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BINGO GAME

Winners Bingo Hits the Jackpot!

Winners Bingo club in Thetford, Norfolk is celebrating their first National Bingo Game Jackpot win!

The winner, a local man who has now retired, scooped £73,000 after calling house during his regular afternoon bingo session on Thursday 14th August.

Although the winner has asked not to be named he was happy to reveal that the win must have been down to his very special bingo buddy, his wife.

John Markerson, Club Manager of Winners Bingo Thetford says, 'We're absolutely delighted for our winner! There was a great atmosphere in the club when we knew it was a National Game Jackpot win and congratulations flew in from every player.'

Taking part in the National Bingo Game couldn't be easier. Simply visit your local club or go online to find your nearest participating club and get down for a session!

All players must be aged 18 or over. The National Bingo Game is played under the provisions of The Gambling Act 2005 and under National Bingo Game Rules. Players should always gamble responsibly and play the National Bingo Game within their limits. For more information and advice visit www.gambleaware.co.uk.

For updates on the National Bingo Game Jackpot follow **Twitter @NationalBingo** and visit **www.nationalbingo.co.uk**. To stay up to date on the bingo news, winners, fun and games join our Facebook page **Facebook/nationalbingo-game**.

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Notes to editors

- Total prize money distributed to date is over £1BILLION!
- There have been 12 National Bingo Game Jackpot winners so far this year winning over £1MILLION from Mecca Bingo Sale, Mecca Bingo Huddersfield and Castle Bingo Nantgarw, The Globe Donnington, Leo Leisure Eastleigh, Mecca Bingo Wishaw, Mecca Bingo Oldbury, Mecca Bingo Thanet, Castle Bingo Barnes Hill, Mecca Bingo Aberdeen, Castle Bingo Nantgarw and Winners Bingo Thetford winning £115,000, £110,000, £81,000, £91,000, £91,000, £74,000, £154,000, £132,000, £250,000, £250,000, £250,000 and £73,000 respectively.
- 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 offers players at participating clubs the chance to win one or more of three cash prizes including the Jackpot Prize, National Prize and House Prize.
- The biggest bingo win ever was on 23 March 2008, when Soraya Lowell from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire scooped GBP £1,167,795, while playing The National Game at Club 3000 in Coatbridge.
- Between 120 - 200 clubs link together to play the National Game twice a day, every day, except Christmas day.
- 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 big money.
- 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 President Barack Obama's step-mother!
- A number of celebrities also started their careers in bingo calling including Simon from boy band Blue, EastEnder's Shane Richie, Russell Crowe and Kian from West Life.