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DELIGHTED DANNIE WINS BIG AT BINGO

Stevenage bingo player calls “house” on national prize

Stevenage businesswoman, Dannie Westbury-Barnes definitely had lady luck on her side when she managed to scoop the **National Bingo Game** Jackpot prize, worth a whopping £50,000, at Beacon Bingo Cricklewood on the 11th November.

When asked about her amazing win; Dannie, owner of Diamond Transport, a company that transports special needs children to school and back, said; ‘It was amazing to win the **National Bingo Game**, and a complete shock. It got down to the final chance to win the big jackpot prize, and as I pointed at my machine my number was called. I wasn’t sure if I’d won the big jackpot or the smaller one until it was confirmed: it was all very surreal! I went straight outside to phone my husband and tell him what I’d won.’

“The other players were all cheering and clapping for me, and a lot came up to congratulate me afterwards which was lovely – it really is like one big family. I’ve decided to split the prize money with my mum and sister, who were both there with me on the night.”

Dannie added; “My children and I were going to America to visit a family friend over Christmas, but after this win the rest of the family have decided to join us! It’s the first Christmas since my grandson was born in September, so it will be lovely to have the whole family together at Christmas.”

Craig White, general manager at Beacon Bingo in Cricklewood said: “We were all absolutely ecstatic for Dannie! To win a prize in the National Bingo Game is very special for us. It was a really great moment.”

Alastair Stewart, Business Development Manager at the **National Bingo Game** said:

“We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Beacon Bingo winner and hope that she enjoys her winnings and the trip New York. We love making winners.”

To find a participating club and for further information on the National Bingo Game visit www.nationalbingo.co.uk. or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame) and Twitter.com @nationalbingo.

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and played under National Bingo Game Players' Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly. For more information and advice visit www.BeGambleAware.org

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About The National Game

- The National Bingo Game started in 1986, with the current format launched on 30th April 2018
- The new National Bingo Game is a Full House only game and offers players the following prizes:
Club Prize – won in every club, on every game
Jackpot Prizes of £50,000, £1,000 and £100
- To win a Club Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house.
- To win a Jackpot Prize a player must be the first in their participating venue to successfully complete a full house as follows in the following number of calls:
16 numbers or less to win £50,000
20 numbers or less to win £ 1,000
24 numbers or less to win £ 100
- Tickets for the National Bingo Game are £1 for 2 tickets OR £2 for 5 tickets
- Total prize money paid to date by the National Bingo Game is over £1BILLION!
- The National Bingo Game is the UK's second largest computer controlled game in the UK, the national lottery being the largest
- The National Bingo Game is played twice a day, every day, 364 days a year
- Around 270 clubs across the UK offer the National Bingo Game, including Gala, Mecca, Majestic, Castle, Carlton and Beacon, in addition to a wide range of independent clubs
- National LIVE is a linked interval game also provided the National Bingo Game Association.

- Over three million people play bingo regularly in the UK (at least twice a week)
- A night out at the bingo can cost as little as £15-25 each, including game books, duty, food and drink
- Most common reasons for playing bingo are because it's fun: it offers companionship and the chance to socialise as well as winning cash prizes
- Celebrities love bingo! Catherine Zeta Jones can thank bingo for her career after her dad won enough to afford to send her to theatre school; other celebrity fans include: Denise Van Outen, Scott Mills and former President Barrack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities started their careers in bingo, including Chris Tarrant, Simon from boy band Blue, East Ender's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.

About Praesepe

Beacon Bingo, Cashino, Funshine and Tan Express are part of the Praesepe Group of companies, one of Europe's largest and most experienced gaming organisations operating 6 Beacon Bingo clubs, 168 Cashino adult gaming centres, 6 seaside family entertainment centres and 28 tanning salons. Praesepe is based in Milton Keynes and employs over 1,800 people across its bingo and gaming venues.