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Dame Kelly Holmes Celebrates Dream Win For Aldershot Syndicate

A catering and cleaning syndicate based at Clayton Barracks, Aldershot, were joined by double Olympic gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes to celebrate sweeping up a £500,000 **Dream Number** jackpot. The syndicate are the first winners of the **Dream Number** jackpot to take publicity. They matched all seven numbers in the correct order in the **Dream Number** draw on Wednesday 13 September 2006.

Dame Kelly Holmes said: "I am very pleased to be celebrating this fantastic win with the lucky syndicate today. Dream Number is a fantastic game as all the Good Causes money raised from every ticket bought goes towards funding the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. It's great that games like Dream Number offer National Lottery players the chance to win gold themselves, while also playing their part in supporting London 2012."

Members of the syndicate, including James Rigney, Karen Gibson and Stella Medway, all work in the catering and cleaning department for Sodexo Defence Services, a leading provider of support services to the armed forces in the UK and Ireland.

James Rigney, a member of the syndicate, said: "We are all absolutely thrilled with the win. The remarkable thing is that if it had been left to me we would never have even bought a ticket. Two weeks previously, I suggested that we stopped playing the National Lottery! Instead I thought it would be good if we all still put our money in the pot and then used it for a great Christmas bash. Luckily, no one agreed with me!"

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James continued: “I found out that we had won on the Thursday morning following the Wednesday draw. Karen Gibson, who runs the syndicate, came into the office and told us all to sit down. She then told us that we had won the Dream Number jackpot! I didn’t believe her and was sure she was joking. We always have a joke when we play the lottery – in fact I always demand my money back when we don’t win!

“Karen found out on the evening of the draw but didn’t phone any of the syndicate members. She was worried that she had got it wrong so she wanted to check first before telling anyone. Karen said she was so nervous about losing the ticket that evening that she slept with it underneath her pillow!”

James said: “I don’t have any big plans at the moment on what to spend the money on. The funny thing is that I have just traded in my sports car because it was costing me too much in petrol – if I had won a week earlier I probably would have kept it! I have been looking for a new house though, so the money will probably go towards that. I have also given my four children some of the money to enjoy and one of them is planning to spend it on a trip to the Bahamas next year.”

The winning Dream Number ticket was purchased from # in #. The consecutive winning numbers for the 13 September 2006 Dream Number draw were 1, 1, 8, 3, 6, 3 and 9.

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Dream Number – is the first designated draw-based lottery game to raise funds for the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in London. The National Lottery will contribute £1.5 billion to London 2012 of which £750 million will come from specially designated games such as Dream Number where all the Good Causes money raised from those games will go towards funding London 2012.

Every Lotto play slip **now** comes with the Dream Number game option and features a seven-digit Dream Number – there are one million possible winning combinations per draw and it is up to players to mark ‘Yes’ to play the Dream Number already printed on their play slip or ask for a Lucky Dip®. Each entry costs £1 to play and the game can be played in addition to or independently of Lotto. To win a prize you need to match the seven digits in your Dream Number with the seven numbers drawn, in the same sequence to which they are drawn. The more numbers you match **in order from left to right**, the more you win. There are seven prize tiers, ranging from £2 for matching the first number drawn through to £500,000 for matching all seven numbers in the correct sequence from left to right.

This Saturday, there is an estimated Lotto jackpot of £X.X million, while this Friday’s EuroMillions jackpot is now an incredible estimated **£54 million**.

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