



**Press release**

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## **LUCKY MERTHYR BINGO PLAYER CALLS 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 WIN**

Lucky mother of three becomes the latest Castle Bingo member to win the **National Bingo Game's** £50,000 Jackpot.

Judith, 57 from Tredegar, South Wales, was introduced to bingo by her husband Alan over 20 years ago. Although reluctant to try the game at first Judith has since become a regular at Castle Bingo in Merthyr Tydfil, making many friends over the years.

Both Judith and Alan were enjoying a night at Castle Bingo Merthyr on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July, as they had done many times before, when the night took a dramatic turn: Judith had called 'house' on the **National Bingo Game** and at first thought she had won the £100 Jackpot on top of the club prize. It was only when the rest of the members at the club began to applaud that Judith realised she'd won the staggering £50,000 jackpot.

Judith and her husband Alan, a retired fire fighter, have always dreamed of buying a campervan, which they cannot wait to buy and share with their three children. Perhaps even more impressive is that Judith now intends to buy a Donkey, to keep their beloved chickens company.

To celebrate Castle Bingo Merthyr hosted a very special party night for all the members, at which Judith and Alan were presented with their cheque. All 750 members who came along to wish them well were treated to a complimentary meal and bubbly to toast the lucky, and popular, winners.

Winner Judith said: 'I love visiting Castle Merthyr and this is such a fabulous win, all of the members here have been so pleased for us and so supportive I would encourage anyone who hasn't played Bingo to just go for it, you have to be in it to win it'

Jenny Calnon, Club General Manager at Castle Bingo Merthyr said, 'My whole team and I are thrilled to see Judith and Alan win the **National Bingo Game** Jackpot. The atmosphere on the

night they won was electric, all of the members began to cheer and applaud once they realised Judith had taken the £50,000. It's always been a lucky club having first opened in 1995 we've seen millions won on the **National Bingo Game** and our very own Castle Jackpot.'

Alan retired from the fire service eleven years ago and can't wait to start spending time on holidays away in their campervan, however they've decided to leave the donkey at home

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

"We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Merthyr Bingo winner and hope that she enjoys her winnings as well as the planned camper van. This is our 18th £50,000 Jackpot winner since May this year and we are looking to create lots more winners in the coming months."

To find a participating club and for further information on the **National Bingo Game** visit [www.nationalbingo.co.uk](http://www.nationalbingo.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NationalBingoGame](https://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](http://www.BeGambleAware.org)

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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 Castle Bingo**

Castle Bingo is an independent licensed bingo operator and currently runs eleven clubs across South Wales and England:

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