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Lotto Champagne For Preston Seniors!

A syndicate of 30 pensioners from Preston is celebrating after scooping a fabulous £53,258 Lotto win. The group, who matched five numbers plus the bonus ball on Saturday 29 September 2007, all live at the same sheltered accommodation in Ingol and now plan to drink Champagne instead of tea when they play their weekly game of Bingo!

Aged between 60 and 90 years, the members instantly began planning how to spend their winnings. Shopping sprees, holidays and treats for grandchildren are top of the general shopping list, but the first purchases for syndicate organiser Margaret Shaw (70), will be a brand new computer and a frying pan!

Margaret said: "Everyone in the syndicate has copies of the numbers so rumours started soon after the draw that we had matched five of them. But member Joe Casey thought we may have had the bonus ball as well.

"When I checked the numbers, I realised Joe was right and started shaking! I always pin the results on our notice board in the communal lounge so it was a great feeling to put up the announcement that we had won over £50k. We are already planning a special celebratory meal later in the month. I know it will be a night to remember and I definitely plan to treat myself to a few cocktails."

The syndicate, who has been playing for over two years, bought their winning ticket, which was a regular selection of random numbers, at United News Shops, in Ingol.

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The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 29 September were 1, 9, 10, 11, 16, 49 and the bonus ball 37.

Tonight's (5 October) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £10 million, while Saturday's (6 October) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £4.5 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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