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The Bluebirds Are Singing For Wales’ Latest Lottery Winners

Aberdare family scoops £250,000 Thunderball jackpot

A family of Cardiff City fans from Aberdare have scored Wales’ latest big lottery win, after netting the £250,000 Thunderball jackpot in the draw on Saturday 5 August 2006 – this means that Wales is now leagues ahead in terms of winners this year, with four in the last two weeks.

Danusia Phillips (38), who lives with her partner Terry (34), and her three sons Martyn (20), Paul (19), and Ethan (5), was going through some paperwork in front of the TV on Saturday when she heard her numbers come up during the Thunderball draw. For Danusia, who owns her own driving school ‘Around the Bend’, and Terry, who works at Eden Manufacturing in Aberdare, the money could not have come at a better time. The Thundreball win also means that she will be able to treat herself to her first holiday since 1998.

Danusia said: “Funnily enough, I was sorting out the finances when the draw started. I was only half listening, but when I realised that I had more than a few numbers I gave the TV my full attention. I kept looking at the screen in disbelief and saw the Thunderball. I was sobbing when I ran downstairs to tell Terry – and we had to check the numbers over and over again to make sure it was real.”

She added: “It’s been a hard year all round. At some points I was working 12-hour days to make ends meet. This money really will make the world of difference to us as a family. Although we will both keep our jobs, the extra money means I will be able to work less and spend more time with my youngest son. The early years are very precious and now I will be able to cut down on my hours without worrying about the financial consequences.

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Danusia continued: “I’ve got a large family, and I’d like to help them all out. I think I’ll probably buy a caravan in Tenby, so everyone can benefit from the money in some way. A big party is also on the cards for all my friends and family, but a family holiday for the five of us is first on the list though. I’m not sure where yet, but it’ll be nice just to be able to look through some brochures and take our pick.”

The winning Thunderball ticket, which was made up of a choice of regular numbers, was bought at Woolworth’s, Commercial Street, Aberdare. The winning Thunderball numbers on Saturday 5 July were 3, 4, 7, 11, 19, and the Thunderball was 3.

This Wednesday, there is an estimated Lotto jackpot of £2.6 million, while this Friday’s EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £23 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark ‘yes’ to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip®.

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