



Press release

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WHITEHAVEN BINGO PLAYER CALLS 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT

Opera Bingo Whitehaven are in the throws of planning a celebratory party for one very lucky regular player who has won a life changing Jackpot prize of £50,000 on the **National Bingo Game**.

Sandra Roberts, (67), was playing bingo on Wednesday 3rd July at Opera Bingo Whitehaven, enjoying her regular evening session, when the evening took an unexpected and exciting turn. A regular at the club for many years and a fan of the **National Bingo Game**, Sandra had had a number of small wins in the past, but nothing had prepared her for the shock of what was about to happen next: all her numbers came up while playing the **National Bingo Game**! The club caller confirmed it was a good full house claim and that Sandra had not only won the Club Prize but also a massive £50,000 Jackpot Prize too!

Commenting on her the win Sandra said, "It hasn't really sunk in yet – I can't believe my luck or how much I have won: I am very very happy! I love coming to bingo and would encourage anyone to enjoy an evening out at bingo. I am going to share my good fortune with family and two local charities which I like to support. No big plans yet, but am sure one or two treats are on the cards."

Club Manager at Opera Bingo Whitehaven, Jon Nellist said:

"We are very happy for Sandra: it's always good to see anyone win, especially when its such a large amount and to one of our regular players. We're looking forward to a bit of a party to celebrate Sandra's big win!"

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

“We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot winner at Opera Bingo Whitehaven and hope that Sandra enjoys her winnings. We love making winners and over 100 £50,000 Jackpots have been paid out on the National Bingo Game in the past twelve months. We are looking forward to creating many more.”

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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Duty Manager Janet Mingings and lucky winner Sandra Roberts

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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 Opera Bingo

Opera Bingo is an independent licensed bingo operator with four clubs, located in Carlisle, Workington, Whitehaven and St Helens.

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