Neil: the second conditional – transcript

(I can't guarantee this includes all small words and sounds spoken.)

Words within [] and in *italics* are spoken by the interviewer.

Please note that both the interviewer and Neil refer to 'Balaton.'
This is Lake Balaton in Hungary.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Well, I mean the first couple of things that er that I'd do are pretty obvious. So I'll get them out of the way. You know erm if I en..If I won the lottery and had a pretty decent sum of money then I'd want to pay off the mortgage on our flat. Umm keep, keep the flat, pay off the mortgage, keep it for the kids. Buy a house. I'd buy a house in the suburbs, you know, with a garden and err.

[near Balaton maybe?] Yeah, that's right so that's the other thing I'd do is have a summer house somewhere around Balaton. Erm. Again, nothing, nothing fancy, you know, because I wouldn't wanna spend all the money. But, but I would erm certainly something comfortable and good for a family of 4 and or well maybe more if they have their own family by then.

Maybe more excitingly erm I'm pretty sure that I'd invest or set up a business basically. Which might seem strange because I'd have just won a load of money, why set up a business? But it's not about profit, it's about the int, the hobby.

[So it's maybe something to do with teaching?] (Laughs) Yeah. No. It's a guitar shop. I'd love to [Oh really? Ok.] set up a music store, primarily guitars, you know, quality guitars and amplifiers and effects and all the accessories and so on. You know we're not just not just a shop. Maybe some kind..eh..l wouldn't say like a cultural centre, that's too grand but maybe have a free practice space next door for young local bands that they could book.

[So maybe a recording studio or something] Yeah, yeah that, that would be a good idea, definitely. A small recording studio and maybe set up a small venue for, for gigs! You know, for these local bands. Just to give them opportunities. I don't know how much money I've won by the way - (laughs) [Well, I'm thinking it's a significant amount. (Laughing) Significant. Yeah, not just £10] Well, this kind of thing I think would be...You'd want something that you're passionate about, that you're interested in and that's [sure]. It feels rewarding and, and so on and I think that's probably the direction I'd head in.