



Press release

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2019 OFF TO A GREAT START FOR LUCKY DUNFERMLINE BINGO PLAYER WHO CALLED 'HOUSE' ON £50,000 JACKPOT

2019 is off to a great start for lucky local bingo player Sylvia Cuthbertson, who saw all her numbers come up at Carlton Bingo Dunfermline on the **National Bingo Game**, scooping a whopping Jackpot prize of £50,000.

Sylvia, 49, was playing bingo on Saturday 22nd December at Carlton Bingo Dunfermline when her regular bingo session, her last before Christmas, took an unexpected and exciting turn: she called 'house' on the **National Bingo Game**. The prospect of a Christmas win felt great and Sylvia was waiting to have her claim and the value of the Club Prize confirmed. It was only when the bingo caller confirmed the claim and the £50,000 jackpot Prize that Sylvia realised the size of her win, she said "I didn't realise I had won the Jackpot and it was a shock, but once it was confirmed I felt elated and quite emotional."

Sylvia was introduced to bingo by her Mum and stepfather when she was 18 and first played at Carlton Bingo's previous Dunfermline club, the Alhambra in Canmore Street, and has been a regular player ever since, attending once or twice a week. Usually Sylvia likes to attend on her own, as it gets her out of the house and allows her time to think, though occasionally her sister joins her and every month she meets up with old work mates for a game and catch-up: working fulltime for a hotel linen and laundry service Sylvia said she appreciates the opportunity for a little 'me' time at bingo.

Speaking a few days after her win Sylvia said, "It's only just starting to sink in: neither my husband nor me could quite believe it at first. We don't have any plans at present, though I am sure we will spend some of it on the house, doing a bit of redecorating, and on the garden. Commenting on bingo Sylvia said, "You should have a go, you never know! Anyone can win and it's not just for old folks; there are all ages playing and a lot of young people too." /More

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Findlay Meechan, General Manager at Carlton Bingo Dunfermline said:

“We were all very excited on the night of the win and are very happy for Sylvia: it’s a great feeling when a customer gets a big win. We are looking forward to celebrating Sylvia’s Big Win at the club later this month with a Burn’s night party.”

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

“We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot Dunfermline bingo winner and hope that she enjoys her winnings and Burn’s night party. We love making winners and this is our 51st £50,000 Jackpot winner since May 2018. We are looking forward to creating lots more in 2019.”

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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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 Carlton Bingo

Carlton Bingo is an independent licensed bingo operator and currently runs 13 clubs.

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