Please join us in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the start in 1951 of business computing by LEO, the world's first business computer

28th, 29th and 30th November 2026

The LEO Computers Society working with the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge and The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park is delighted to invite you to join us to mark this momentous anniversary.

We have arranged three days of events on exactly the dates of LEO's historic first run:

Saturday, 28th November at the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge

Sunday, 29th November at The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park

Monday , 30th November at the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, City of London

For those who can't travel to the venues: We are very conscious that some find travel difficult or live abroad. We are, therefore endeavouring to ensure that as much as possible will be recorded of the events. The 30th November day will be live streamed.

Booking : Pre-booking is essential for all three events as numbers are capped. The event on 30th November is free of charge to all who book. In person numbers are capped but you may also register to attend this event online. Please note you are very welcome to book for more than one event.

The links you need for booking:

For CCH on 28/11/26

https://www.computinghistory.org.uk/det/77529/LEO-75-Celebrating-the-World-s-First-Business-Computer/

For TNMoC on 29/11/26 https://hub.tnmoc.org/tickets/#event?eventid=4

For WCIT on 30/11/26 Please email leo75@leo-computers.org.uk

Please see the next page for outlines of the events. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible – and celebrating together our pioneering computer, LEO.

Saturday, 28th November

Centre for Computing History,

Rene Court, Coldhams Road, Cambridge, CB1 3EW

Activities available throughout the day. Doors open 10.30 and close at 17.00

The aim is to bring to life the times in which this remarkable computer was developed, two swing dancing performances will take place in the main gallery. The foyer will be set up as a Lyons Tea Shop, with Nippy waitresses.

Explore our LEO@75 and permanent LEO exhibits, and family activities.

- 'From LEO to AI' self-guided tour of main gallery
- Kids activity trail and family workshop for 5 – 7 year olds
- LEO Wordsearch sheet for kids
- Python coding workshop for children 12-16
- Meet members of the LEO Computers Society
- Screening of film, LEO, The Story of the World's First Business Computer with Q and A session answered by people who worked on LEO computers

Sunday, 29th November

The National Museum of Computing,

Block H, Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, MK3 6DS

Activities available throughout the day. Doors open 10.30 and close at 16.00

- Explore the museum on a self-guided tour.
- Listen to short talks on the LEO@75 anniversary given by experts from TNMoC and the LEO Computers Society
- Learn how EDSAC predated LEO - as a scientific computer not a business one
- Find out more about developments in AI in an afternoon presentation

Monday, 30th November

at The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists,

39a Bartholomew Close, London, EC1A 7JN

Celebrating 75 years of Business Computing – which started with LEO

A day of illustrated presentations and discussion led by experts including those from the LEO Computers Society and from university departments.

Doors open at 10.30 and close at about 16.00

- **'User-driven Innovation'**- how LEO was developed. Presentation by John Daines, Trustee LEO Computers Society
- **A tribute to Frank and Ralph Land**, computer pioneers by Professor Edgar Whitley LSE, Professor Youngjin Yoo LSE, Hilary Caminer, Trustee, LEO Computers Society Trustee and members of the Land family.

  Light sandwich lunch

- **'From Turing to LEO – and where next?'** Presentation by Vince Bodsworth, Trustee LEO Computers Society
- **LEO's legacy.** Panel chaired by Georgina Ferry , author of 'A Computer called LEO.' Panellists include Professor Martin Campbell- Kelly University of Warwick, Professor Tony Bryant Leeds Beckett University ,Professor Youngjin Yoo LSE and Tola Sargeant, CEO of Archives of IT.

  Finishing with a celebratory cup of tea and cake and possibly Swiss roll

The LEO Computers Society is grateful for generous financial support from the AIT Trust for the events at CCH and TNMoC and to the Big Yellow Storage Company for their support of the event at WCIT.