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Bacup Man Has Lotto Win All Boxed Up

David Cairns (54), a production operative at a packaging company, is celebrating after unwrapping a £66,388 windfall by matching five numbers and the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on Saturday 2 December.

The winning Lotto ticket was bought at Tesco in Rawtenstall, and David has the assistant to thank, in part, for his win. He said: "When I got to the kiosk at Tesco, I started talking to the assistant about how much I would like to win, and I said to him 'Please just give me five numbers and the bonus', to which he replied 'I'll try!'. I never thought it would actually work!"

David, who has been playing the Lotto since it began, was at home with his wife, Judith (53), when he discovered he had won of the win. David explained: "I don't usually get a look-in with the TV on Saturday night because Judith has control of it, but when the draw came on I asked her to leave it on. When I saw that I had matched five numbers, I ran into the kitchen to share the good news. It was only because Judith told me to go and check the bonus number that I realised I had matched that too!"

After ringing his sons, Oliver (21) and Daniel (27), to tell them the exciting ood news, David and Judith celebrated the win by taking their neighbours out for a Chinese meal. After trying to find the safest place to keep the ticket, David decided to put it in a rather unusual spot. He continued: "I didn't know where to keep the ticket and I kept moving it. It had been all over the house before it eventually ended up under the dog's basket!"

David and Judith have paid off their mortgage with the win, and having learned to scuba dive while on holiday in the Caribbean a few years ago, they now plan to take the plunge and start diving again. They also want to treat themselves to a holiday in Australia.

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The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 2 December were 9, 11, 15, 31, 42, 46 and the bonus number was 27. This Friday (15 December), there is a £XX million estimated EuroMillions jackpot available to win, while Wednesday's (13 December) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £XX 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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