **Hilary Caminer** - secretary, **Bernard Behr**- treasurer, **Neville Lyons** – talks & publicity, as I mentioned before, Neville has built a presentation pack about Lyons and LEO which he will send to any members willing to give a talk. We are grateful to Neville for providing his hard work and research for the benefit of other members. **John Paschoud**- Vice-chairman, responsible for charity issues & social media, **Philip Cleary** – assists with website, social media & publicity, **John Daines**- technical consultant and **Vincent Bodsworth** – website manager & membership secretary. Committee members are **Eric Dickens**, **Gloria Guy** and **Elisabetta Mori**. We also value the participation of Lisa McGerty, CEO of CCH as a co-opted member of our committee.

The Society has had a busy and fulfilling year. We would warmly welcome the involvement of more members as volunteers on one of our projects or in an advisory capacity.

Peter Byford, Chairman

May 2024

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1st January to 31st December 2023

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	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank Interest Received LLOYds	107.78
Donations & Grants	
Donations - Amazon Europe Core	25.14
Donations - Easy Fundraising	31.71
Donations - General	746.65
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	131.48
Donations - Subscription Appeal	644.01
Total Donations & Grants	1,578.99
Reunion Income	
Merchandise - Sales	
LEO Tote Bag	60.00
Total Merchandise - Sales	60.00
Total Reunion Income	60.00
Sales	
Book Sales & Publishing	
Book Sales	768.60
Postage for Members a/c	112.79
Total Book Sales & Publishing	881.39
Total Sales	881.39
Total Income	2,628.16
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	626.97
Total COGS	626.97
Gross Income	2,001.19
Expense	
Bank Charges	
PayPal Service Charges	3.32
Total Bank Charges	3.32
Committee Meeting Expenses	
Travel - Committee Meetings	0.00
Total Committee Meeting Expenses	0.00
Computer & Web Expenses	
Domain Name Renewal	0.00
Email - additional	17.88
Security Certificate SSL	59.99
Web Hosting	327.66
Total Computer & Web Expenses	405.53
Newsletter/LEO Matters	
Postage	5.00
Total Newsletter/LEO Matters	5.00
Office Expense	
Postage & Stamps	9.20
Total Office Expense	9.20
Oral History & Heritage Project	
Oral History	
OH Travel-Meetings/Sustenance	257.80
Total Oral History	257.80
Total Oral History & Heritage Project	257.80
Publishing	
Postage & Carriage	

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Income and Expenditure

1st January to 31st December 2023

Charity No. 1182253

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>
Postage	180.91
Total Postage & Carriage	<u>180.91</u>
Total Publishing	180.91
Reunion Expenses	
VSC Deposit - written off	250.00
Total Reunion Expenses	<u>250.00</u>
Uncategorized Expenses	
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	14.00
Travel - General	39.80
Total Uncategorized Expenses	<u>53.80</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,165.56</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>835.63</u>
Income for the Year	<u><u>835.63</u></u>

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

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	31 Dec 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Other Current Assets	
Accrued Income	131.48
Stock	
LEO Remembered 2nd Edition	161.06
Total Stock	161.06
Total Other Current Assets	292.54
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	9,807.66
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c	12,354.89
Total Cash at bank and in hand	22,162.55
Total Current Assets	22,455.09
NET CURRENT ASSETS	22,455.09
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...	22,455.09
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Capital and Reserves	
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Unrestricted Funds	11,121.02 ²
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Retained Income	-835.63 ³
Income for the Year	835.63
Available funds	22,455.09

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	DR	CR
1. Oral History Expenses	257.80	
2. Unrestricted Funds - Increase	595.83	
3. Retained Income - Allocated		853.63
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	853.63	853.63
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LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

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LEO Computers Society

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Annual Report: 2022 - 2023

As usual it has been a busy and rewarding time for the Society. Our National Lottery Heritage Fund project in partnership with the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge which has been a significant part of the Society's activities over the past few years came to an end this summer. The main products of the project were **the award-winning documentary film**, the **archiving of LEO material** and the **development of the Virtual LEO I**. For the archiving, we were fortunate to recruit Luke Thorne to replace Jude Brimmer. He left us shortly before the end of the Project having done an excellent job and CCH volunteers are currently carrying on some of the archiving.

