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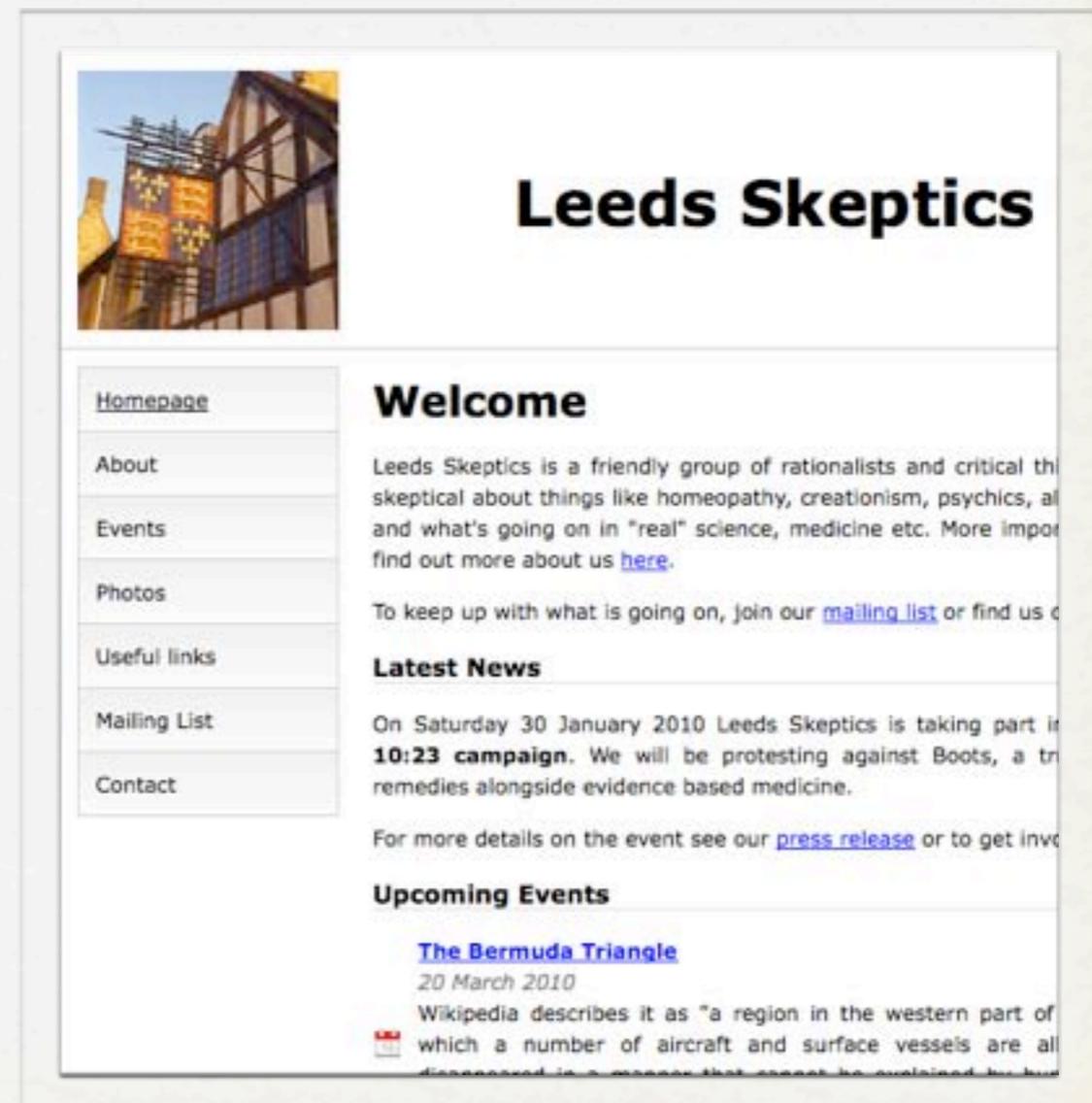
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- ✿ Saturday 16 July
- ✿ Dr Jim Wild
- ✿ Saturday 20 August
- ✿ Saturday 17 September



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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 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 retailer, for selling unproven 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 weekly socials
- ✿ HCoL meeting 3 July
- ✿ HSoWY summer social, 23 July
- ✿ Leeds Salon, Manjit Kumar, “Quantum”, 13 July



# THREE PEAKS

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





BEFORE THE REAL  
NEWS...

# Now you could get X-Men super powers after scientists develop world's first 'living laser' beam

By DANIEL BATES

Last updated at 1:40 PM on 17th June 2011

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Comic book fans have long dreamed of emitting a powerful beam from their eyes like superhero Cyclops of the X-Men.

Now that dream could one day become a reality after scientists this week announced they have created the world's first 'living laser', a biological cell which is engineered to produce a laser beam.

A pioneering team used a cell from a human kidney which had been genetically engineered to produce light in the same way as a jellyfish and flooded it with blue light.



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# Dinosaurs were hot-blooded creatures, claim scientists who measured their body temperatures for the first time

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

Last updated at 9:48 AM on 24th June 2011

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Giant four-legged dinosaurs were not cold-blooded as previously thought, but had body temperatures similar to those of present-day birds and mammals, a study has found.

But scientists are still trying to work out how they kept cool.

The findings, based on studies of fossilised dinosaur teeth, lend support to the idea that dinosaurs were warm-blooded creatures which regulated their body warmth.



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By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

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They are the quintessentially English snack which are a party food staple and always come in bitesize bits.

But one snacker was left stunned after opening a bag of twiglets and pulling out one of the savoury nibbles measuring nearly six inches long.

Clare Dilger pulled the super-sized snack from a bag of Twiglets in Herne Bay, Kent.



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# Could this smudge prove Bigfoot DOES exist? Explorers desperate to test DNA in marks left on abandoned car window

By DANIEL BATES

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With two paw marks clearly visible on the car window, this smudge could provide the DNA evidence that finally proves the existence of Bigfoot.

Explorers have launched an appeal to carry out a full analysis on the mark left behind when an unidentified beast wiped its face against the glass of the car in California's Sierra National Forest.

They are desperate to hire a forensic analyst to take samples and prove once and for all that the mythical animal exists.



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# Sitting down 'raises death risk by as much as 40% and is NOT countered by exercise'

By MARK DUELL

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If you're reading this sitting down, then stand up. It could save your life.

Women who sit for more than six hours daily are around 40 per cent more likely to die than those sitting for less than three hours a day, a study said.

The figure was about 20 per cent for men, according to American Cancer Society researchers who looked at 123,000 people's health over 14 years.



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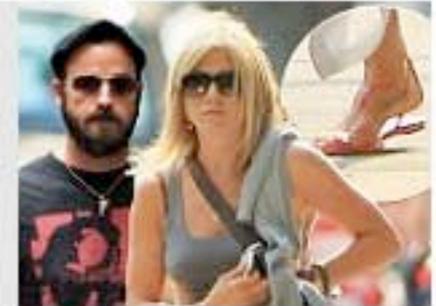
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