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NATIONAL DAY EVENTS – WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

The gathering of the Community in red and white dress code is an important element of the National Day Celebrations. As has already been announced, the National Day Rally at John Mackintosh Square starts with a 'Street Party' at 11am. There will be four stalls manned by local charities, serving up Calentita, Torta de Acelga, Torta de Patata, soft drinks and water located at strategic locations around the Square. These will be outside the Treasury Building, by the Taxi Stand, outside Ye Olde Rock and opposite the Police Station in Irish Town.

The Government will be responsible for the preparation and provision of food and drinks to the stalls. 10 local charities have committed themselves to 'man the stalls' and will keep all the revenue from the sale of food and drinks. Prices will be £1 for three food portions and a canned soft drink or 2 bottles of water. Although the Government pay the full cost of food and drink, all of the sales proceeds collected will be retained by the charities.

Yellow recycling bins for the disposal and subsequent recycling of empty drink cans will be strategically located along Main Street and John Mackintosh Square. The public is requested to help Gibraltar's recycling efforts by using these bins to dispose only of empty cans.

At 12 noon, still at John Mackintosh Square St Anne's School Choir will sing songs with a Gibraltar theme, namely "Llevame donde naci" and "Virgencita de Europa". This will be followed by the Mayor's recitation from the balcony of City Hall of the names of the recipients of the Gibraltar Medallion of Honour, and the reading of the Gibraltar National Day Declaration – which is a statement of civic, social and political principles that we commemorate and celebrate on our National Day. The text of this declaration has already been published.

The reading of the Gibraltar National Day Declaration will be followed by the release of balloons from John Mackintosh Square, called for by the Mayor, whilst the St Anne's School Choir lead the general public in the singing of the Gibraltar Anthem.

Other events forming part of our National Day Celebrations on the 10th September will be as follows:

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| 10.30am | Children's Fancy Dress Competition
by the lobby of Parliament |
| 12.30pm to 7pm | Fun for Kids at Casemates Square including free fair ground attractions and face painting |
| 1pm to 10pm | Piazzella Moods – Live Music
at Governor's Parade
No entrance charge |
| 2pm to 7pm | Live Music and DJs
at Waterport Coachpark
No entrance charge |
| 2pm to 7pm | Youth Disco/Foam Party for 12 to 15 year olds
at Montagu Youth Centre
No entrance charge |
| 2pm to 9pm | King's Bastion Leisure Centre
Activities and Entertainment |
| 4pm to 10pm | Live Music
at the Rock on the Rock Club in Town Range |
| 8pm to 1am | Verbena
at Commonwealth Parade
No entrance charge |
| 10.30pm | Fireworks Display
from the Detached Mole |

The general public is also reminded that the live band Rock Concert and Battle of the Bands takes place at 9pm on Tuesday 9th September at Waterport Coachpark. There is no entrance charge.

The Government wishes all Gibraltarians and other residents of Gibraltar a very happy Gibraltar National Day.