The Virtual LEO I display was shown successfully at our end of Project event which was held at CCH on May 18th. Around 60 people were there and it included a question and answer session with a panel of Georgina Ferry (author), Richard Hollingham (film-maker), Professor Martin Campbell-Kelly, Professor Jon Agar, Professor Tony Bryant and, chaired by Professor Frank Land. The event was very successful, as was the film which is freely available on YouTube and has now been seen nearly 12,000 times.

The **virtual display of LEO I** was created by Chris & Richard Monk is now available to view at CCH on their powerful PC. Despite some problems in getting agreement with Apple to launch the **App** on iPads, a resolution is close. We entered the virtual LEO into the **UK IT Awards** – (charity (third sector) Project of the year), jointly with CCH. The Awards are run by the BCS in conjunction with *Computing*. Our entry was well received and has been put forward for the finals along with 6 other charities which takes place on 20th September. Chris Monk, will be leading our finals presentation along with Lisa McGerty.

Inevitably we must report the deaths of **members** this year. These members are sadly missed by the Society. Amongst those who have passed on are **Ray Shaw** (LEO I pioneer), **Peter Hermon** (LEO III consultant, BOAC IT director, treasurer of LEO Foundation and supporter of the Society), **Doug Comish** (LEO Consultant) and **Roy Farrant** (organiser of the early LEO reunions before handing "the baton" to me).

We continue to attract **new members** and, as last year, we are pleased to have welcomed several who have no direct LEO connection. Neville Lyons continues to do an excellent job at both **managing talks** from other members, giving talks himself and **getting articles published** in various relevant magazines. The U3A has proved to be an excellent host organisation for talks, articles and even a podcast. The BCS magazine, *IT Now*, has also published an article about LEO as has the Shell retirees' magazine. This publicity has led to quite a few new members joining.

We have continued to run **Forum sessions by Zoom once a month**. We have alternated the timings of these between 10 am and 5pm so that they can be attended by members in Australia and New Zealand for the morning sessions and by USA, Canada and the Caribbean etc for the evening sessions. We usually focus the sessions on a specific subject with a guest speaker and leave time for questions and discussion. Examples of topics include a tour of the Stewarts and Lloyds museum in Corby, an insight into the making of the LEO film from the film-maker and a look at potential developments on the site of Cadby Hall in Hammersmith. We have held 11 sessions with an overall attendance of 282 members.

The only face to face event this year has been the end of project event mentioned earlier in this report. We have decided to survey all our members about events for the future – both online and face to face - along with many other aspects of the Society's work. We will use the results of this survey to guide our future activities. Following the completion of our NLHF project we are drawing up plans for the future which may well entail further fund-raising and certainly the help of members as active volunteers and as advisers.

The project to revive CLEO continues and is making slow progress.

Some of us were invited to **Elisabetta Mori's** graduation ceremony at Middlesex University at the end of June where her AIT-sponsored thesis on LEO was rewarded with a PhD. Elisabetta has said she is willing to continue to help us, alongside her other activities. In particular, she is willing to assist with our **Oral History work**. This is an area of our work where we are anxious to ensure that we have captured as many memories as we can.

The second and larger edition of **LEO remembered** has been selling steadily and received glowing reviews from many academic and specialist IT journals.

The final section of my report is, as usual, about the *engine room* of the Society where all the work is done. First of all I would like to welcome Eric Dickens to the team as a new committee member.

We have had five board meetings since the last AGM. The number of trustees is unchanged at 9 : myself as chairman, **Hilary Caminer** - secretary, **Frank Land OBE** – historian who also organizes LEOpedia (the LEO history referencing system), **Bernard Behr**- treasurer, **Neville Lyons** – talks & publicity. (Neville has built a presentation pack about Lyons and LEO which he will send to any members willing to give a talk.) **John Paschoud** - Vice-chairman, charity issues & social media, **Philip Cleary** – assists with website, social media & publicity, **John Daines**- technical consultant and **Vincent Bodsworth** – website manager & membership secretary who also liaises with The National Museum of Computing. Committee members are **Eric Dickens** who will help with Oral History, **Gloria Guy** and **Elisabetta Mori**. **Lisa McGerty** is also a valued co-opted member of the Society's committee. We continue to work in partnership with CCH.

