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Castle Bingo Nantgarw Scoops £250,000!

Lady luck is smiling on Wales again as Castle Bingo Nantgarw scoops a second jackpot prize on the National Bingo Game!

The winner, who does not wish to be named, was a local lady in her 70s who has been a regular player at the club since 2007. She hadn't planned on playing bingo on the afternoon of 12th August, but luckily she did!

The mother of three boys won more than £250,000 and has decided to spend her winnings on home improvements and her garden. She said she will also treat her sons.

Club Manager, Marcus McLean said: 'Our winner was shocked at first as she had no idea she'd won the National Bingo Game Jackpot, she thought she'd scooped the house prize which is considerably less! After we told her we wrote it down so she could show her two sons when she got home to prove it was real!'

The latest National Bingo Game win follows closely behind IT controller, Tracy Evans, who took home more than £80,000 in February this year.

Marcus continues: 'We're absolutely thrilled for our player and it is great news for the club as it's our second big win on the National Bingo Game this year! Never mind the luck of the Irish; I think it's the luck of the Welsh.'

As well as this great win, Castle Bingo went on to have a further two big winners that same evening! Castle Bingo Newport Road won £18,000 on the National Live along with £20,000 being won in Castle Bingo Merthyr Tydfil on the National Game. That's a total of almost £300,000 in one day!

The team at Castle Bingo Nantgarw are hosting a winner's party on Tuesday 26th August, where there will be a cheque presentation by Castle Bingo CEO Jeffrey Harris and his wife Susan.

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 Bingo Game at Club 3000 in Coatbridge.
- Between 120 - 200 clubs link together to play the National Bingo 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.