



# LEEDS SKEPTICS IN THE PUB

December 2010



# THIS MONTH

- ✿ Today's talk will be presented by Michael Heap...
- ✿ ...who has two masters and a PhD!
- ✿ “Why do people do weird things?”





# UPCOMING DATES

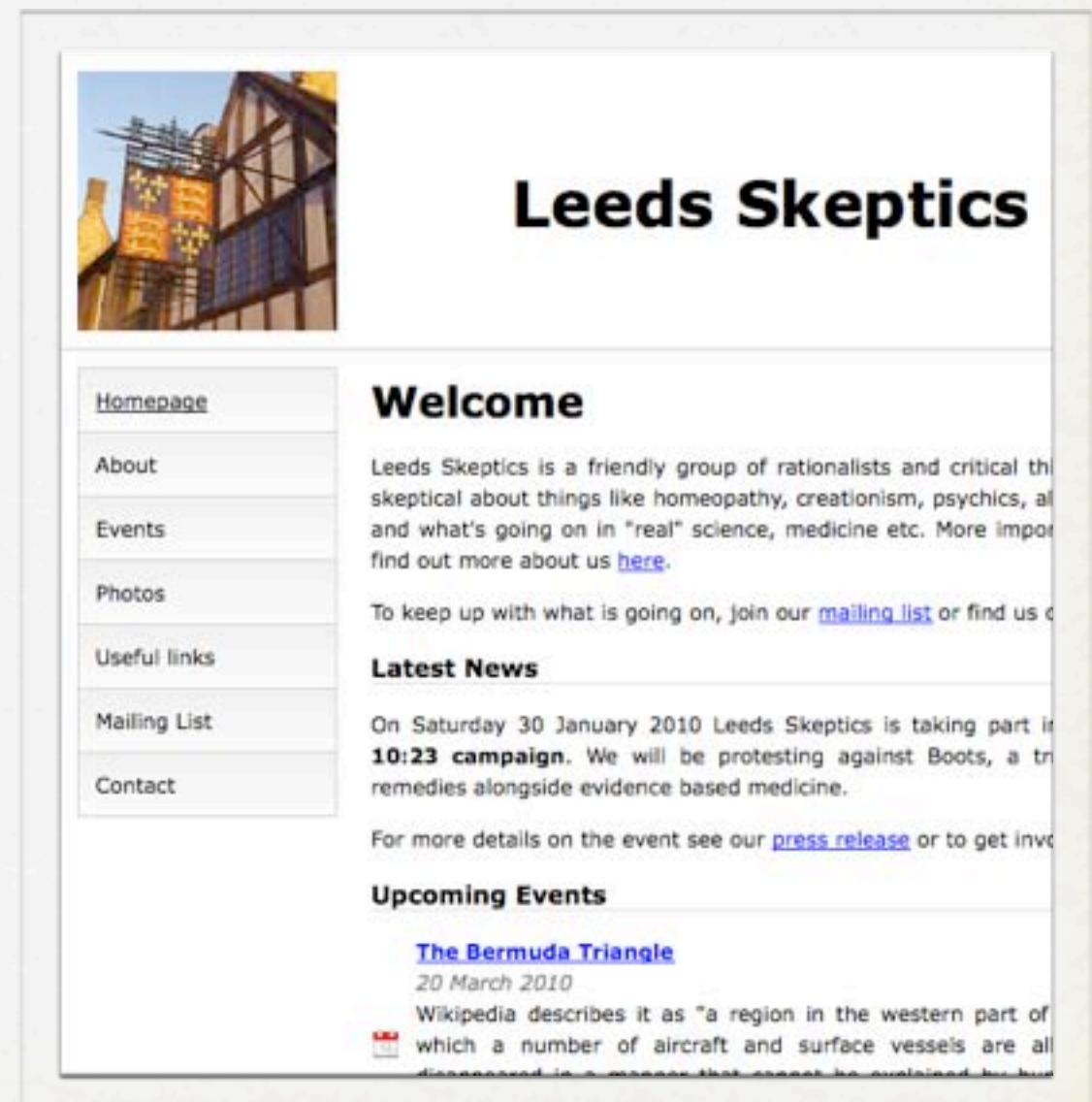
- ✿ Saturday 15 January
- ✿ More details coming soon...
- ✿ Saturday 19 February
- ✿ Mark Edon
- ✿ “Creationism”