We would encourage members to get involved in our activities. Areas where we aim to get more visibility for LEO include in school, further and higher education and in more targeted publicity. We also wish to institute a project to research LEO holdings in museums and other repositories in the UK and possibly overseas. We would like to offer some of these places equipment to run the Virtual LEO I and maybe other LEO items. All this requires funding and we will need to apply for funds once we have turned the basic ideas into a viable project. We also need to recruit another archivist to continue the work of Luke Thorne and Jude Brimmer.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible in our zoom sessions.

Peter Byford, Chairman

September 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure

1st January to 31st December 2022

Charity 1182253

	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank Interest Received LLOYds	6.28
Donations & Grants	
Donations - Heritage Fund	70.00
Donations - Amazon Europe Core	20.46
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	153.50
Donations - Subscription Appeal	634.16
Grant - AITT	1,500.00
Transcription Reimburse. (CCH)	904.98
Total Donations & Grants	<u>3,283.10</u>
Reunion Income	
Attendance Fee	1,020.00
Merchandise - Sales	
LEO Tote Bag	3.00
Total Merchandise - Sales	<u>3.00</u>
Total Reunion Income	1,023.00
Sales	
Book Sales & Publishing	
Book Sales	1,331.00
Postage for Members a/c	317.56
Total Book Sales & Publishing	<u>1,648.56</u>
Total Sales	<u>1,648.56</u>
Total Income	5,960.94
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	925.11
Total COGS	<u>925.11</u>
Gross Income	5,035.83
Expense	
Bank Charges	
PayPal Service Charges	12.94
Total Bank Charges	12.94
Computer & Web Expenses	
Domain Name Renewal	0.00
Email - additional	17.88
Security Certificate SSL	59.99
Web Hosting	100.66
Website Security	311.99
Total Computer & Web Expenses	490.52
LEO Plaque	
Cleaning Plaque	19.25
Total LEO Plaque	19.25
Newsletter/LEO Matters	
Postage	49.35
Total Newsletter/LEO Matters	49.35
Office Expense	
Postage & Stamps	4.73
Total Office Expense	4.73
Oral History & Heritage Project	
Oral History	
OH Transcriptions & Secretarial	1,001.03
Total Oral History	<u>1,001.03</u>

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1st January to 31st December 2022

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	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Total Oral History & Heritage Project	1,001.03
Publishing	
Book Publishing & Printing	0.00
Packaging & Stationery	35.94
Postage & Carriage	
Postage	448.00
Total Postage & Carriage	<u>448.00</u>
Total Publishing	483.94
Reunion Expenses	
Reunion Catering	1,004.05
Total Reunion Expenses	<u>1,004.05</u>
Uncategorized Expenses	
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	0.00
Total Uncategorized Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,065.81</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,970.02</u>
Net Income for the Year	<u><u>1,970.02</u></u>

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Balance Sheet At 31 December 2022

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	31 Dec 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	
Victory Services Club	250.00
Total Prepaid Expense	250.00
Stock	
LEO Remembered 2nd Edition	541.02
Stock - Other	824.97 ¹
Total Stock	1,365.99
Total Other Current Assets	1,615.99
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	8,334.32
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c	12,247.11
Total Cash at bank and in hand	20,581.43
Total Current Assets	22,197.42
NET CURRENT ASSETS	22,197.42
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...	22,197.42
NET ASSETS	22,197.42
Capital and Reserves	
Accumulated Funds	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Fund - LEO Plaque	1,148.32
Restricted Funds - Preservation	
Heritage Project	4,014.07
Oral History	6,429.48
Total Restricted Funds-Preservat...	10,443.55
Total Restricted Funds	11,591.87
Unrestricted Funds	10,605.55
Total Accumulated Funds	22,197.42
Retained Income	-1,970.02 ²
Net Income for the Year	1,970.02
Available funds	22,197.42

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Balance Sheet At 31 December 2022

Charity 1182253

1.	Mugs	376.26	
	Tote Bags	448.71	

		824.97	
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2.	Year end adjustment	Debit	Credit
	Retained Income	1970.02	
	Restricted Funds Oral History - Donation		70.00
	Restricted Funds Oral History - Gift Aid		14.00
	Restricted Funds Oral History - Transcription Expenses	1001.03	
	Restricted Funds LEO Plaque - Expenses Cleaning	19.25	
	Unrestricted Funds		2906.30
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Annual Report: 2021 - 2022

This year covered the 70th anniversary of LEO I and it has been a busy and successful time for the Society.

