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Lucky For Some! Friday 13th Bags Bilston Couple Lotto Fortune

A retired Bilston couple have cast aside their superstitions after a Lotto ticket they bought on Friday 13 October won them an amazing £9,355,603 share of last Saturday's Triple Rollover jackpot (14 October 2006).

Even though a mirror had just fallen off their wall and smashed into pieces on the living room floor, Irene (69) and Ronald (75) Jones from Bilston, did not let that put them off buying their Lotto ticket on Friday 13th. Instead of looking at seven years of bad luck, they are now set for a lifetime of happiness after scooping over £9.3million. The lucky couple have decided that their first purchase will be a bungalow, a dream they have had for many years.

Irene, a retired Shoe Machine operative, said: "I was watching the television when I suddenly thought I'd better check our numbers. Ronald put Teletext on and we sat there counting the six winning numbers – again and again – we just could not believe it. I then phoned my daughter Lynn to tell her and ask her to come around to check the ticket, but it was late and she said she'd pop round in the morning."

Irene said, "The next morning I couldn't wait for Lynn so I phoned Camelot before she had arrived. Now I'm just wondering how to spend the money. The one thing for sure is that we are going to take our time and ensure all our loved ones are taken care of."

"The funniest thing about it all is that I bought the ticket on Friday 13th, after the mirror in the living room had fallen off the wall and smashed into a million pieces. We have been playing with the same numbers since the lottery began – as we are quite superstitious – but after recent events I am going to be less so, as our luck has definitely changed for the better."

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Irene bought the winning ticket – a regular selection of randomly chosen numbers – at Woolworths on Church Street, Bilston. The winning Lotto numbers on Saturday 14 October were: 8, 15, 24, 31, 37, and 45.

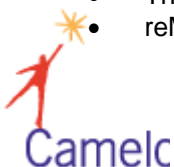
Tonight (Wednesday 18 October), there is an estimated £2.6 million Lotto jackpot available to win – while Friday's (20 October) estimated EuroMillions Rollover jackpot is a massive £64 million. Every Lotto play slip now comes with its own Dream Number – it is up to players to mark 'yes' to give their Dream Number its chance of winning up to £500,000, or choose a Lucky Dip[®].

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