

# What's happening in HOLE-born?

Whenever you hear supersize you think big, right?

Well there is *big*, and then there is **G A R G A N T U A N !** You may have seen an array of vast machinery heading to Doughty Mews, and thought 'why?'

If you then wandered through the Mews, you'd probably have stopped to wonder.... what excitements could

possibly be happening beyond the blue hoardings...?

Well, wonder no more, because, dear friends, we can tell you that behind those simple panels there is a monster of a hole developing!

They've already dug a huge pit: one much, much wider & deeper than any house would normally have, even with a basement. You could sink a whole house into this hole to use its roof as a pavement.



You guessed, of course, that it's for a swimming pool. Pretty cool, eh? But hang on a minute - they're now digging *even further down!*

The engineers have brought in a specialist drilling machine, similar to those used in deep sea oil mining. (That's what



you saw parading through Holborn) This is so they can make four boreholes that delve a *further 140 metres* down into the ground. 140 metres!

We just had to ask why! And here it is: this will make it possible to draw up the Earth's own heat and use it to warm parts of the building above. A safe and sustainable energy source.

Clever people!

So there you have it. Is this the Biggest Hole in Holborn?

Impressed? I should think so!

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## Where the Wild Things Are...

To those who daily pound our city's streets, if you just paused a while in your day you'd be amazed to see how much of the natural world is hidden here: Grays Inn Gardens, Lincoln's Inn, Calthorpe Project, Queen Square, St George's Gardens & Coam Fields.

Further north you will find an oasis of pure nature on your doorstep. A wonderful wild world waiting for you to enjoy and relax in!

Camley Street Nature park is one of our favorite



Stars. You can find it north east of Kings Cross and it offers a true escape from the daily urban toil.

Along its woodland trails you can go pond-dipping for a rich variety of watery little creatures.

Even the skies are alive, not just with pigeons, but with seagulls, crows, rooks, magpies, sparrows, starlings, blue tits, wrens and goldfinches.

Great educational fun for the family and lots of wildlife on your doorstep.



## HOLBORN'S LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE FACES CLOSURE

London's oldest legal centre may be forced to close if government cuts go ahead.

The Mary Ward Centre, situated just off High Holborn, may have to stop offering its services if the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill goes ahead as planned.

The centre was set up more than 100 years ago to provide free legal advice and representation to London's poorest and most vulnerable residents. It now assists more than 3,000 Londoners each year, completely free of charge, in claims relating to welfare benefits, employment, debt and housing. The Centre has recently relocated to new premises on Great Tumstile, and is lucky to be able to provide its clients with a modern advice service.

However, the government is proposing to stop 'legal aid' in almost all areas that the centre specialises in. This means that the Mary Ward Legal Centre, and others like it, will not have the funds to continue the free work they do. Margie Butler, the centre's chief executive, says the cuts are "disastrous for Holborn residents" who will no longer be able to access free legal advice or representation, except in extremely rare circumstances.

The centre is urging local people to write to their MPs and protest against these cuts. To find out more about the campaign to save legal aid and the work of the centre visit [www.marywardlegal.org.uk](http://www.marywardlegal.org.uk)

Mary Ward Legal Centre

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## Mr Puss, stalking lawyers

Most of us are just so happy that Grays Inn allows us to enter its lovely big Gardens to relax at



lunchtimes. Mr Puss, however, believes that Grays Inn is his personal Country Club. He slips through the millings at all times of day and night, just to annoy the foxes and crows. At lunch time he enjoys jumping out to surprise all the sand-



can lurk and prowl, and dream of catching one!

wich eaters, then showing off to them like crazy. But what he likes best of all is going to a fine evening party full of Lawyers, where he



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