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## **Mum Of Three Plans New Life After Landing £8.37m Jackpot**

Mum of three, Jennifer Southall, was tasting champagne for the first time today after scooping an £8.37m Lotto Rollover Jackpot.

Jennifer (43), from Newport, Gwent, left it six days before checking the numbers on the Lucky Dip® ticket she had bought for The National Lottery® draw on Easter Saturday, April 7 2007. . But within an hour of discovering she had won an £8,372,751 fortune, she resigned from her job as a cinema supervisor and started planning the rest of her life.

A single mother of three teenage children who all still live at home in Ringland, Newport, Jennifer spent the first day of being a Lotto multi-millionaire at the local shops with her mum and sister.

“We thought we’d go mad and go shopping together in Newport. I’ve never gone through so much money before in a single day,” she said. “I spent about £1,500 on clothes, phones, a new handbag and a posh pair of trainers. We had great fun.”

But the serious spending will start once Jennifer, who worked for 10 years as a supervisor at Cineworld in Spytty Road, Newport, passes her driving test. “I finally have the money to pay for driving lessons and once I’ve passed I’m going to go out a buy myself a brand new car – probably a pretty red one.

“I’ve also always wanted to live in a big house with a swimming pool – and a bedroom for me that’s far enough away from the kids that I won’t be able to hear their music blaring anymore!

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“In fact, even though I still feel sick and in shock at having won so much money, believe me I am going to enjoy spending it.”

Jennifer, who has a daughter (19) and two sons (17) and (14), is Newport born and bred. She was brought up in the Alway district of the town before moving to Ringland.

“I love Newport and even though I shall look to buy a much bigger house, I can’t ever imagine myself moving away from the area. All my family and friends are here and they are very important to me,” she said.

Jennifer has played The National Lottery since it started and bought her Lucky Dip winning ticket at her local Tesco on the Monday before the Easter Saturday draw.

“The day I bought the ticket I slipped it in my bra for safekeeping before putting it in my purse later in the day. I never thought for one moment it would end up changing my life. When I went back to Tesco last Friday to check the numbers the shop assistant looked at me and said: ‘I think you’ve won rather a lot of money.’

“When she printed off the slip showing exactly what I’d won I started dancing from one foot to the other. A queue of people had built up behind me and they must have thought I was some sort of demented fool. I suddenly felt sick – and still do – although now it’s a very excited sort of sick feeling. I walked over the road to work, told my manager I’d won the lottery and handed in my notice there and then.

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“When I went to have my ticket checked Camelot gave me a bottle of champagne to help me celebrate, but I just went home and ordered a pizza. I still haven’t opened the champagne – I have never tasted real champagne in my life.”

Jennifer, who also plans to get a new passport and fly to Spain to visit her other sister, received her winning cheque today at a press conference at the Celtic Manor Resort hotel, near Newport, where the champagne was finally flowing.

She was accompanied by her sister, Angela Edwards, and their mum, Mrs Jeanette Steed, who also live in Newport.

“I am so looking forward to spending some of my money on buying things for my family. They are everything to me,” she added.

The winning Lotto ticket, which was a Lucky Dip, was bought from Tesco in Spytty Road, Newport. The Lotto numbers on Saturday 7 April were 23, 24, 30, 31, 33 and 37. Jennifer plans to carry on playing the National Lottery every Wednesday and Saturday.

Hers is the fourth Lotto jackpot win in Gwent in the last 12 months. In April last year, retired factory worker Gareth Cooper (54) from Cwmbran won £2,470,696; ex-miners and best friends John Ackerman (63) and John Stinchcombe (59), from Crumlin, scooped £11,544,846; and in January this year supermarket worker Celestina Setterlund (33), from Newport, cashed in on a £1,173,269 jackpot – a total of £23,561,562 in less than a year.

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This Wednesday (18 April 2007) the Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million jackpot, while Friday's (20 April 2007) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 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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