The Lottery funded **heritage project** in partnership with the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge continues to be a significant part of the Society's activities. The first major deliverable from this was the **LEO film** which was made by Boffin Media. We launched this on 30th November 2021 to coincide with the **70th Anniversary of the first operational run of LEO I**. The pandemic prevented us from holding an in-person event so the launch was shown on Zoom. We had 108 members & friends online to see the film and tributes to LEO were made by Frank Land & Dame Steve Shirley. The event was very successful, as was the film which has been seen nearly 9,500 times and has received plaudits from all over the world. In July this year Boffin Media won the best Video award from Association of British Science Writers for the film.

An ongoing part of the Heritage Project is the **cataloguing and digitising of LEO documentation**. Jude Brimmer, our archivist, had been doing a brilliant job but unfortunately had to withdraw on health grounds. We were able to recruit Luke Thorne, who has proved to be an excellent replacement.

We are looking forward to the third project deliverable, **the virtual reality display of LEO I**, to be ready early next year. Chris & Richard Monk have shown us amazing virtual views of LEO I, its room and the building where it was housed to *whet the appetite*. Next year will see the end of the National Lottery funded Heritage project so we will have to find ways of building on what we have achieved in the past few years.

On the subject of LEO publicity on film, we had a 5 minute slot in the **BBC2 TV series *Inside the Factory***. It was probably the most widespread publicity we have ever had, being seen by millions of people all around the world.

Inevitably we have lost **members** this year who have passed away. All those members are sadly missed by the Society of course. Amongst the members who passed this year was Mary Coombs, nee Blood. Mary was a LEO I pioneer, probably the world's first female business programmer. She had been a fine supporter of LEO and the Society and is sorely missed. Her importance to the history of computing was reflected by obituaries that were published in both the national and computer press and an item about her was included in BBC Radio 4's *Last Word*.

We continue to attract **new members**, including several who have no direct LEO connection. Amongst those is a 20 year old computer student from India, increasing the list of countries where we have members to 28, and a distinguished American computer scientist. We are delighted to welcome both of them and all the other new members who have joined this year.

As I said last year, the pandemic encouraged us to introduce **Zoom forums**. This year we have had 399 people from 10 countries attending the forums, an increase of about 20% from last year. We usually have a speaker with a relevant topic to discuss, including visits to computer museums, to start the forums. If you would like to hear from a specific speaker or a discussion about a specific topic, do let us know.

The pandemic has also made it difficult to run Reunions. This year we planned to run an already postponed **Reunion on Sunday, 10th April**. Unfortunately we found that there weren't enough members willing to travel into London and meet people to make a Reunion viable. We decided to book the room at the back of The Queens Head, the LEO and Lyons pub near the site of Cadby Hall for a smaller scale event. Neville Lyons had brought some Lyons memorabilia and we gave away pens and LEO badges. Around 30 people were there including members from Canada and Elisabetta Mori from Italy. There was a buffet lunch and everybody seemed to enjoy the informal get-together. We may repeat the event next year.

As many of you will know we have been trying for some years to revive **CLEO, the LEO III programming language**. We are still hopeful of finding a magnetic tape with a CLEO compiler on it. Sadly it is very much a long shot. Recently a team has been set up under the chairmanship of Professor Tony Bryant and including David Holdsworth, the compiler reviver, and a few more people with CLEO knowledge. Their objective is to try and recreate CLEO taking advantage of modern compiler design tools.

I am delighted to report that **Elisabetta Mori** has been awarded her PhD. Elisabetta was awarded the **David Tresman Caminer Postgraduate Scholarship** at Middlesex University in 2016 as a doctoral researcher to investigate the social, political and business circumstances that contributed to the success and later decline of LEO Computers, as well as the technical developments and hardware design. The scholarship was funded by the AIT Trust. Inevitably the pandemic caused delays in Elisabetta's work. As part of her work towards the PhD, Elisabetta has given lectures all over Europe, which have served to spread knowledge about LEO. Elisabetta has also joined the Society's committee and has made positive contributions to our discussions over the past few years, often from her home in Italy. She has also carried out some Oral History interviews for the Society.

