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January 2011

THIS MONTH

- ❁ Designed for the Dump?
- ❁ The Story of Stuff Project
- ❁ Annie Leonard



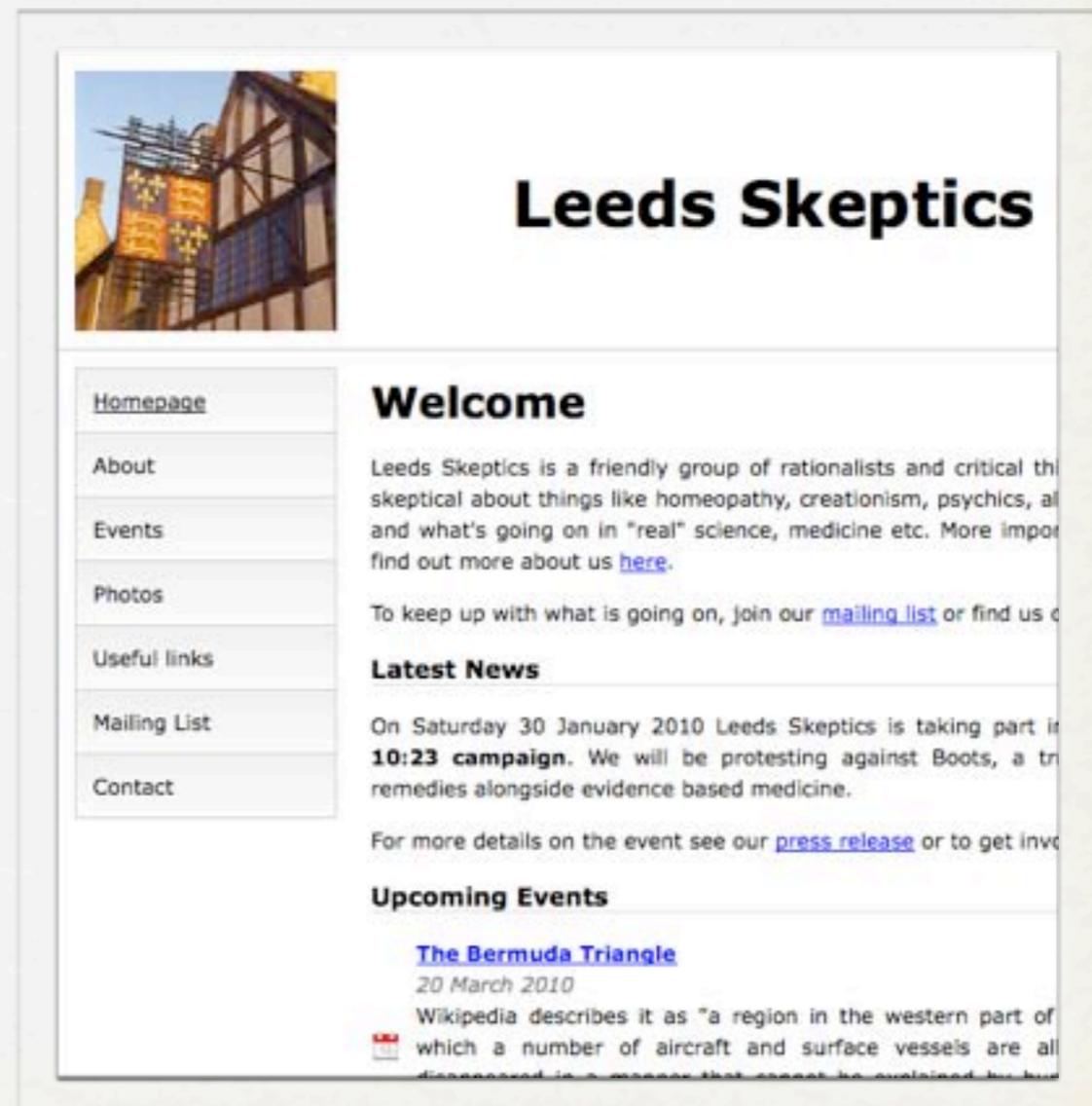
UPCOMING DATES

- ✿ Saturday 19 February
- ✿ Mark Edon
- ✿ “Creationism”
- ✿ Saturday 19 March
- ✿ ...will probably be on climate change



