

**LOTTERY:** Electrician scoops second six-figure win in four months with same numbers

# He beats the odds in second lotto win

**MOST** people dream of winning lottery cash once in their lifetime - Mike McDermott has done it twice.

The 'lucky' electrician from this port is thought to be the only person in the country to scoop a second big win on the Lotto draw.

The chance of winning the lottery with five numbers and the bonus ball are one in 2,520,000 - said to be one of the best bets in a major gamble.

In June this year his numbers were 1, 2, 18, 21 and 33 with the bonus ball of 33 and he won £121,167.

The 49-year-old could not believe it the first time round when he matched five of the six winning numbers 15, 16, 18, 21 and 33 plus the bonus ball of 30 on Saturday June 9. Steve had repeated the trick last year Saturday's draw just three months earlier. Never was the jackpot, but Mike again got five of the winning numbers 15, 16, 18, 21, 33 and 30 plus the bonus ball, this time 28.

Mike, 41, was at home checking the latest on Belfast on Sunday evening when he saw his numbers appear before his eyes again.

He said: "It was ecstatic when I discovered I had won. It date but

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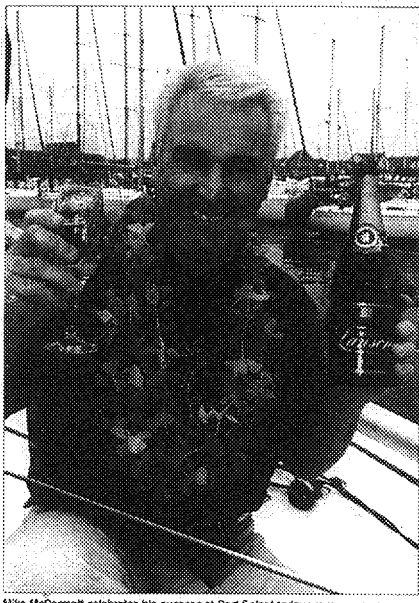
this time I really am in disbelief. We really can't believe you in credible luck. We thought that winning twice with the same numbers would be simply impossible, but obviously, it really can happen as it happened to us.

"People say that things always come in threes, so I will definitely be bringing the numbers 1, 200 believe that anything is possible."

Mr McDermott says the first big win on the Lotto was at his retirement home in Tullymore where his wife Helen has spent several years recovering from building work. Mike says his first big win a secret from his wife until she met him at the second round. Mike can now retire. The couple who live two children, Dominic, 21, and Jennifer, 23, will start their New Year together in Tullymore.

Alison Hoyle, at lottery vicarage, said: "Mike is a real success story. He's got 12 years and we don't think anyone can beat this before."

There is a one in 1,000 chance of seeing the jackpot once.



Mike McDermott celebrates his success at Port Solent today. PHOTO: DAVID WILSON/PA

## LOTTERY FACTS

• The jackpot starts at the Grand, Dublin, Tullane, Ipswich and Villa

• The lowest number for numbers are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49

• The top five numbers of any draw will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49

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## Probe GP back at work

A FETTER has been investigated for the conduct while employed at a GP surgery in Belfast.

Dr John Barton, who works as a GP at the Surgery in Fleetwood Road, Gosport, was on sick leave when the General Medical Council (GMC) said it was looking into his past conduct.

Dr Barton says in day-to-day charge of medical care at Fleetwood Ward Memorial Hospital until one left in July 2000. The way she performed her duties there is now being investigated by the GMC after it received complaints about her treatment of some of the doctor's patients who treated.

When the GMC investigated the GMC, which was only ever formally constituted it is aware of Dr Barton has decided she is not a doctor to perform and to fit to continue working while it continues her past professional conduct.

The GMC refused to verify that it was happy for Dr Barton to continue to work while she waited for



John Barton

a date for a possible conduct committee hearing.

However, Adrian Clarke from the GMC's strategic health authority said: "The GMC has not advised the strongest health authority of any grounds on which it believes it would be appropriate to prevent Dr Barton from working in general practice. On this basis, we believe it is appropriate for Dr Barton to continue."

## Air traffic control 'phantoms'

AIR traffic controllers have been given instructions for getting rid of phantom aircraft from their radar screens.

Flights indicating non-existent aircraft have appeared on screens at the control centre in Swanwick since it opened in January.

Bases at the National Air Traffic Services show that they do not risk aircraft safety and have issued guidelines to controllers for dealing with the shadow signals.

But the air traffic control union Prospect demanded action to cut out an extra burden on overworked staff.

NATS spokesman Richard Wright said: "This is not just a problem with Swanwick or its systems. It is a problem that occurs all around the world with the present generation of radar when we operate them right at the edge of their range.

The phenomenon has been

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reported three times in the same North Sea airspace. Occasionally, when two aircraft on parallel courses are less than five miles apart, a third ship - a reflection - appears on the screen next to the two genuine aircraft signals.

NATS management has told staff to get rid of the reflections by separating the aircraft by at least eight miles. Mr Wright assured the public that air traffic controllers would always assume there is another aircraft on their screens until the blip disappears.

But Prospect national secretary David Lambert said: "We are taking this up with management. This is an added burden on controllers who are already under pressure to safely what's going on."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Navy man denies child sex abuse

**GOSPORT:** A navy steward has appeared in court charged with sexually abusing his 14-year-old stepson. Eric Povey, 28, of Shanklin Road, Denistown, was charged with a 14-year-old girl on West Street on July 30. Eileen Guckin, of Newtown Park, Ballymore, pleaded no guilty at Fleetwood magistrates court yesterday. He was released on bail to return to court on November 21.

### Charged with attack

**FABRIAM:** A 21-year-old man has been charged with assaulting a 14-year-old girl on West Street on July 30. Eileen Guckin, of Newtown Park, Ballymore, pleaded no guilty at Fleetwood magistrates court yesterday. He was released on bail to return to court on November 21.

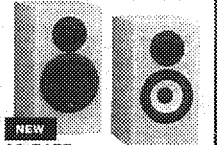
### Bid to fell poplars

**BEDHAMPTON:** Fishermen at Fleetwood Borough Council have been asked to approve an application to fell 100 mature poplar trees at 8 Tully Gardens.

### WHAT THEY SAID

My diving - not only helped me in space but it made all the difference when I was selected as an astronaut. Michael Finkle, headline star on the *Baywatch*.

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