As if we didn't have enough to do, we decided to publish a second and larger edition of **LEO remembered**. Our Secretary and newsletter editor, **Hilary Caminer**, called for articles and had an excellent response. Thanks to a lot of hard work by Hilary and **Lisa McGerty**, from CCH who been her co editor, the book is now at the printers. . Our friends the AIT Trust again provided funding to assist us with the publishing of the book. We will launch the book on the 28th September at a price of £8, I hope you will want to buy a copy of the new enlarged **LEO remembered**. Thank you Hilary and Lisa for the work you have put in to get the book ready for publication.

We are still carrying out **Oral History** interviews, which are managed by Mike Tyzack. If we haven't interviewed you yet let us know. Also we are looking for OH interviewers, and if you are willing to carry out interviews also let us know. Many of the interviews have been carried out by Zoom.

We have had 5 board meetings since the last AGM. We currently have 9 trustees: myself as chairman, **Hilary Caminer** - secretary, **Frank Land OBE** – historian who also organizes LEOpedia (the LEO history referencing system), **Bernard Behr**-treasurer, **Neville Lyons** – talks & publicity, Neville has built a presentation pack about Lyons and LEO which he will send to any members willing to give a talk. We are grateful to Neville for providing his hard work and research for the benefit of other members **John Paschoud**- charity issues & social media, **Philip Cleary** – social media & publicity, **John Daines**-technical consultant and **Vincent Bodsworth** – website manager & membership manager, whose technical expertise on Zoom etc. is invaluable to LCS. Additional committee members are **Mike Tyzack** – oral history organiser, **Gloria Guy** and **Elisabetta Mori**. **Mike Storey**, who has been responsible for Reunions, retired this year. We thank him for the work he did in organising Reunions over many years and also for taking responsibility for sending newsletters etc. to those members who do not have computer facilities

We have **vacancies for trustees** and would welcome members who would like to get involved. If you are interested let me or any other trustee know, you don't need to become a trustee initially, you can be co-opted to the committee.

We can look forward to another exciting year in 2023 which will include the launching of the Virtual Reality display of LEO I. This will, as far as I know, be the first time this has been done to tell the story of a historic computer. More awards perhaps?

I hope all members will try and join our Zoom forums if they can. We do try and arrange the timings to suit different time zones.

Peter Byford

Chairman

September 2022

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LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY**Income & Expenditure**

1st January to 31st December 2021

	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank Interest Received LLOYds	1.21
Donations & Grants	
Donations - Heritage Fund	120.00
Donations - Amazon Europe Core	26.89
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	505.47
Donations - Subscription Appeal	1,170.00
Total Donations & Grants	<u>1,822.36</u>
Reunion Income	
Attendance Fee	54.00
Sales - Merchandise	
LEO Tote Bag	40.00
Total Sales - Merchandise	<u>40.00</u>
Total Reunion Income	94.00
Sales	
Book Sales & Publishing	
Book Sales	53.00
Postage for Members a/c	36.39
Total Book Sales & Publishing	<u>89.39</u>
Total Sales	89.39
Total Income	2,006.96
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	35.12
Total COGS	<u>35.12</u>
Gross Income	1,971.84
Expense	
Computer & Web Expenses	
Domain Name Renewal	43.15
Security Certificate SSL	59.99
Web Hosting	86.26
Total Computer & Web Expenses	<u>189.40</u>
Newsletter/LEO Matters	
Postage	44.16
Total Newsletter/LEO Matters	44.16
Office Expense	
Postage & Stamps	0.85
Total Office Expense	0.85
Oral History & Heritage Project	
Heritage Project	
HP Postage	13.14
Total Heritage Project	13.14
Oral History	
OH Postage	2.58
OH Transcriptions & Secretarial	556.07
Total Oral History	<u>558.65</u>
Total Oral History & Heritage Project	571.79
Presentations and Gifts	
Gift	39.95
Total Presentations and Gifts	39.95
Publishing	
Postage	39.69

