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Aircraft Engineers Flying High With Thunderball Win

The sky is now the limit for six aircraft engineers from Cheltenham, who are feeling on top of the world after winning a £250,000 Thunderball jackpot last Wednesday (3 January 2007).

The syndicate winners, known as 'The Dream Team', who all work at Smiths Aerospace in Bishops Cleeve – a leading transatlantic aerospace systems and equipment business – are now celebrating their big Thunderball win. The lucky members of the group are: Jo Gill (58) – who has worked for the company for 27 years – Mike Williams (55), Alan Howells (56), Michael Deakes (52) and head of the syndicate, Larry Davies (51). They all plan to continue working in their dream job but have a range of exciting ideas about how to enjoying their share of the lottery windfall – plans include paying off mortgages, home improvements and buying new cars.

Syndicate leader Larry from Cheltenham, who checks their ticket every week on Teletext, discovered they had won the Thunderball top prize. After hearing the good news, the syndicate members all piled over to Larry's house to double-check the numbers.

Larry said: "I was stunned when I saw all the numbers on the TV. I rang up all the lads and told them we had won and that drinks were ready at my house for their arrival. I aim to make sure all my family are OK and look after them all. Following that I plan a few other treats, but need some more time to think about what to do – I'm still in shock!"

The syndicate always buy its tickets from the same retailer each week – the Spar on Tommy Taylor's Lane in Cheltenham. The winning Thunderball numbers on Wednesday 3 January 2007 were 8, 11, 13, 29, 32 and the Thunderball number was 9.

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Tonight's (Friday 12 January 2007) there is an estimated £10 million EuroMillions jackpot, while tomorrow's (Saturday 13 January) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.7 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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