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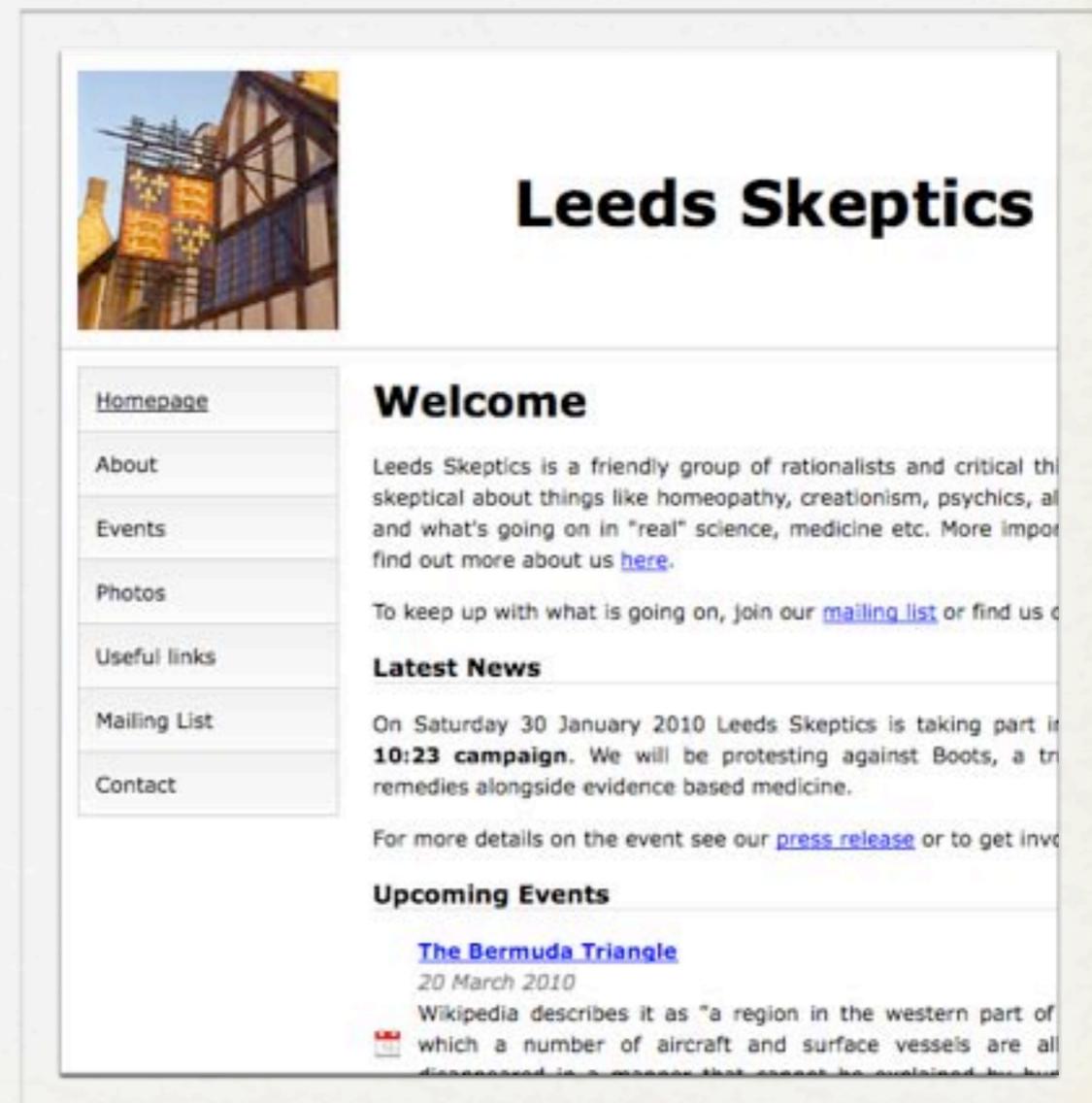
# UPCOMING DATES

- ✿ Saturday 18 June
- ✿ Antony Murray from We Are Change
- ✿ Saturday 16 July
- ✿ Dr Jim Wild



# KEEP IN TOUCH

- ✿ Website,  
LeedsSkeptics.org
- ✿ Mailing list
- ✿ Facebook group
- ✿ Twitter.com/  
LeedsSkeptics
- ✿ Meetup.com



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 that 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 the 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 information find out more about us [here](#).