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Accrual Basis

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	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>
Total Publishing	39.69
Uncategorized Expenses	
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	<u>6.40</u>
Total Uncategorized Expenses	<u>6.40</u>
Total Expense	<u>892.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,079.60</u>
Net Income for the Year	<u><u>1,079.60</u></u>

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY**Balance Sheet**

At 31 December 2021

	<u>31 Dec 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	
Victory Services Club	250.00
Total Prepaid Expense	<u>250.00</u>
Stock	
LEO Remembered	50.72
Stock - Other	829.09 ¹
Total Stock	<u>879.81</u>
Total Other Current Assets	1,129.81
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	6,907.48
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c	12,240.83
Total Cash at bank and in hand	<u>19,148.31</u>
Total Current Assets	20,278.12
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>20,278.12</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...	<u>20,278.12</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>20,278.12</u></u>
Capital and Reserves	
Accumulated Funds	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Fund - LEO Plaque	1,167.57
Restricted Funds-Preservation	
Heritage Project	4,014.07
Oral History	7,346.51
Total Restricted Funds-Preservat...	<u>11,360.58</u>
Total Restricted Funds	12,528.15
Unrestricted Funds	<u>7,749.97</u>
Total Accumulated Funds	20,278.12
Retained Income	-1,079.60 ²
Income for the Year	<u>1,079.60</u>
Available funds	<u><u>20,278.12</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

At 31 December 2021

Charity No. 1182253

1.	Mugs	376.26
	Tote Bags	452.83

		829.09
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2.	Year end Adjustment	Debit	Credit
	Retained Income	1079.60	
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Donation		120.00
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Gift Aid		24.00
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Expenses	571.79	
	Unrestricted Funds:		1507.09
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Annual Report: 2020 - 2021

I hope that members and their families have managed to cope over this last year. 2021 marks the 70th year since LEO first started work and we have been making efforts to ensure that its heritage is brought to a wider audience. Circumstances around the pandemic have prevented us from holding face to face celebrations, but as I report, the Society has had an active and busy year. We were delighted to receive a letter from the Queen in February marking the 70th anniversary of her visit in 1951 as Princess Elizabeth to see LEO at Cadby Hall while it was still being put through its paces.

The Society's finances remain in good shape with enough funding to cover our activities. We do not charge a membership subscription but some members do make a voluntary donation each year.

Our membership numbers remain strong. We have nearly 700 members living in 27 countries. Sadly we know that we have lost some of our members since the last AGM, but we have been delighted to welcome 36 new members – many of whom have not worked directly with LEO, but are interested in its history or in computer education. We would like to increase our membership – particularly among this group.

As you know, I hope, we were awarded a further grant by the National Lottery Heritage Fund in conjunction with our partners, the Centre for Computing History in Cambridge. The pandemic has delayed some work on the project but nevertheless we have made progress. The three major aspects currently underway are building the archive, developing a virtual reality display of LEO I and producing a LEO film for educational and publicity purposes. The Society is very grateful to the lottery funders who have made all this valuable work possible.

The project recruited an excellent archivist, Jude Brimmer, who worked hard and enthusiastically with the help of CCH volunteers, to catalogue and digitise much of the mass of LEO documents which form the archive. I recommend that you look at the CCH website - <http://www.computinghistory.org.uk> then look for the NLHF project '*Swiss Rolls, Tea and the Electronic Office*'. There is a blog which will help to see what progress has been made. Sadly Jude has had to resign from her post because of a health problem, but we have recently appointed her successor who will start work later this month.

I would like to thank very warmly those many members who have contributed to our collection of LEO artefacts and documents which are then being donated on long loan to the growing archive at CCH. We are still looking for more and are also continuing to gather written reminiscences and record more oral history interviews, so please let us know if you are willing to be interviewed or willing to carry out an interview.

The work on the VR project has been progressing, led by Chris Monk. Research and appeals led to the gathering of over 100 photos of LEO I and its rooms: this has helped enormously to build the VR display. Some early VR work has been demonstrated and the full package should be available early in 2022.

The project commissioned, the film company Boffin Media, following a competitive tender, to make a 15 minute film about LEO. The film production is going well and the film itself should be available this Autumn.

We have yet again decided, because of ongoing concerns about Covid, to postpone the Reunion until April 10th 2022, still at the Victory Services Club, Marble Arch. We should have displays and should be able to show the film and the VR display of LEO I.

