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Superstitions Pay Off For Winning Lotto Syndicate

A black cat crossing their path and the number 13 have proved very lucky for a 14-strong syndicate of care workers from Bury St Edmunds, which won £134,969 on Lotto on Wednesday 13 February 2008.

The syndicate members from Glastonbury Court, a residential care home for older people in Bury St Edmunds, have all walked away with over £9,000 each after matching five main numbers plus the bonus ball. Known as the Glastonbury Court Clan, the syndicate members could not believe their luck as a week prior to winning, a black cat crossed the path of syndicate leader Annette Seammen (60). They are all now drawing up wish lists for how to spend their respective shares of the winnings, including home improvements, new computers and savings.

Annette said: "I remember coming into work and asking some of the girls what it meant when a black cat passes you from left to right. None of us could really remember, but we all agreed it should mean good luck but it actually means something wrong will happen.

"I checked our numbers on the night of the draw around midnight. It always takes a bit of time to check them because we have so many lines to go through but I carried on checking and it was our very last line which had five matching numbers and the bonus ball. Some time ago we'd all agreed that it didn't matter how late it was – if we won the lottery, we were to call each other. I didn't sleep a wink that night!"

Glastonbury Court Clan's Lucky Dip® ticket was bought at the Post Office in Thurston near Bury St Edmunds. The winning numbers on Wednesday 13 February 2008 were 9, 14, 24, 28, 32, 41 and the bonus ball was 13.

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Wednesday night (27 February 2008) there is an estimated £Xx million Lotto jackpot available to win, while this Friday's (29 February 2008) EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £Xx 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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