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Del Boy rallies behind Vote Leave

FREEDOM of movement laws in Europe have done wonders for the continent's nannies and a new generation of British middle-class families who employ them to look after our brats.

One might forgive the traditional English nanny for bearing a grudge against such low-cost competition, but new polling data reveals no evidence of any lingering resentment.

From a list of 30 famous and fictional characters, Mary Poppins is the third most likely to back Britain's continued membership of the EU during next month's referendum, according to polling mavericks YouGov. Only the Vicar of Dibley and Sir Humphrey Appleby are more likely to vote Remain.

At the other end, characters most likely to vote Leave include Basil Fawlty,

Jim Royale, Pat Butcher and Del Boy.

"When we take back control of our economy, we'll be able to do more trade with the rest of the world," Vote Leave spokesman Rob Oxley told *The Capitalist*. "That would help import-export businesses like Trotters Independent Traders to flourish like never before."

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THE 2016 CITY SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS WEST WYCOMBE

An army of City firms spent Friday afternoon competing for the City Shooting Championships held at the magnificent West Wycombe estate [the setting for the recent TV Series, *Dr Thorne*]. Apart from the financial community a number of others took part, including Nick and Giles English [founders of the Bremont Watch Company] and William Asprey [founder of William and Son, the luxury goods and jewellery retailer]. Former international rugby players Leon Lloyd, Chris Sheasby and Alix Popham were joined by ex-England cricketer Matthew Hoggard, but their shooting prowess fell short of the skills of runners up Hampden Capital and the eventual winners – victorious in a shoot-out – George James Associates. The day was run for the benefit of the charities that City Championships and *City A.M.* support: Maggie's [cancer support homes]; Future for Heroes [armed forces returning to civilian life]; and 21st Century Legacy [children's inspirational education].

CITY SHOOTING CHAMPIONS

- Winners and team captain
1. GEORGE JAMES ASSOCIATES – DAVID FRANKLIN
 2. HAMPDEN CAPITAL – ALISTAIR TROUGHTON
 3. LOC CONSULTING – PETER OSBOURNE
 4. BREMONT – GILES ENGLISH
 5. EDENFELLS/RATHBONES – PETER WHATMORE/JAMES MALTIN

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LIFE HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS

Going up! Or down... One of the greatest inventions of the high-rise industrial age, the lift, is starting to pass its sell-by date. New research by StepJockey and specialist lift consultants SVM Associates has found that the lift, far from elevating feelings of office workers, is becoming the bane of their lives. Lifts in modern office buildings are creating unacceptable waiting times – leading to... yes, you guessed it “lift rage” – and burning as much as 36 per cent more energy than predicted. Add to that new flexible working patterns, break-out spaces and a boom in hot-desking and internal meetings are driving the problem by creating many more inter-floor lift journeys and adding to wear and tear. The solution? Use the stairs more – it's much more healthy and less stressful.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



No, no, no, no

Former Barclays trader Ryan Reich shouted from his seat in court at the end of last week when another trader was asked if the Libor rate had an effect on swaps valuations. Bloomberg reported that Reich was asked to be quiet. The case continues.

