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Stoke City Fans Score Lotto Jackpot Win

A couple from the Stoke area, who are lifelong Stoke City FC fans, are cheering from the terraces after netting a £2,630,225 Lotto jackpot win on last Saturday's draw (15 November 2008).

Jackie Livesley (52) and her husband John (46) can now afford to treat themselves and family to a Christmas to remember. But before that Jackie has her sights set on a trip to the Maldives, whereas John is looking through the Range Rover Sport brochure.

But things may have turned out differently if Jackie had managed to persuade John not to do their usual weekly shop because of the cold weather outside. After 'winning' her over and venturing out in the rain, they decided to take a trip to Leek and bought their Lotto tickets from Morrisons on the Newcastle Road at the same time – which turned out to be one of the best decisions they have ever made.

They didn't discover that they were winners until the following day, after a morning of household chores. Jackie said: "I'd been cleaning the kitchen floor and needed a break. I put the kettle on for a coffee and checked Teletext. I looked, looked and looked again before shouting out for John.

"John was having a lie-in as he was working nights. He ran into the living room, realising something was up, and then calmly confirmed we'd matched all six numbers."

Before the first night celebrations could start – a drink down their local pub with family and friends – Jackie and John nipped next door to put their winning ticket in their neighbour's safe!

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Jackie is a Service Officer for the Probation Service in Stoke-on-Trent and John works for Clarius UK as a warehouse Team Leader in Cheadle. Jackie has a daughter Kirsty (26) and John has a son, Jon (21), both from previous marriages.

They have played the Lotto since it started in November 1994 and play on both a Wednesday and Saturday. They always have had a Lucky Dip®. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 15th November 2008 were 14, 17, 30, 37, 38, 41 and the bonus ball, 49.

Tomorrow night's (Wednesday 19th November) Lotto jackpot is an estimated £2.5 million, while Friday's EuroMillions jackpot is an estimated £12 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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