

Press release
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LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE ! LUCKY SHEERNESS BINGO PLAYER CALLS 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT

There's going to be a very large Christmas party in one lucky Sheerness household this week, after a local bingo player saw all their numbers come up at **King's Bingo Sheerness**, on the **National Bingo Game**, scooping a whopping £50,000 Jackpot prize.

The 75 years old Sheerness local, who has three children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren has asked to remain anonymous, was playing bingo on Monday 11th December at **King's Bingo**, when things took an unexpected and exciting turn: they called 'house' on the **National Bingo Game**. The prospect of a nice Christmas win felt great. They knew that they had won a jackpot prize as well as the house prize and were waiting to find out if it was an extra £100 or an extra £1,000.

It was only when the bingo caller, Clive Cornelius, confirmed the claim and announced that it was a top jackpot prize of £50,000 that the Sheerness bingo player realised the size of their win and was shocked and embarrassed as the whole club started cheering.

The lucky winner is a regular King's Bingo Sheerness, who has been playing bingo since she was 18 and Introduced to the game by her mother, when they both used to go to bingo in Sittingbourne.

This is not the first time that the lucky winner has won at bingo, nor the first time she has won at bingo on a Monday. It is not even the first time that all her lucky numbers have come out for big win and strangely it is not the first time that those numbers were randomly called by bingo caller Clive Cornelius. For this lucky bingo 'dabber' has not only won the **National Bingo Game** before, on 26th April 1999 taking home £107,000, but that win was also on a Monday and the lucky numbers were also called by Clive Cornelius!

The very lucky winner has no immediate special plans, other than a lovely Christmas with family, and will keep the money in the bank until the New Year to see what she wants to do in 2024.

Commenting on her win she said. "Anybody who's thinking about going to Bingo, just go for it! I always enjoy playing. It's not just about winning, though it's lovely when you do, it also gets me out of the house."

Minnie McCoy, Owner of **King's Bingo Sheerness** said, "We were all very excited on the night of the win and are very happy for the lucky winner - it's a great feeling when a customer gets a big win and this is my first big win at the club since taking over. It is amazing to know that our caller Clive has proven to be such a lucky charm for the winner! We are hoping that his luck creates more jackpot winners, especially this Thursday, when the **National Bingo Game** is half price to play. Imagine winning on a half price ticket!"

Bingo fan Minnie purchased the club in 2019 with husband Tom and the support of her parents Jayne and Miquel Garcia, who own the Bay View pub in Leysdown.

Alastair Stewart, Business Development Manager at the **National Bingo Game** said, "We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot winner in Sheerness and hope that they enjoy their winnings – they can certainly splash out this Christmas and in the January sales too! What a great way to start the New Year!"

The **National Bingo Game** offers Jackpots Prizes of £100, £1,000 and £50,000 on every game, in addition to a house prize in each participating bingo club. To celebrate Christmas, on Thursday 21st December tickets to play the **National Bingo Game** will be half price, with the same Jackpots and prizes available to be won.

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 King's Bingo

King's Bingo in Sheerness is an independent licensed bingo club.

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