# KEEP IN TOUCH

- ✿ Website,  
LeedsSkeptics.org
- ✿ Mailing list
- ✿ Facebook group
- ✿ Twitter.com/  
LeedsSkeptics
- ✿ Now on Meetup.com as  
well!





# LOCAL EVENTS

- ✿ HCoL is meeting on Sunday 9 January
- ✿ Humanist Society of West Yorkshire is meeting on Thursday 13 January
- ✿ Atheist Society socials running every Tuesday





# LOCAL NEWS...



# TERRENCE KEE





# FOOD DRIVE





# TIM MINCHIN







# BEFORE THE REAL NEWS...



## Merseyside Jaws: Is this a monster shark lurking in Liverpool's Albert dock?

By [CHER THORNHILL](#)

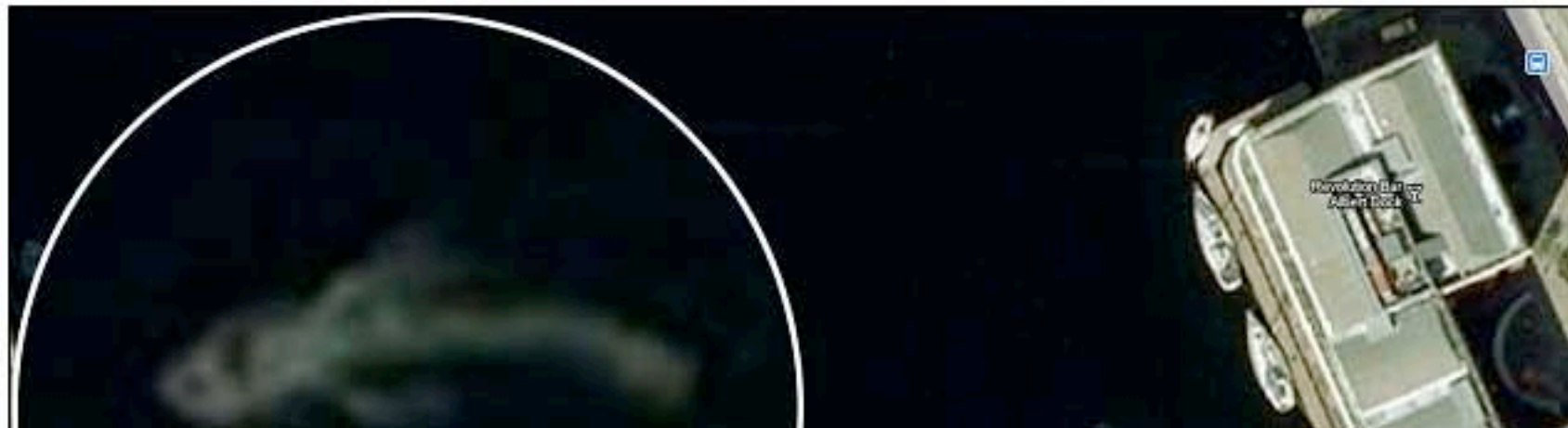
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A mysterious creature has been spotted lurking in the Albert dock of Merseyside.

The huge animal, which is larger than some of the boats, has raised suspicions that our freezing waters have put a shark off course.

Web surfer Simon Hoban, 36, stumbled on the unexpected image during an 'idle moment' when he took a look at the Albert dock on Google Earth.



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# Armed police squad raided my farm after I took potshot at fox... and hit two intruders

By ANDREW LEVY

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A disabled farmer who took a potshot at a fox described yesterday how his house was stormed by armed police after he unwittingly hit two burglars.

Edward Tibbs, 63, went out on his mobility scooter in the dead of night when he heard his geese becoming distressed.