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

**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 remedies alongside evidence based medicine.

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

**Upcoming Events**

[The Bermuda Triangle](#)  
20 March 2010

Wikipedia describes it as "a region in the western part of the 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

- ✿ LAS, film night, Tuesday, 7pm, Baines
- ✿ HCoL meeting 5 June
- ✿ HSoWY Creationism, 9 June, Swarthmore
- ✿ Leeds Salon Valuing Art in an Age of Austerity, 22 June



# SECULAR BALL

- ✿ Friday 27 May
- ✿ Three course meal
- ✿ Live magical entertainment
- ✿ VIP entry to the after party venue
- ✿ See flyers for full details!



# THREE PEAKS

- ✿ Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge
- ✿ 37km, three peaks, 12 hours to complete it
- ✿ Are you up for the challenge?





BEFORE THE REAL  
NEWS...

# Meet the family who truly believe it is their last moment on Earth... but, so far, nothing has happened on the 'day of rapture'

By DAVID GARDNER and MARK DUELL

Last updated at 10:20 AM on 21st May 2011

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- Saturday 6PM local time wherever you live is the last day on earth, claims evangelical Christian
- Auckland, New Zealand, the first major city expected to suffer earthquakes, reports business as usual
- Harold Camping, 89, wrongly predicted 'the rapture' date once before in 1994
- Atheists to hold parties to celebrate 'inevitable embarrassment'
- Christian author calls Camping's prediction 'flat-out wrong'
- Mayor Bloomberg says he'll suspend 'alternate side parking'

Joseph, Faith and Grace Haddad appear like any other American teenagers - except for the fact their parents Robert and Abby believe the world is about to end.

Two years ago their father Robert and mother Abby gave up their regular jobs to preach for the Family Radio church at the centre of the May 21 Judgment Day campaign.

In a last ditch effort to spread the word before the Armageddon that they believe will happen today at 6pm local time wherever you live, Robert and Abby took their children to a New York street fair.

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# Benefits Boulevard: Gypsies' gaudy mansions built in Romania... with YOUR money

By SUE REID

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**In the week a gang of Romanian gypsies was jailed for an £800,000 benefits fraud, Sue Reid reveals the loophole in British law that allows taxpayers' money to be funnelled into a gaudy mansion and BMWs back in the East.**

On a windy street corner in Bradford, West Yorkshire, a woman wears a lacy black headscarf and touts copies of The Big Issue, the magazine sold by the homeless.

She has travelled 40 miles across the Pennines from Manchester, where she lives with her eight children, to sell as many copies as possible at £2 each.



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# Explosion rips through 'cursed' iPad factory in China dubbed 'Suicide Express' after string of worker deaths

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

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The scandal-hit factory where Apple makes its iPads faced a fresh probe today after an explosion ripped through the building killing two people.

A blast rocked a compound at the building in southwest China earlier this evening, sending dozens of workers fleeing into the streets as flames engulfed the electronics inside.

The fire is the latest disaster to hit the cursed Foxconn factory - dubbed Suicide Express - where a string of workers have killed themselves amid appalling working conditions.



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# British royalty dined on human flesh (but don't worry it was 300 years ago)

By FIONA MACRAE

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They have long been famed for their love of lavish banquets and rich recipes. But what is less well known is that the British royals also had a taste for human flesh.

A new book on medicinal cannibalism has revealed that possibly as recently as the end of the 18th century British royalty swallowed parts of the human body.

The author adds that this was not a practice reserved for monarchs but was widespread among the well-to-do in Europe.



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# Sunshine linked to fatherhood: Vitamin D boosts sperm quality

By [DAILY MAIL REPORTER](#)

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Would-be fathers should make the most of the next sunny day by taking off their shirt and topping up their tan.

A study of 340 men found that vitamin D, produced by the body when exposed to the sun, boosts the quality of sperm.

They become better at swimming towards the egg, have greater speed and are more penetrative.



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**Healthy:** Sunshine has been linked to an improvement in the quality of men's sperm - a positive sign for would-be fathers

Researchers at the University of Copenhagen tested the quality of sperm from 300 men chosen at random and carried out a detailed analysis of samples from a further 40 in the

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# Organic food 'can help you lose weight and live longer': How natural fruit and vegetables are packed with more nutrients

By SEAN POULTER

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Switching to organic produce could help you live longer as well as keeping you healthier and slimmer, say academics.

Fruit and vegetables grown without artificial fertilisers have significantly more key nutrients, including vitamin C.

As a result, going organic can extend average lifespans, typically by 25 days for men and 17 days for women.



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