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Nottingham Couple First Past The Post With £10,215,000 EuroMillions Jackpot

A Nottingham couple with a love of horses galloped off with £10,215,000 on last Friday's EuroMillions draw (14 October) – now, after racing home with the jackpot, Jean O'Shea (63), and her husband Michael (67), are saddling up for a perfect retirement.

Michael, a former builder, who once wanted to breed shire horses, is now looking forward to a thoroughbred lifestyle with his family of three children and two grandchildren. This includes plans to help each member of the family and time together to celebrate in style. Jean is hoping to take her husband of 42 years on a second honeymoon, although the destination remains a secret.

Jean said: "At the moment we are just getting used to this fantastic win and we are not making any rash decisions, but one of our first priorities is to take care of the family. This is something we always said we would do if we ever won the lottery."

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The couple were at home on Saturday morning when they discovered their win. Jean explained: “Michael put on Ceefax to check our numbers. We weren’t expecting anything exciting to happen and then he read out our winning line. It was unbelievable and I kept asking him to check again because it wouldn’t sink in at first. We are both so over the moon.”

The couple, who have only just started playing EuroMillions – although they regularly play Lotto twice a week – chose a selection of family birthdays for their winning line of numbers. The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 14 October were 10, 11, 19, 20 and 23, and the Lucky Star numbers were 1 and 6. The winning ticket was bought from Sneiton Dale Sub Post Office.

This Wednesday (19 October) there is an estimated £2.8 million Lotto jackpot and an estimated £1.2 million Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while next Friday’s (21 October) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million..

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