

Press release

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A GOOD GOOD FRIDAY FOR ONE LUCKY CARLISLE BINGO FAN WHO CALLED 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT

A lucky Carlisle bingo fan received an unexpected boost to her evening at **Opera Bingo Carlisle** on Friday 15th April, turning Good Friday into a very very good Friday when she called 'house' on a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the **National Bingo Game**.

The lucky winner, who has asked to remain anonymous, had been a regular at the club pre-Covid always coming with friends, but due to the pandemic had put her bingo fun on 'hold' for nearly two and a half years. Encouraged by the recent easing of restrictions she had decided to resume going to bingo only a few weeks prior to the win, attending at weekends with her husband.

The Easter Weekend was a lovely opportunity to go to bingo for some fun and their Good Friday visit was only the third time they had been to bingo this year, but what a good Friday it turned out to be!

Neil Graham, General Manager at **Opera Bingo** Carlisle commented, "The winner has been a regular at **Opera Bingo** Carlisle for quite some time and having only just started coming to bingo again could not believe her luck! She was genuinely shocked.

"Delighted to have won and thrilled beyond words to have won such a large prize, I don't think she got nervous while playing as her winning numbers seemed to just come out one after the other: there was no time to get anxious waiting on that one last number."

Following the £50,000 **National Bingo Game** win the lucky player initially intended to rush home and phone her family, but then decided there was no need to rush, as she thought most would not believe her. However, she has decided that she will definitely be booking a super holiday this summer.

“We're delighted to see a big winner here at **Opera Bingo** Carlisle: it's always good to see anyone win, but especially when it's such a large amount and to one of our regulars.” Neil continued, “This win follows three recent National Live winners at the club, so we are clearly on a winning streak!”

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 Opera Bingo Carlisle and hope that the lucky lady enjoys spending her winnings and a super summer holiday.”

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 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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