



**Press release**

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## **LUCKY LOCAL STIRLING BINGO PLAYER CELEBRATES THEIR £50,000 JACKPOT WIN!**

Carlton Bingo Stirling rolled out the red carpet and bubbles last Saturday night to celebrate one customer's January good fortune: 2019 got off to an amazing start for lucky local bingo player Patricia Church, who saw all her numbers come up on the **National Bingo Game**, scooping a whopping Jackpot prize of £50,000.

Patricia, 52, was playing bingo on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at Carlton Bingo Stirling, with best friend and regular bingo buddy Elspeth McCallum (Ellie), when their regular bingo session took an unexpected and exciting turn: Patricia called 'house' on the **National Bingo Game**. Excited at the thought of having won the Club Prize mother of three and grandmother of two Patricia was not at all prepared for the announcement of her £50,000 Jackpot Win.

Jackpot Winner Patricia said, "*I thought I had won £1,000 and was in complete disbelief when I realised I had won £50,000 – I never ever expected to win that! I like bingo and go to get out of the house: who would have thought*"

Patricia was introduced to bingo by her mother many many years ago, but stopped going following her mother's death. It was not until old work colleague and best friend Ellie suggested coming along again that Patricia started going once more and now they meet for a catch up and bingo every week.

Speaking after Saturday's party at the club, following her cheque presentation, Patricia said, "*I still can't quite believe it: a £50,000 Jackpot on my first game of bingo this year. I am sharing my good luck with Ellie, so it's £25,000 each. I am going to pay off some debts and then figure out what next, but a holiday is planned. I shall be taking the children and grandchildren away and I think my son's friends may come too – so we shall be nine!*"

*"If I can win then anyone can, you never know your luck. Go for it!"*

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Craig Oliver, General Manager at Carlton Bingo Stirling said:

*"It is great to have a big win like this in our club. Seeing what the prize means to the winner is the real pleasure in this job. Over the last few years we have had a fair few big **National Bingo Game** jackpot winners and this is another big one to add to the luck of Carlton Bingo Stirling"*

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

*"We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Stirling bingo winner and hope that Patricia enjoys her winnings and the planned family holiday. It's great to see bingo buddies enjoying the game and sharing their good fortune. We love making winners and this is our 56<sup>th</sup> £50,000 Jackpot winner since May 2018. We are looking forward to creating lots more in 2019."*

To find a participating club and for further information on the **National Bingo Game** visit [www.nationalbingo.co.uk](http://www.nationalbingo.co.uk). or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame](https://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](http://www.BeGambleAware.org)

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## **About The National Game**

- The National Bingo Game started in 1986, with the current format launched on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Carlton Bingo**

Carlton Bingo is an independent licensed bingo operator and currently runs 13 clubs.

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