

# LEEDS SKEPTICS IN THE PUB

August 2011

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- ✿ Everything You Wanted to Know about the Credit Crunch but were too Afraid to Ask



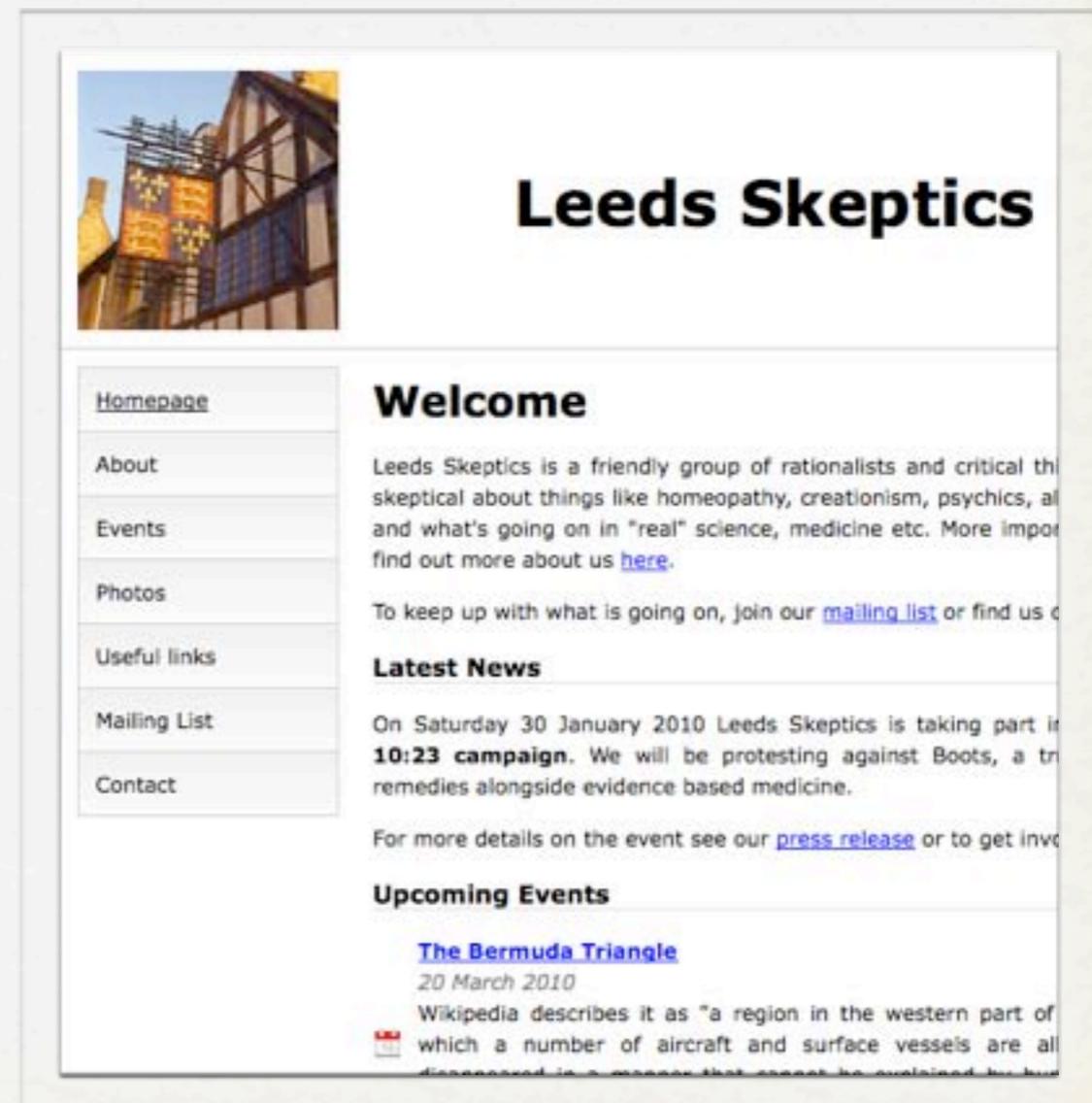
# UPCOMING DATES

- ✿ Saturday 17 September
- ✿ Arthur Chappell -  
Brainwashed! A Cult  
Survivor's Tale
- ✿ Saturday 15 October
- ✿ Dr Andrew Rae -  
Dealing Reasonably  
with Irrational Fear



