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Pub Syndicate Pull More Than A Pint With Lotto Win

A 20-strong syndicate, from a local public house, is celebrating today after matching five balls plus the bonus ball, scooping £228,012 in the Lotto draw on Wednesday 27 February 2007.

Syndicate members from The Great Western Inn public house on London Road, St Albans are overwhelmed by their win and simply can't believe their luck, although one member had a slight inkling that a win was looming.

Syndicate leader and pub landlord, John Slight (48) explained: "My partner Debbie Jenner (39), also a syndicate member, said to her son before he left for school on the day of the draw, 'I bet we win the lottery tonight, I'm feeling lucky,' to which he replied 'I bet you a load of money we won't'. The day after the draw took place, we realised we had won and literally couldn't believe it, neither could Debbie's son!

"I was at home with Debbie and my Dad when our barman called to say we had won some money. I didn't believe him as we are always playing tricks on one another, but I got my Dad to check the numbers on his computer just in case. I couldn't believe my eyes when I realised he was telling the truth. I was just standing in shock whilst Debbie was running around the room!"

The other syndicate members were just as happy as Debbie and were informed as and when they came into the pub. The news spread like wild fire. John continued: "No one believed it when they heard we had won the lottery, it only really sunk it once we went to Camelot's regional centre and collected the cheque. As soon as we got back the celebrations began, none of us can stop smiling."

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Shopping lists are now being drawn up with holidays featuring high on many. John has a family trip to Greece on the cards, while Debbie has opted for a new car and has already ordered a bright yellow Ford Focus Millennium.

The syndicate have been playing Lotto every Wednesday and Saturday since the lottery began over 13 years ago and had an unusual way of picking their numbers. As Lucky Dip® tickets didn't exist when the lottery was first formed, the syndicate found their own way of randomly picking numbers through using a small, plastic bingo machine. As six balls left the little machine another line of Lotto numbers were created until the syndicate had 20 completed lines. The same numbers have been used ever since.

The lucky ticket was bought at the Londis and Post Office store on London Road, the winning numbers on Wednesday 27 February 2008 were 16, 29, 30, 32, 38, 45 and the bonus ball was 40.

Wednesday night's (12 March 2008) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £XX million and Friday's estimated EuroMillions jackpot is £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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