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## LUCKY LOCAL CARDIFF BINGO PLAYER CALLS 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT!

One lucky local bingo player at Club 3000 Bingo in Cardiff received an unexpected boost to their night at bingo, when it became super-sized, thanks to winning a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the National Bingo Game.

Julie Hewett, 54, who lives in Cardiff, has fallen in love with bingo over the last four months and now comes regularly with her daughter-in-law – prior to her big win she had no idea you could win so much money at bingo!

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May while playing at the evening session with friends and family, all her numbers came up on the **National Bingo Game.** Initially she did not realise that she had scooped the top prize, a whopping £50,000 Jackpot and was in shock when told by the caller.

Speaking about her win Julie said:

"I am still in shock, this does not happen to people like me – there was an amazing atmosphere in the club: everyone was clapping and cheering. I did not know you could win money like this before starting to play bingo - £50,000 is beyond my wildest dreams!

"Since joining the club I have made so many friends, it is such a great community here, and the fantastic warm staff here at Club 3000 have been so welcoming. Winning is a bonus."

Mother of three Julie intends to use some of her winnings to treat her children, do her garden up and at some point go on a cruise. Colin Russell, Manager at Club 3000 Cardiff said: "The atmosphere in the club was electric on the night of the win, all the customers burst into applause and started cheering, it was very uplifting, which was wonderful. Nights like that are what makes bingo so special, we are so happy for Julie and her family and we will be celebrating with a party on 9<sup>th</sup> June, where Julie will receive her presentation cheque.

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

"We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Club 3000 winner and hope that Julie enjoys spending her winnings. We love making big winners and have hundreds of winners taking home £1,000 and £100 Jackpot prizes across the country too."

To find a participating bingo club and for further information on the **National Bingo Game** visit <u>www.nationalbingo.co.uk</u>. or follow us on Facebook (<u>www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame</u>) 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 <u>www.BeGambleAware.org</u>

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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 3000 Bingo

Club 3000 is the largest independent licensed bingo club operator in the UK, with 23 venues across the county:

W: www.club3000bingo.com