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Lifelong Friends Cast Off For A Lotto Jackpot Win

Two lifelong friends, who met on a ship 25 years ago, have scooped a life changing £962,302 Lotto jackpot share in Saturday's Lotto draw (20 October 2007). Fraser Exley (54), who works as a Chief Engineer for OSG UK Ltd and David Horsburgh (50), who works as an Operations Superintendent for BP, are now planning a joint holiday with their wives to celebrate.

As well as a holiday, family definitely comes first for Fraser and wife Ishbel (54) who live in Denny and have three children Andrew (25), Fiona (23) and Iain (21). The same is true for David and his wife Mary (48) who live in Crossford and have five children Steven (25), Ann (23), Nicola (20), Natalie (18) and Louise (15).

The couples were having a weekend together in Glasgow and were enjoying a drink together on Saturday night when they discovered their good fortune.

Fraser explained: "Every so often the four of us meet up for a big night in Glasgow. This Saturday Ishbel and I had gone to the Old Firm Derby first. We were very happy because not only had we won 3-0, but David is a Celtic fan! As we came out of the game, I said to her: 'Oh it doesn't get any better than this.' Not realising it would.

"Later that evening we were having a nightcap after dinner and we decided to check our ticket. We could not believe it when we saw the numbers. Our wives wouldn't believe us at first. It was only when David ordered a bottle of Dom Perignon 1999 to celebrate that they realised it must be true.

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“At the moment we are all just thinking ‘Wow, we’ve won the Lottery!’ We haven’t really made any plans apart from paying off mortgages and going on holiday together. In 25 years the four of us have never been away so it will be really great.”

Fraser and David, who have been playing together for two years, bought their winning Lotto ticket, which was a Lucky Dip[®], at RS McColl in Church Walk, Denny. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 20 October were: 4, 15, 25, 27, 33 and 40.

This Wednesday (24 October) there is an estimated Lotto jackpot of £2.5 million, while this Friday’s (26 October) estimated EuroMillions jackpot is £19 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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