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Lucky for Some ... Thirteen-Strong Pub Syndicate Pulls Lotto Win

Thirteen regulars and the landlord at a Penarth pub are getting the drinks in to celebrate matching five numbers and the bonus ball to win £52,197 on last Saturday's Lotto draw (14 January).

The syndicate members, who are all regulars at the Merrie Harrier pub on Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth, are feeling more than lucky after they each pocketed a £4,015 share of the win. Syndicate member and pub landlord, Charles Anderson (62), was busy preparing Sunday lunches at the pub when he heard about the win.

He said: "One of the syndicate members sent one of the staff into the kitchens to say that our numbers had come up on the lottery. I won't repeat what I said, but I certainly didn't think he was serious – and as I had all these Sunday lunches to get out, so I just ignored it!"

When Charles finally realised the group really had won, there was not even time for a celebratory pint, as he was back behind the bar for the pub quiz that night. Charles – who is married to Elaine (62), and has three grown up children, and three grandchildren – plans to spend the money on a trip to the Greek Island of Skiathos this summer, where Elaine's sister and her husband run a sailing school.

Charles added: "We've never been out to see the sailing school, so this money will mean we can really enjoy ourselves while we are in Greece this summer. It's only now that I've got the cheque that it's really sunk in that we've won. I know it's not life changing, but it is a superb feeling."

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