



Press release

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

One lucky Leigh bingo player at BJ's Bingo Leigh received an unexpected boost to his Sunday night at bingo, when it became super sized, thanks to winning a life changing £50,000 on the **National Bingo Game**.

David Biggs, 64, is a regular at BJ's Bingo Leigh and was first introduced to the game by his mother Patricia back in 2012. Since then he has been a regular at the club, attending twice a week with his wife Beverly, usually on a Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday 11th October David and Beverly arrived at the club for their regular Sunday evening session, little did they know that they were in for big surprize! David was playing the National Bingo Game on his own, as Beverly was finishing off another game elsewhere in the club, he said:

"The numbers just came out one after another! When I called BINGO on the sixteenth number, I knew I'd hit the big money. I got up from my seat and did a little dance I was that chuffed!"

"Beverly had no idea, as she was not in the main area: when she came to find me and I told her the news she didn't believe me at first and thought I was joking. When she realised, I was telling the truth we both looked at each other and were in absolute shock. Our big win just hasn't sunk in."

David continued: "We've got a few bits we can pay off, but as for the rest, we'll just watch it grow into a nice little nest egg. We're still in shock but it will be spent wisely. We love coming to bingo: we've made so many friends and it's a fun night out with terrific value food and drinks: bingo brings people together whether it be family or friends."

Andrew Tattershall, General Manager at BJ's Bingo Leigh said: "David and Beverley are well known and extremely popular customers within the club. It's great to see such a life changing amount being won by such lovely people. I was driving back from Bournemouth when I got the call from the club to say we had had a big win and had to pull-over. The team told me the

atmosphere was amazing, all the customers burst into applause and started cheering. It's great to have some genuinely good news in the present times."

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

"We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot BJ's Bingo winner and hope that David and Beverly enjoy their winnings: some treats are sure to be in order and we hope their luck continues."

BJ's Bingo Leigh will be hosting an in-club party to celebrate the big win on Sunday evening 25th October where all players will share David's success by receiving a gift set containing wine and chocolates.

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 BJs Bingo

BJ's Bingo is a UK licensed independent bingo club operator, with clubs in Leigh, Birmingham and Reading:

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