

## Tea, Cake and Computers: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019

The Centre for Computing History (CCH) organised a Lyons/LEO Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at their Cambridge Museum. A talk was given on the history of the J Lyons Food Empire by Neville Lyons, relative of the co-founder and a trustee member of the Society. This was followed by Chris Monk of the CCH on the detailed work currently being undertaken by the Heritage Lottery Funded project to achieve Virtual Reality of LEO1.



Being school holiday time, it was pleasing that the audiences numbering 35-40 included families of all ages, many of whom had been unaware of the highly innovative Lyons catering company of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, let alone the company's computer pioneering which has indeed led to their own use of today's Smartphones, computer games and social media. Among the older members of the audience were two LCS members: Ken Abbott (LEO II Hartree House and Minerva Road) and Tim Anderson (LEO III Customs & Excise).



Both the talks were received with much interest and discussion, coupled with visits to the museum display which now includes a section devoted to LEO.