During the year, we have, like many other institutions, begun to explore the use of Zoom to replace physical meetings and this has enabled us to provide members with a monthly forum where they can see and talk to

members from all over the world. These have been well attended and we have had members logging in from Australia, Canada, USA, Trinidad, South Africa, Poland, Ireland and Italy. Sometimes we have started with a talk about LEO or Lyons and one forum, scheduled to coincide with International Women's Day, consisted of a very interesting discussion of women's role in the LEO story. The Society has made a concerted effort this year to ensure that this aspect is better recognised than it has been in the past. We plan to continue these regular zoom forums even after some sort of "normality" has returned.

We continue to work hard to publicise the LEO story. Over the year around 13 talks and presentations have been delivered mostly via zoom by a variety of speakers, notably two of our trustees, John Daines and Neville Lyons to both general and specialist audiences. These talks have reached nearly 1,000 people and have proved an excellent way of telling the LEO story. We have seen the LEO story told this year as part of the BBC TV programme 'Antiques Road Trip' and look forward to further publicity in an episode of 'Inside the Factory.' (Oddly this will be included in an episode visiting the Soreen malt loaf factory.)

During the year, we have had articles about LEO's history published in four periodicals – and these have yielded good feedback from readers. We are keen to get more articles about LEO published, so please tell us if you know of any journals or magazines that might like to receive an article from us.

Elisabetta Mori, our doctoral scholar at Middlesex University, has now completed and submitted her thesis on LEO and is awaiting its formal assessment. Elisabetta has already contributed much to the Society – giving several papers on LEO and early computing to academic conferences around the world and conducting some oral history interviews for us.

I must just mention that the IEEE wishes to mount a plaque to celebrate LEO near where Cadby Hall was. After much research into where this might go we have provisional agreement to install it at The Queens Head pub in Brook Green, which we have come to regard as the Lyons/LEO pub. The process for getting and installing the plaque is likely to be long so this may not happen for a couple of years.

Our committee has worked hard and, despite the pandemic, we have achieved most of the Society's aims for the year. I wish to thank all the committee for their efforts on our behalf but I would like particularly to mention **Hilary Caminer** for sterling work in minuting our meetings and for editing our twice yearly newsletter, *LEO Matters*. She has also managed many of the donations of memorabilia from members to the society. **John Daines** has successfully taken over the technical advice role of the Society from our sadly passed-on colleague, Tony Morgan. John has also given some excellent talks about LEO to our members and a number of organisations in the UK and beyond and enthralled hundreds of people. **Neville Lyons** has continued to give his excellent talks about Lyons to many organisations and again to a worldwide audience with much acclaim. **Vince Bodsworth** has been busy on our behalf, and this year launched our splendid new website which is easier to navigate and provides members with up to date news. Statistics for the year up until August show that The website was accessed nearly 11,000 times from 10 different countries, the top 5 being UK, Australia, USA, China (we have not had any obvious interest from China) and Canada. Vince also manages the membership aspects of the Society and organises our Zoom Forum sessions. **Mike Storey** has been keeping his finger on the pulse of our Reunion and has been advising on numbers and managing the postponements and rearrangements that we have to make for the Reunion. **John Paschoud** looks after the Charity aspects of the Society and manages our Facebook pages. **Frank Land** has been hard at work as our Historian, giving advice from his longstanding knowledge of LEO and has been updating and managing the Society's reference guide, LEOpedia. We are grateful that he has continued this work despite the sad death of his wife Ailsa earlier this year. **Bernard Behr** continues to manage the finance providing detailed accounts for the Society's committee meetings. **Philip Cleary** joined the committee as a Trustee in December last year and has been our advisor on social media matters, keeping our social media presence updated and expanding our use of it. **Bob Stevenson**, who developed and managed our website for over 20 years until he retired from that role last year, is also standing down as a trustee. Bob has been a committee member and then trustee for over 30 years. So thank you Bob, I shall miss the help and support you provided during that time.

In saying thank yous for their Society work I must make special mention of **Lisa McGerty** of CCH, manager of our joint NLHF project, who we co-opted on to our committee. Despite all the difficulties that Covid has put in its way, Lisa has worked tirelessly to keep the project on track, managing the staff, the accounts, the volunteer hours and

preparing all the documentation needed to commission outsourced work. She has also been our representative in discussions with the National Lottery Heritage team.

