



LUCKY TAUNTON BINGO PLAYER SCOOPS £50K JACKPOT

It was the shock of a lifetime for one lucky bingo player last weekend as she claimed a lifechanging £50k National Bingo Game Jackpot.

Harriet Bee, 28, from Taunton Somerset, was enjoying a game at Mecca Bingo Taunton with her parents when the evening took an exciting and unexpected turn as she called 'house' on the National Bingo Game, successfully claiming the club prize and a whopping £50k Jackpot.

The winner, Harriet, who occasionally visits the club on Saturdays with her parents, couldn't believe her luck following the announcement of her win, followed by a roar of excitement from the customers in the club.

Harriet Bee, 28, from Taunton Somerset, said: *"I couldn't believe my luck. I was so shocked. At first I didn't realise how much I had won, it was only because other customers started to whisper and then the excitement got louder and louder and then it was announced.*

At first I felt shocked. I couldn't continue playing, I was shaking and I couldn't speak properly. My dad had to call my partner and tell him. It's such a life changing amount. It's really going to help towards our wedding next year."

The mother of two, who is also due to be married next May, will put the money to good use and cover the cost of the wedding. Harriet, whose fiancé works away a lot, even plans to move to a new house with her winnings.

Davina Warden, General Manager at Mecca Bingo Taunton, said: *"It was fantastic to see Harriet win our life transforming jackpot within the club. To have someone who has lots of costly things to organise win a £50k jackpot was really special – the whole club was delighted, and it really added to the atmosphere of the evening."*

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

“We are thrilled for Harriet, our latest National Bingo Game £50,000 Jackpot winner at Mecca Taunton, and hope that she enjoys her winnings. It just goes to show that you can win big at bingo.”

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 Mecca

Owned by the Rank Group Plc, Mecca is one of the largest Bingo and Slots operators in the UK. Mecca provides popular games, fun and entertainment through its 82 clubs and via Meccabingo.com online and mobile channels.

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For further information on the clubs and online via: www.meccabingo.com

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!