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Swansong For Lotto-Winning Granddad

A retired grandfather from Swansea is toasting the luck of the Welsh, after winning a Lotto fortune of £53,117 on St David's Day (Saturday 1 March 2008), by matching five numbers and the bonus ball.

John Davies (57), from St Thomas, worked for BT in the city for more than 20 years before retiring in 2003. Since his retirement, the life-long Swansea City fan, who has been married to wife Irene (56) – a kitchen assistant at a care home for 36 years – has indulged in his favourite pastimes of watching the Swans, spending time with his large family and helping with the administration of a table tennis team in Penlan.

With three children – Rachel (33), David (31), and Tom (18) – and six grandchildren, John rarely has a moment to himself. However, it was during a quiet moment on the night of St David's Day that Irene thought the Lotto numbers looked more than a little familiar.

It was not until John checked the numbers on Teletext the following day that he realised just how lucky his numbers had been and called his wife and youngest son to share the good news. Unlike some people who might have celebrated their windfall with a glass of champagne or an extravagant meal, John spent the Sunday evening repairing the flat tyre on his son's bike.

John said: "When I saw my numbers on the screen, I thought I was seeing things. Although Irene had said that they looked familiar the night before, we thought that they would be spread across a few of the five lines that we play.

"I immediately rang Irene at work, and texted Tom to tell him. It wasn't until he returned home from his weekend job that he realised the win was as much as it was, and not the £117 that he thought he had seen on my text."

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John added: "Winning this money is great, it will allow us to make some renovations to the house and buy things that we otherwise would have had to put off for a little while. Essentially we were happy before, but this lovely win will make our retirement a lot easier."

John bought his winning ticket at Morrisons store in Morfa Parc. The winning Lotto numbers on 1 March 2008 were 1, 8, 12, 20, 29, and 49 – and the bonus ball was 4.

This Wednesday's (19 March 2008) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £--- million, while Friday's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £--- million. Every Lotto 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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