KEEP IN TOUCH

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



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Leeds Skeptics website. At the top left is a photograph of a building with a sign that says 'Leeds Skeptics'. To the right of the photo is the title 'Leeds Skeptics' in a bold, black font. Below the photo is a navigation menu with links for 'Homepage', 'About', 'Events', 'Photos', 'Useful links', 'Mailing List', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a 'Welcome' section with a paragraph of text and a link to 'here'. Below that is a 'Latest News' section with a heading and a paragraph of text. At the bottom is an 'Upcoming Events' section with a heading and a link to 'The Bermuda Triangle' dated '20 March 2010'. A small YouTube icon is visible next to the event title.

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Welcome

Leeds Skeptics is a friendly group of rationalists and critical thinkers who are skeptical about things like homeopathy, creationism, psychics, and what's going on in "real" science, medicine etc. More important news and events find out more about us [here](#).

To keep up with what is going on, join our [mailing list](#) or find us on Facebook

Latest News

On Saturday 30 January 2010 Leeds Skeptics is taking part in the **10:23 campaign**. We will be protesting against Boots, a traditionalist, and their remedies alongside evidence based medicine.

For more details on the event see our [press release](#) or to get involved see our [Facebook page](#)

Upcoming Events

[The Bermuda Triangle](#)
20 March 2010

Wikipedia describes it as "a region in the western part of the North Atlantic Ocean in which a number of aircraft and surface vessels are all reported to have disappeared in a manner that cannot be explained by current theories of aviation and maritime navigation."

LOCAL EVENTS

- ❁ HCoL is meeting on Sunday 5 February
- ❁ HSoWY is meeting on Thursday 10 March, “The Secret Life of Chaos”
- ❁ Atheist Society screening “Four Lions” on Tuesday



PERSPECTIVE

- ✿ Starting 26 January
- ✿ Running every
Wednesday at 7pm
- ✿ At the Cosmopolitan
Hotel on Lower
Briggate



ENQUIRY 2011

- ✿ April 16-17th,
Edinburgh
- ✿ Prof Richard Wiseman
- ✿ Prof Paul Braterman
- ✿ Robin Ince





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Woman, 26, 'poses as man for nine years to trick TWO women into having sexual relations'

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

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A woman yesterday denied tricking two women into sexual intimacy by pretending to be a man.

In an elaborate ruse, Samantha Brooks, 26, is accused of posing as a man called Lee Brooks in order to have sexual contact with them.

This went on for eight years with one woman and then eight months with the other, it is claimed.

She is even alleged to have proposed to one woman.

Brooks faces two charges of obtaining sexual contact by fraud, which are broken



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Raucous night for the Saturday at Chinubites





Unlucky for some: 13th sign of zodiac could be why your stars never seem right

Astronomers have called for the zodiac signs to be overhauled because they no longer are accurate. They want to introduce a 13th star sign, Ophiuchus.



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The sun rises two days early in Greenland, sparking fears that climate change is accelerating

By [DAILY MAIL REPORTER](#)

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The sun over Greenland has risen two days early, baffling scientists and sparking fears that Arctic icecaps are melting faster than previously thought.

Experts say the sun should have risen over the Arctic nation's most westerly town, Ilulissat, yesterday, ending a month-and-a-half of winter darkness.

But for the first time in history light began creeping over the horizon at around 1pm on Tuesday - 48 hours ahead of the usual date of 13 January.

The mysterious sunrise has confused scientists, although it is believed the most likely explanation is that it is down to the lower height of melting icecaps allowing the sun's light to penetrate through earlier.



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Boy gets his tongue stuck to a frozen metal pole after his brother double dares him

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In a scene straight from the movie 'A Christmas Story,' an eight-year-old Oklahoma boy got his tongue stuck to a metal pole after he licked it on a dare.

Officials say when rescue crews arrived on Tuesday morning, the boy was standing on his tiptoes, trying to wriggle his frozen tongue free from a stop sign pole across the street from Woodward Middle School.

Paramedics were able to help the boy by pouring water on his tongue.



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