LEO COMPUTERS SOCIETY

Virtual Reality of LEO l demonstration 9th August 2019 at CCH

Peter Byford and Ray Ivatt were given a demonstration by Chris Monk and his colleague, Richard, and were able to use the VR headset to walk around the LEO l computer room.

It was amazing that we could walk around the World's first business computer, LEO l, which was operational between 1951 and 1965. It really gave the impression of being amongst the machines. Currently it is just the basic equipment of LEO l and at this stage you cannot look inside the cabinets nor see the peripherals working.

This is the first step but we could see what could be done if finance was available to develop this into a simulation of a fully operational LEO l. This would enable viewers to look inside the peripherals and cabinets and see how they worked, listen to audio of people who worked on LEO l and drill into the LEO l archives relevant to a specific piece of LEO l equipment.

Well done to Chris and Richard for the work they have done so far.