



**Press release**

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## **4 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER: RUNCORN CLAIMS 2<sup>nd</sup> BIG BINGO WIN AS LUCKY LOCAL CALLS 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT**

Another lucky Runcorn bingo player at Club 2000 Bingo has called 'House' on a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the **National Bingo Game**. The lucky player received an unexpected boost to his Monday evening when he became the second player from the Club to win the **National Bingo Game's** top Jackpot prize: six months earlier, to the day, on 4th August 2018 the Club celebrated its first £50,000 winner on the new **National Bingo Game**, which launched in April that year.

Lucky winner Thomas Durr, 84 year old father, grandfather of seven and great grandfather of one is a regular at the club, along with wife Ann, and has been a member of Club 2000 Runcorn for over ten years. Introduced to the game by friends many years ago, both he and his wife enjoy playing and going to the Club as they get to see and talk to the many friends they have made over the years.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February their regular evening session truly became a night to remember, as all Thomas' numbers came up on the **National Bingo Game** and he scooped a £50,000 Jackpot prize.

Speaking about his win Thomas Durr said:

"The **National Bingo Game** is the best game in the club and I always enjoy it. I have won plenty of times at bingo before, but nowhere near this amount! When they confirmed my prize I was shocked and a bit overwhelmed, but that quickly changed to feeling ecstatic and very happy."

Club 2000 Runcorn held a special party to celebrate the win on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, when Thomas was presented with a giant cheque for £50,000. The themed event asked customers to "*Dress to Impress*", with a prize offered to the best dressed person on the night.

Speaking at the party Thomas said:

“I am very happy and it has been a wonderful party, seeing everyone dressed up. We have decided that we will be sharing some of our good luck with our children, grand children and great grandchild and treating ourselves to cruise: we are not sure where we are going yet!”

Rob Norman, General manager at Club 2000 Runcorn said:

“We introduced the new **National Bingo Game** to the Club in the Summer of last year, as we wanted to give our customers the chance of winning some life changing prize money! We are delighted that we have already had two £50,000 Jackpot winners and look forward to our next.”

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

“We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Runcorn Bingo winner, our second at Club 2000 Runcorn. We hope that Thomas and Ann enjoy sharing their winnings with their family and that they have an amazing cruise.”

This is the third £50,000 Jackpot Win for Club 2000, with the Bedford Club also having had a lucky winner on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

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 Club 2000**

Club 2000 is an independent licensed bingo operator and currently runs two clubs: Bedford and Runcorn.

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