

Press release

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

A lucky Felixstowe bingo fan received an unexpected boost to her afternoon at **The Palace Bingo, Felixstowe** on Monday 6th September when she called 'house' on a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the **National Bingo Game**.

Mother of four, grandmother of fifteen and great grandmother of ten, Carol Fulcher, 75, was at **The Palace Bingo, Felixstowe** playing the **National Bingo Game** with her husband of 55 years Joe, as they had done on many previous occasions, when Carol found herself calling 'house' to claim her win: this was no ordinary win, as she had called 'house' on the top Jackpot prize of £50,000!

Carol said of her win, "It was unbelievable. I was in a state of shock: simply gobsmacked!"

Carol was introduced to bingo by husband Joe, when she went with him to meet her then future mother in-law at bingo. Joe thought that introducing Carol to his mum over a game of bingo was a sure fire winner, and he was right. Having retired in 1990 bingo is something that Carol and Joe enjoy doing together and it brings back good memories of Joe's mum too.

"We like going to bingo – it's nice to get out of the house, a lovely way to make friends and it's clean and safe. Also we are well looked after at **The Palace** by the staff there: we know lots of the regulars and the food is good too." Carol commented.

The Palace Bingo club team wanted to mark the big win for everyone and held a special celebration for Carol on Tuesday 28th September, where regulars were all invited to toast the lucky winner.

Patrick Duffy, Managing Director of **The Palaces** said, "We love seeing people win and are delighted that Carol has won such huge cash prize on the **National Bingo Game** – I am sure

there will be treats in store for the family. It was a pleasure to see everyone at the club joining in Tuesday's celebration: we love to celebrate!"

Alastair Stewart, Head of Commercial Operations at the **National Bingo Game** said: "We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot winner at **The Palaces Felixstowe**. I am sure when the shock passes that Carol and Joe will enjoy treating the family and spoiling the grandchildren."

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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Notes to Editors

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 Buzz, Mecca, Majestic, Castle, Carlton and Merkur, 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.

The Palaces Bingo

The Palaces are an independent group of licensed bingo clubs with venues in Felixstowe and Great Yarmouth

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