It will be great when we can operate in some form of normality, however I think the Society can be proud of what we have achieved despite the pandemic. We have particularly enjoyed seeing and hearing from our members worldwide on zoom, and look forward to continuing that kind of contact in the future.

Peter Byford

Chairman

September 2021

Charity Registration No. 1182253

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY**Income and Expenditure**

For the Year 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2020

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bank Interest Received LLOYds	4.41
Donations & Grants	
Donations - Heritage Fund	120.00
Donations - Amazon Europe Core	33.75
Donations - Easy Fundraising	27.36
Donations - Gift Aid HMRC	362.03
Donations - Subscription Appeal	1,280.00
Total Donations & Grants	<u>1,823.14</u>
Income	200.00
Reunion Income	
Sales - Merchandise	
LEO Tote Bag	5.00
Total Sales - Merchandise	<u>5.00</u>
Total Reunion Income	5.00
Sales	
Book Sales & Publishing	
Book Sales	74.00
Postage for Members a/c	32.75
Total Book Sales & Publishing	<u>106.75</u>
Total Sales	106.75
Total Income	2,139.20
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	15.02
Total COGS	<u>15.02</u>
Gross Income	2,124.28
Expense	
Bank Charges	
PayPal Service Charges	1.88
Total Bank Charges	1.88
Computer & Web Expenses	
Domain Name Renewal	0.00
Security Certificate SSL	59.99
Web Build - Tuition	714.00
Web Hosting	86.26
Total Computer & Web Expenses	<u>860.25</u>
Newsletter	
Postage	71.82
Total Newsletter	71.82
Office Expense	
Postage & Stamps	11.44
Total Office Expense	11.44
Oral History & Heritage Project	
Oral History	
OH Equipment - Recording M/c's	79.00
OH Transcriptions & Secretarial	50.06
OH Travel-Meetings/Sustenance	157.80
Total Oral History	<u>286.86</u>
Total Oral History & Heritage Project	286.86

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY**Draft Accounts: Income and Expenditure**

For the Year 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2020

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
Presentations and Gifts	
Presentations	22.99
Total Presentations and Gifts	22.99
Publishing	
Postage	5.59
Total Publishing	5.59
Reunion Expenses	
Reunion Hall Hire	0.00
Total Reunion Expenses	0.00
Uncategorized Expenses	
Postage & Stamps - Merchandise	1.50
Total Uncategorized Expenses	1.50
Total Expense	1,262.33
Net Ordinary Income	861.95
Income for the Year	861.95

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY**Balance Sheet**

At 31 December 2020

	<u>31 Dec 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	
Victory Services Club	250.00
Total Prepaid Expense	<u>250.00</u>
Stock	
LEO Remembered	52.90
Stock - Other	862.03 ¹
Total Stock	<u>914.93</u>
Total Other Current Assets	1,164.93
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	5,865.79
Lloyds Bank - Savings a/c	12,239.62
Total Cash at bank and in hand	<u>18,105.41</u>
Total Current Assets	19,270.34
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	71.82
Total Accounts Payable	<u>71.82</u>
Total Current Liabilities	71.82
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>19,198.52</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI...	<u>19,198.52</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>19,198.52</u></u>
Capital and Reserves	
Accumulated Funds	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Fund - LEO Plaque	1,167.57
Restricted Funds-Preservation	
Heritage Project	4,014.07
Oral History	7,774.30
Total Restricted Funds-Preservat...	<u>11,788.37</u>
Total Restricted Funds	12,955.94
Unrestricted Funds	<u>6,242.58</u>
Total Accumulated Funds	19,198.52
Retained Income	-861.95 ²
Net Income for the Year	861.95
Available funds	<u><u>19,198.52</u></u>

LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

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Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

At 31 December 2020

Charity No. 1182253

1.	Mugs	376.25
	Tote Bags	485.78

	Total	862.03
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2.	Year end Adjustment	Debit	Credit
	Retained Income	861.95	
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Donation		120.00
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Gift Aid		24.00
	Restricted Funds: Oral History - Expenses	286.76	
	Unrestricted Funds		1004.71
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