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Deck The Halls With Boughs Of Lolly! *£15 million Festive Treat for National Lottery Players*

'Tis the season to be jolly and this Christmas, National Lottery players could be jollier than ever with a £15 million guaranteed Christmas Eve Lotto Superdraw jackpot up for grabs tomorrow evening!

As well as scooping the best Christmas present ever – a whopping 15 million reasons to celebrate in real style – the lucky jackpot winners from the Lotto Superdraw on Saturday 24 December will join an exclusive festive rich list. Over the past 11 years, 28 millionaire or multi-millionaire tickets have been won on Christmas lottery jackpots, sharing over £77 million in prizes.

Two existing members of that exclusive Christmas club – Paul and Barbara Derry – will be celebrating the fifth anniversary of their win this Christmas. The couple scooped £2,355,057 on Lotto on 23 December 2000, triggering a huge family party that carried on until the New Year.

The £15 million Lotto Superdraw is not the only chance for players to swap the turkey and cava for caviar and champagne on Christmas Eve. There is also an estimated £5.3 million Lotto Extra jackpot, which means there is a bumper £20 million in jackpot prizes available to win on one night.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "What could be better than waking up on Christmas morning to find out you are the latest lottery millionaire? That has to be one of the best Christmas presents ever!

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“As it’s the season of goodwill, why not share the luck around? If you’re stuck for ideas or you’ve forgotten to buy someone a present, Lotto tickets make the perfect last-minute Christmas gift. Tickets for the Lotto Superdraw are on sale up until 7.30pm on Christmas Eve – after most High Street stores are closed and your chances of buying even a pair of socks have gone!”

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- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5 per cent of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40 per cent of total sales (28 per cent to Good Causes and 12 per cent in lottery duty to the Government), Camelot returns a higher proportion of lottery revenue back to society than any other lottery operator in the world. National Lottery retailers receive 5 per cent of total revenue in commission, and 50 per cent of sales is paid out to players in prizes
- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website, Sky Active and Play By Text services have been accredited by GamCare, the UK’s national centre for information, advice and practical help regarding the social impact of gambling – while Camelot’s approach to game design, test purchasing and retailer vigilance campaigns ensures player protection at retail. Camelot has been ranked among the top 30 UK companies in Business in the Community’s 2005 Corporate Responsibility Index, becoming a sector leader in the leisure category
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