After spotting the fox and firing at it, he returned to his home at Elm Farm in Crays Hill, near Basildon in Essex, and went to bed.

It was only when 16 armed officers arrived hours later as a police helicopter hovered overhead that he learned two people had been treated at hospital for gunshot wounds to their backs and legs.



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► **You can take the girl out of Newcastle... Cheryl Cole brings out her inner Geordie and wears a silk jump suit in the big freeze**



► **'Simon Cowell's like a**





# Hands-on entertainment: Sex firm hacks Microsoft Kinect to create interactive pornography

By NIALL FIRTH

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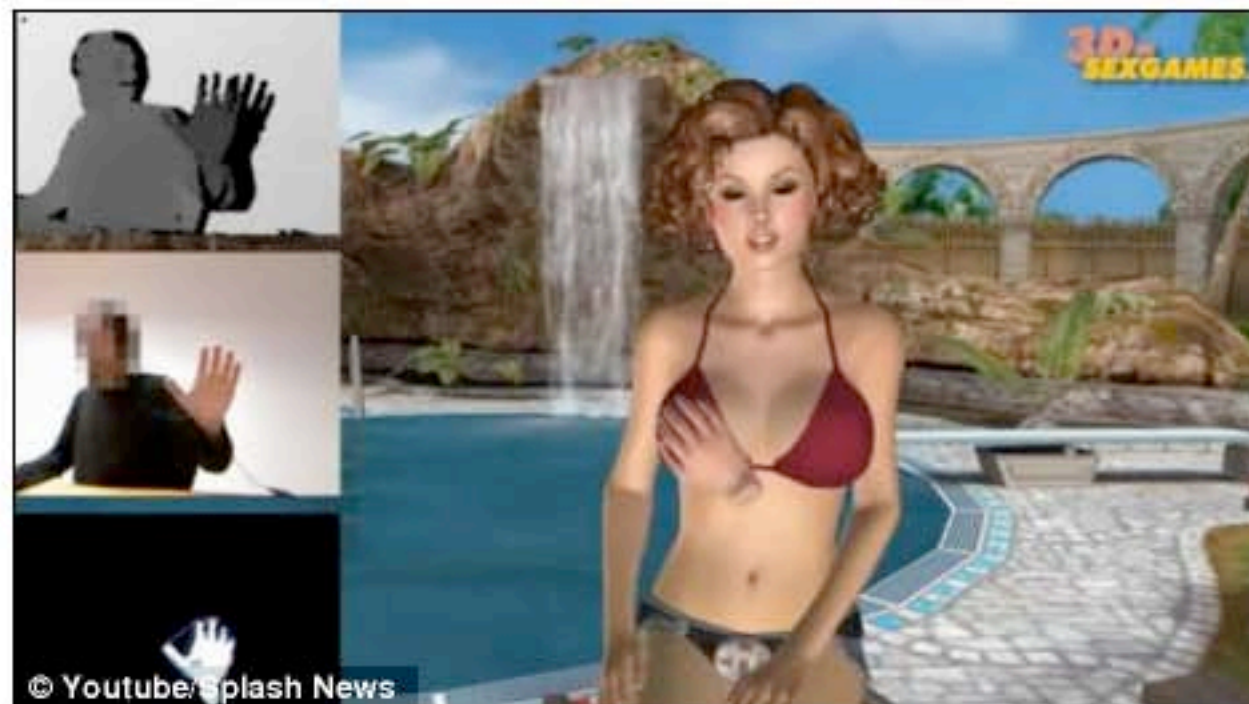
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It really was only a matter of time.

For while Microsoft's innovative Kinect controller was designed for family fun it has already been hacked so it can be used in a different way entirely: sex.

A firm that makes hardcore interactive pornography has hacked Microsoft's innovative Kinect controller to create a game where users can pretend to grope women.

Kinect uses a camera and infra-red sensor to detect arm, leg and body movements, instantly translating them into onscreen action.



The demo video shows a man controlling a floating hand to 'interact' with video

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