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Metal Worker Gets Minted After Lotto Win

A metal worker from Plymouth has minted himself a fortune after matching five numbers and the bonus ball and scooping £76,812 in the Lotto draw on Wednesday 16 January 2008.

Robert Morgan couldn't believe his eyes when he checked his Lotto ticket the morning after the draw. All prepared and ready to go to work, Robert was in shock when he realised he had won. Robert said: "I checked my numbers on teletext before work on Thursday. As I went through the numbers one-by-one I realised I had matched five numbers plus the bonus ball. I went straight upstairs to give my partner Jean a cup of tea because she wasn't feeling very well. She told me she didn't want to get out of bed. I said to her, 'I'll give you something to get out of bed for. I've won the Lottery!'"

He continued: "Jean came running down the stairs after me and wouldn't believe me until she had checked the numbers herself because she knows how poor my eyesight is. We were both in complete shock and couldn't believe it."

The win couldn't have come at a better time. On the way to verifying their ticket at Camelot's regional centre, their car broke down making them reliant on the RAC to get them there! A shiny new car is now at the top of Robert's wish list together with treating his daughter, Lamara (20) to a trip to Disney World in Florida as well as helping Jean's (58) daughter with the cost of her forthcoming wedding.

Loyal lottery player Robert has been playing Lotto since it started and always buys Lucky Dip® lines on a Saturday and Wednesday. The winning ticket was bought at the Mini Market on North Prospect Road. The Lotto numbers on Wednesday 16 January 2008 were 8, 13, 17, 22, 29, 42 and the bonus ball was 43.

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On Wednesday (30 January 2008) the Lotto jackpot is an estimated £xxx million, while Friday's (1 February 2008) 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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