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Cleveland Care Workers Unwrap Early Christmas Present

Santa arrived early in Redcar today when the Christmas celebrations kicked off for a lucky syndicate of care workers, which scooped a fantastic £530,969 share of last Saturday's Lotto jackpot (17 December 2005).

The syndicate members, Peter Rugg (48), Christine Teasdale (47), and Tara Graves (35), all work at Wheatacres Residential Home in Redcar*. They have been playing the same numbers as a syndicate since March this year and this is their first major win.

Care worker and syndicate leader, Christine Teasdale, explained: "We were at work on Sunday morning and I was asked to double-check the ticket. I really couldn't believe it when we realised we had matched all six numbers. We were whooping and dancing with the ticket and our residents couldn't fail to guess what had happened. They're all very happy for us."

The syndicate members all have families to share their good fortune with – Christine, from Eston, and her partner Barry, have three children and three grandchildren; Peter, from Redcar, has a son; and Tara, from New Marske, has a daughter and a son. They have all already started to plan what they will be buying with their winnings, starting with celebrating Christmas in real style this year.

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Christine added: “We’re all planning to make this a Christmas to remember for our families as well as enjoying bumper holidays next year. I don’t intend to move house but I will be paying off my mortgage as soon as possible!”

The lucky ticket was bought at Bell’s Redcar, Larkwood Road, Redcar. The winning Lotto numbers on 17 December 2005 were: 7, 11, 15, 21, 35 and 47.

The National Lottery[®] is also giving players the chance to win a Christmas present to really remember with a Lotto Superdraw on Christmas Eve (Saturday 24 December). With a guaranteed £15 million jackpot available to win, that is 15 million extra reasons to celebrate in real style – imagine waking up a multi-millionaire on Christmas morning.

There is also an £5.3 million estimated Lotto Extra jackpot available to win on Christmas Eve – while for another chance to win it big, Friday night’s (23 December) EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is an estimated £43 million.

** Of the five-strong syndicate, two members wish to remain anonymous.*

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