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Local Hairdressers Feel 'A Cut Above' After Thunderball Win

A group of five local hairdressers from Mayfair Hair Salon in Lancing, West Sussex, are celebrating their hair-raising Thunderball jackpot win of £250,000 in the draw on Saturday 31 March.

Syndicate leader, Jean Rolls (59) from Sompting, owns the salon where three other members of the syndicate, Jackie Winstanley, Phyl Benham and Ann Lillywhite all work. Jean discovered that they had won when she looked at the results on Teletext in the early hours of Sunday morning and realised they had matched all five main numbers and the Thunderball in the previous night's draw. She had to check the numbers a dozen times, but when the news sank in Jean immediately phoned all the girls in the syndicate to tell them.

Jean said: "I couldn't wait until the morning to call them but when I told them that we'd won, they didn't believe me. They thought I was playing a joke on them because it was April Fools' Day – one of the girls hung up on me twice before she realised I was telling the truth.

"The funny thing is that we usually buy a ticket for the Lotto draw, but for some reason I told my husband to buy a ticket for the Thunderball draw instead. It's as if I knew we were going to be lucky."

Jean – whose favourite colour is pink – added: "The girls and I went up to the Camelot regional centre in a chauffeur-driven pink Limo, all dressed in pink! We sang all the way there and back, and drank plenty of champagne. We are all really excited about the win and have been enjoying every moment of it."

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Jean and the rest of the syndicate members are currently deciding how to spend their individual shares of the winnings. Jean intends to treat her family with gifts and buy a brand new kitchen. Two of the other members of the syndicate intend to buy new cars.

The syndicate's winning ticket, which was a Lucky Dip[®], was purchased at Somerfield, North Road, Lancing. The winning Thunderball numbers on Saturday 31 March 2007 were 6, 13, 20, 28, 32, and the Thunderball was 3.

Tonight (Wednesday 11 April) there is another Thunderball jackpot of £250,000 and an estimated £x.x million Lotto jackpot available to win – while Friday's (13 April) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £x.x 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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