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Aberdeen Gran's Date with Destiny Nets £52,000 Lotto Win

Friday 13th turned out to be lucky after all for an Aberdeen grandmother, who is now thanking her lucky stars after taking the advice in her horoscope to buy a Lotto ticket – which went on to win her £52,197.

Aileen Duguid (52), from Westhill near Aberdeen, decided to play Lotto on Friday 13 January after checking her horoscope during a break from work at Somerfield in Westhill –where she also bought the winning ticket. Just over 24 hours later Aileen, whose job is to ensure that supermarket stock is 'in date', was celebrating a £52,197 win after matching five numbers and the bonus ball.

Aileen said: "I don't usually take much notice of horoscopes, but this one was so specific about buying a lottery ticket on Friday and wearing light blue for luck, I just thought I'd give it a try. I usually buy my ticket on a Saturday but put it on a day early, and I wore a light blue top as well.

"I was watching the lottery draw on TV with my mum on Saturday night and the matching numbers just kept coming up. We couldn't believe we had five numbers and the bonus ball so I phoned my son-in-law to get him to double-check. Now that I've actually got the cheque it's real, and a great start to the New Year!"

Now Aileen, a divorcee with two daughters Sarah (24) and Danielle (19), as well as two grandchildren, Rhiannon (7) and Rhys (5), is planning to pay off the mortgage on her home of 15 years and splash out on a holiday to Florida for the whole family.

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Determined to keep her feet on the ground, Aileen celebrated her good fortune at the weekend with a Chinese meal from the local takeaway – accompanied by a bottle of champagne.

The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 14 January were 04, 08, 16, 23, 28, 47 and the bonus number was 34.

This Wednesday (25 January) there is an estimated £2.8 million Lotto jackpot and a estimated £7.4 million Lotto Extra jackpot available to win – while Friday's (27 January) EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is the biggest ever in European lottery history, at a phenomenal estimated **£100 million**.

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