



Two syndicates have won last night's Lotto jackpot worth just over £2 m. 43 employees of the Titex factory in Yole share £1m and the other winners were members of the syndicate at Fingal's Motors in Dublin.

It was lucky thirteen for this syndicate. 13 employees of Fingal's Motors celebrated their million-pound win on the garage forecourt this morning.

They'd been playing the Lotto for 5 years at a pound each. But because last night's jackpot was over the million-pound mark, they played more numbers. And it was THOSE numbers that won. They'll share just short of £85,000 each.

The news was just beginning to sink in this morning :

- Can you quite believe it ?

- I can now. I was er – it was still a bit... to believe this morning, you know. But I can now. Yeah.

- What are you gonna do with the money ?

- What am I gonna do ? Er – First thing is pay off the mortgage, and – er – I signed a deal with Pat yesterday for a new car, so I can pay that off in cash. And then... I think a nice family holiday... And the young one's birthday is on – is on Monday so she's getting a really nice present.

This afternoon they travelled to the National Lottery's Officer's to collect the check.

The owner of the garage, Eammon Mc Cabe and his daughter were both members of the syndicate

- Super – absolutely super. When I saw the faces of - of – I call them 'kids', every one of them above – you know – ...

- Suddenly their mortgages are no longer – it means nothing. Everything knows just. Change for them – an old codger like me, yes, great, but it's not as good as for the kiddies.

It's only 2 weeks since a group of 43 of the 94 in the workforce at the Titex surgical and medical textiles factory in Yole decided to run a syndicate, putting in £1 each per week. And today it was champagne all round as they celebrated their £1 million-plus jackpot. At the centre of the celebration was golden girl Michelle Horgan who bought the winning ticket in a £21,50 investment for the syndicate at the local post office. And how did the news get to her ?

Michelle HORGAN

- About nine o'clock last night when Justin O'Brien here and Mary Kelly came down to me and asked me did I do it and I said I did and so I gave them the ticket and they said they weren't sure first and then they came back and told me they had the numbers. So, went down to Spinwithy and got drunk for ourselves.

And the lady who chose the numbers was Sandy Cooney :

Sandy COONEY

- Er – I was born on the 19th day of the 7th month, I am 21, and I just – the other two just came to me.

And the 43 workers were today planning on how to spend the £25,600 they will each get when all 43 turn up at the Dublin Lottery HQ tomorrow, to claim their money with this lucky ticket.

- I don't know, I'd love a car...holidays – what else I don't know – I'm not thinking about it yet.

- ...got a drink I feel better...

specially tomorrow but – er – probably a holiday or something like that...