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## **Wheels Of Fortune For Lucky Lotto Couple**

A couple who own a car valeting company in Cardiff, are miles happier – and looking forward to life in the fast lane – after cleaning up £83,566 on Lotto on Wednesday 7 November 2007, by matching five numbers and the bonus ball.

Amanda Blake (34), and her partner, Paul Buckingham (42), have run Ultimate Valeting on Ipswich Road, Cardiff for the last seven years. The couple, who have been together for 14 years and originally come from Llanrumney and Splott in Cardiff, now live in Coedkernew with their three children – Natasha (10), Taylor (9), Grant (7) and Paul's daughter, Terry Ann (19).

Ironically, entering the draw on 7 November was the first time Amanda had played Lotto in eight weeks, as she had always bought her ticket when she took her Dad shopping and in recent weeks they had been going on a Sunday instead. The couple were at home when they discovered their win, although they did not check their lottery tickets until the Saturday after the draw.

Amanda said: "When Paul and I checked the numbers on Saturday night I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Although I didn't have the ticket to hand, I recognised our numbers straight away as they are all of our birthdays. Within moments I had turned into an hysterical, crying wreck, but thankfully Paul was really calm. I couldn't quite believe that we were sitting on that kind of money for three days without even knowing it."

The couple now plan to have a lavish shopping spree. Top of their wish list is a fantastic Christmas for their children and a well-deserved break. Although the couple have yet to decide where their first family holiday will take them, their son, Grant, is hoping that a trip to Jamaica is on the cards.

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Amanda said: “For the last few years we have worked every hour available to make sure that the business succeeds and that the children get all that they need. This win is going to make everything much easier.”

Amanda and Paul bought their winning ticket at Tesco in Culverhouse Cross in Cardiff. The winning Lotto numbers on Wednesday 7 November were 2, 6, 9, 13, 17, 36 and the bonus ball number was 4.

This Wednesday’s (21 November) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £xx million while Friday’s (23 November) estimated EuroMillions jackpot is £xx million. Every Lotto 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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