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BOXING DAY BONUS!

Neath Bingo Player Scoops £50,000 Jackpot

One lucky Neath bingo player at Castle Bingo received an unexpected boost to her Boxing Day afternoon bingo, when she called 'house' on a life changing £50,000 Jackpot on the **National Bingo Game**.

Lilian Hale, 72, was playing bingo on Boxing Day afternoon with her regular bingo buddy, sister Barbara, when all her numbers came up on the **National Bingo Game!** Shouting 'house' Lilian thought she had won the club prize and both she and her sister were in shock when the caller announced that she had won a £50,000 Jackpot Prize, as well as the club prize.

Lilian and Barbara are regulars at Castle Bingo Neath, having joined in 2003. Lilian said:

"We were in shock when the Caller announced that I had won £50,000 and absolutely ecstatic at having won such an amazing amount. Our bingo is really important to us both, as it gives us the opportunity to spend time together and have a catch-up: we always split our winnings regardless of who wins what, and this is no different."

"We are both still waiting for it all to sink in really and are not sure what we will do with our winnings: we love going to bingo and having a win, but never imagined a win of £50,000. Just goes to show if you give it a go it could change your life."

Lilian was presented with her cheque today, Friday 3rd January, at a special party thrown for all customers at Castle Bingo Neath to celebrate the big win.

Stephen Hamley-Locke, General Manager at Castle Bingo Neath, said:

"We are really excited to have had our first £50,000 **National Bingo Game** win here at Castle Bingo Neath, which was hopefully the first of many to come. We are especially happy that

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2/. the Jackpot has been won by regular member Lilian, who is sharing her good luck with her bingo buddy and sister, Barbara. The win was a great opportunity for us to throw a party to celebrate with all our valued customers and to present Lilian with her £50,000 cheque.”

Alastair Stewart, Business Development Manager at the **National Bingo Game** said: “We are thrilled for our lucky **National Bingo Game** £50,000 Jackpot winner at Castle Neath and this comes only four days after another £50,000 Jackpot was won at Castle Bingo, in Newport Road, Cardiff: we hope that Lilian and Barbara enjoy the winnings. It just goes to show that you can win big at bingo.”

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, Kian from West Life and Peter Kay.

About Castle Bingo

Castle Bingo is an independent licensed bingo operator and currently runs 11 clubs across England and Wales.

Membership is free and available to anyone over the age of 18, registration can be done online or upon arrival at club reception desk. New members are welcomed with a golden ticket and a voucher book full of great offers. Castle Bingo are open 7 days a week with a variety of session times from breakfast to afternoon and evening sessions.

To find out more please visit: www.castlebingo.co.uk