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## **EuroMillions Win Puts Local Actor In The Spotlight**

Life has imitated art for a local amateur actor, Robin Thompson (49), while playing the lead role in a production of *Tons of Money* – he is now applauding a EuroMillions win of £52,721.70 after matching all five main numbers in the draw on Friday 23 February.

Robin, a Senior Probation Officer at HM Prison Whymott, Leyland, played a butler in the performance, who was plotting an underhand scheme to get his hands on the family inheritance. It was not until after the final curtain had fallen that Robin realised that he had already got his hands on some lottery loot of his own though. Now, house renovations and upgrading his car to a diesel Volvo S80 are taking centre stage in his plans – he is also hoping to go on the holiday of a lifetime and is considering possible destinations.

Robin explained: "We had been on stage every night during the week; however, I did find the time on Thursday night to put my numbers on for the EuroMillions draw using my National Lottery interactive account.

"When I was going through my email messages I came across one from the lottery letting me know that there was good news. When I logged on to my account I initially misread that I had won £52 – then taking another look I realised that it was much, much more."

The winning EuroMillions numbers on Friday 23 February were: 2, 15, 18, 20, 22 and Lucky Star numbers were 2 and 5. Robin bought his ticket, which was a Lucky Dip<sup>®</sup>, online at [www.national-lottery.co.uk](http://www.national-lottery.co.uk).

He commented: "The interactive version of playing the lottery is perfect for me – I always play with Lucky Dip numbers and never know what my numbers are to check them, but with interactive site it is all done for me!"

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Tonight's (Friday 9 March) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million, while tomorrow (Saturday 10 March) there is an estimated £4.7 million Lotto jackpot. 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<sup>®</sup>.

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