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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 large, bold, black font. Below the title 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 this is a 'Latest News' section with a paragraph of text and a link to 'press release'. At the bottom is an 'Upcoming Events' section with a link to 'The Bermuda Triangle' and a date '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, we are interested in what's going on in "real" science, medicine etc. More important, 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 traditional medicine company, and their promotion of unproven remedies alongside evidence based medicine.

For more details on the event see our [press release](#) or to get involved see our [mailing list](#).

**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 safety."

# LOCAL EVENTS

- ✿ LAS weekly socials
- ✿ HCoL meeting Sunday 4 September
- ✿ HSoWY summer social, 8 September
- ✿ Leeds Salon, Should Art be Judged or Measured?



# SUNRISE

- ✿ Sunrise Conference taking place Saturday 3 September
- ✿ Community leadership training
- ✿ Attend in person, or online
- ✿ Registration is free





BEFORE THE REAL  
NEWS...

## Can a change in solar activity increase the risk of cancer for frequent flyers to the U.S.?

By [FIONA MACRAE](#)

Last updated at 7:30 AM on 18th August 2011

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Billions of extra-terrestrial rays and particles could shower the Earth threatening the safety of planes and passengers, an expert has warned.

Dramatic changes in solar activity could raise the risk of cancerous damage to the cells of those on board planes flying over the Poles, claims professor of space environment physics Mike Lockwood.

He said that people who regularly take long-haul flights could be at particular risk from solar radiation.



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# Woman spends £15,000 on 100 dresses that are too SMALL for her as incentive to lose six stone

By LUCY LAING

Last updated at 12:41 PM on 19th August 2011

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Most women may treat themselves to a new dress when they lose a few pounds.

But Heather Hall has splashed out £15,000 buying more than 100 dresses whilst losing six stone in weight.

She has dropped from a size 22 to a size 12 - and loves shopping for clothes so much that she's filled four wardrobes.



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Didn't take them long to peel off



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Looked naval in silk blouse and McQueen skirt in Birmingham



▶ **Lady Gaga tackles a Mexican Wave: Singer hangs ten as she learns to surf**

Singer holidaying with friends in central America



▶ **Bandaged up: Jennifer Love Hewitt flaunts a fuller figure in Hervé Léger dress**

Wore blue body-con number when she was slimmer last year



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## School success can be predicted just FIVE minutes after a child is born, scientists claim

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

Last updated at 9:02 AM on 22nd July 2011

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A health test given to babies minutes after they are born could reveal how well they will do in secondary school, it has been claimed.

A study of 877,000 Swedish teenagers compared school exam results with their Apgar scores after birth.

The Apgar is a test which rates the newborn's health on a scale of one to ten and how much medical attention the child needs.



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# Loch Ness Monster? Or a stick...? After a 45-year hunt, walker claims to have photographed elusive creature

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

Last updated at 5:06 PM on 22nd July 2011

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At first glance it looks like another dark ripple on the water.

But study the photograph more closely and a dark hump and tail can be seen poking through the water's surface, or so a life-long hunter of the Loch Ness monster hunter claims.

William Jobes, 62, believes that he may have at last captured the elusive creature on camera after 45 years of trying.



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Is it you, Nessy? A possible hump and part of a tail, or perhaps a spike on the creature's back, can be seen breaking the surface of the water near Fort Augustus, Scotland



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Couple sat in the back of convertible



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## Beware 'Planet of the Apes' experiments that could create sci-fi nightmare

By [DAVID DERBYSHIRE](#)

Last updated at 3:39 PM on 22nd July 2011

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It sounds like something from a Hollywood science fiction film: a race that is half human, half ape.

But leading scientists are today demanding tough new rules to prevent the nightmare scenario becoming a reality.

In a hard-hitting report, they warn that research is close to pushing 'ethical boundaries' and that extreme attempts to give laboratory animals human attributes must be banned.

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