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THANKS to the lovely people who helped me after I fell off my bike outside New Street on Thursday when my wheels got stuck in the tram tracks. Your kindness helped me get over my embarrassment. Kate, Birmingham

BIG thank you to staff in Ward 8X at the Royal Liverpool Hospital who looked after me for two weeks after being knocked off my motorbike. *Phil Davies, Wirral* 

THANK you to the lovely Dale who helped me get to work when I was lost and late on my first day at a new job. Maria, Manchester

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Let's do it right

THANK you to the amazing person who handed in a black leather document case at Hainault on Thursday. Grateful, Middlesex

THANK you to supporters at the Royal Parks Half Marathon on Sunday, especially my sister, boyfriend and dad, and the bands. *Harriet, London* 

THANK you to Glen and staff at Manchester Victoria station for your kindness and for finding my glasses. **Barbara, Wigan** 

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# £3,000 for Brexit is small price to pay

## But the benefits of the EU outweigh the costs

■ Former Marks & Spencer's boss Stuart Rose, who is leading the campaign for Britain to stay in the European Union, says leaving the EU would cost every family £3,000 a year (Metro, Mon). Big deal. What is membership of the EU costing us now? A hell of a lot more, I'm sure. Ed Wrigley, Manchester

British families, consumers and businesses are stronger in the EU than out. The benefits outweigh the costs. Europe is our largest trading partner, with around 45 per cent of our exports going there, supporting millions of British jobs. A bigger market drives down prices that we have to pay. Those who want to walk away, such as Ukip leader Nigel Farage, cannot guarantee jobs and our living standards if we leave. Andrew Nutt, Bargoed

■ I think we should leave the EU. Ukip has claimed it costs us £55,000 a day to be in the EU. Without it, we could control our own borders, make our own laws and let in people who will be of benefit to our country. We need a points system for immigration, like Australia. *Geoff, Wirral* 

It's all very well for business leaders such as Lord Rose to talk economics when discussing the EU but what about the social impact on where real people live, such as the pressure on housing, services and jobs from immigration? Worried, London

Until recently, I was pro-EU but with Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and other trade agreements giving businesses the right to sue



#### Staying in: Our story yesterday

governments if legalisation hurts their profit, I'm out of here. Pete, Essex

■ Saying leaving the EU would cost £3,000 per family is a good way to fool and frighten people. I wonder whether these political leaders ever sit down and work out their sums before they come out and make these statements. And as for me trusting 'in' campaign backers Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and John Major – tell me another joke, Lord Rose. *Cynic, via text* 

So leaving the EU would cost every household £3,000? They haven't told us how much it's costing every household to stay in the EU, though.

Fred, Hampshire

Could Stuart Rose please quantify the £3,000 a year loss each household will suffer upon exit from the EU? I'd like to be able to make an informed vote, rather than feel that they are scaremongering. Mandy, London

■ It has cost us billions staying in the EU and will continue to do so unless we leave. £3,000 to leave is worth every penny to stop the erosion of our national identity. *Ger, Glasgow* 

### AND ANOTHER THING...

Cervantes' masterpiece Don Quixote is pronounced 'Donkey-Hoh-Tee' by Spanish people who live in a country they call España. We call it Spain, just as we call the book and the character 'Don Quick-sot'. The French call him Don Quichotte and the Italians Don Chisciotte. We don't need to be slavishly 'Spanish' any more than the French or Italians do.

Tim Riley, via email

Anyone like me, who listened to Nik Kershaw in the 1980s, should know how to pronounce Don Quixote (Metro, Mon)! Chris Gray, West Midlands Adam, I couldn't agree more about cat owners whose pets foul other people's gardens (Metro, Mon). Besides the lovely deposits in the flower beds, I have found cat poo on my shed roof and compost bin lid. There needs to be a law. Robyn, London

Why do cyclists think the rules of the road don't apply to them (Metro, Fri)? Cyclists should ride in single file on narrow or busy roads, according to The Highway Code. Displaying number plates would make them obey rules. Nik Kershaw Paul, Berkshire

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