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‘Fat cats keep the money’, angry voter yells at British PM May

● Prime minister Theresa May was confronted while out campaigning yesterday ahead of next month’s election by an angry voter who scolded the British leader over cuts to disability benefits.

“Theresa are you going to help us?” the voter, who was addressed as Cathy, asked as May walked around a market in Abingdon in central England. “I am being serious, I want you to do something for us.” The voter said she had learning difficulties which were so serious that she could not write a letter asking for a help from the authorities.



Photo: Rachel Fox

Yesterday Soller was the scene of the re-creation of the battle between the Moors and Christians that took place in 1561. Under the command of Uluj Ali, a one-time Italian galley slave who converted to Islam and rose through the ranks of the Ottoman navy, the “Moors” appeared on 11 May that year. The battle was to leave an enduring legacy, typified no more than by the “valentes dones”, the brave women who defended Soller. It was once said of “Es Firó”, by Miquel Bota Totxo, who was from Pollensa, which had its own Moors confrontation, that “it has a sense of immeasurable brotherhood ... rooted in the depths of the soul”.

World on red alert for new cyber attack after weekend chaos

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THE WannaCry “ransomware” cyber attack hobbled Chinese traffic police and schools yesterday as it rolled into Asia for the new work week, while authorities in Europe said they were trying to prevent hackers from spreading new versions of the virus. In Britain, where the virus first raised global alarm when it caused hospitals to divert ambulances on Friday, it gained traction as a political issue just weeks before a general election. The opposition Labour Party accused the Conservative government of leaving the National Health Service vulnerable. Shares in firms that provide cyber secu-

ity services rose with the prospect that companies and governments would have to spend more money on defences. Some victims were ignoring official advice and paying the \$300 ransom demanded by the cyber criminals to unlock their computers, which was due to double to \$600 yesterday for computers hit by Friday’s first wave. Brian Lord, managing director of cyber and technology at cyber security firm PGI, said victims had told him the hackers offered good service, with helpful advice on how to pay: “One customer said they actually forgot they were being robbed.”

