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GIBRALTAR NATIONAL DAY EVENTS

Friday 10 September 2010

The gathering of the Community in red and white dress code is an important element of our National Day celebrations.

The Ministry of Culture has announced the programme of events for this year's Gibraltar National Day on Friday 10th September 2010.

The National Day Celebrations at John Mackintosh Square start with a Street Party at 11am. There will be four stalls manned by eight local charities serving Calentita, Torta de Acelga, Torta de Patata, soft drinks and water. These will be located around the square, outside the Treasury Building, by the Taxi Stand (south side), outside "Ye Old Rock" (north side) and opposite the Police Station in Irish Town.

Prices will be £1 for three food portions and a canned soft drink or two bottles of water. Government shall meet the costs incurred for the food and drinks. The food will be produced by local entities specially commissioned for this task. All sales proceeds will be retained by the charities running the respective stalls.

Recycle bins for the disposal and subsequent recycle 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 12.50pm, still at John Mackintosh Square, the Sacred Heart School Choir will sing two songs with a Gibraltar theme, namely 'Lievame donde naci' and 'Virgencita de Europa'. This will be followed by the Mayor's recitation from the balcony of the City Hall, of the name of the recipient 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 reading of the Gibraltar National Day Declaration will be followed by the release of balloons from Parliament House, called for by the Mayor, whilst the Sacred Heart School Choir lead the general public in the singing of the Gibraltar Anthem.

Other events, amongst others, forming part of our National Day Celebrations on 10th September 2010 include:

11.00am	Children's Fancy Dress Competition at Main Street, by Parliament House
1.15pm to 7pm	Family Fun for Kids at Casemates Square
1.15pm till late	Fun Activities, Entertainment and Disco at the King's Bastion Leisure Centre
1.30pm till late	Live Music and Disco at the Rock on the Rock Club, Town Range
2.30pm to 7pm	Jazz Friends Concert at Governor's Parade
7pm	Mass of Thanksgiving at the Shrine of Our Lady of Europe
10.30pm	Fireworks from the Detached Mole

Access to Coaling Island as from 10pm is restricted to pedestrians only, until completion of the Fireworks Display. Arrangements are being made by the Captain of the Port for large ships berthed alongside Coaling Island's western arm to be removed thus providing a prime viewing location for the general public. Visitors to Coaling Island on the evening of National Day are requested to follow instructions as issued by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The general public is also reminded that a Rock Concert takes place as from 9pm on Thursday 9 September 2010 at Waterport Coach Park. Entrance is free of charge.

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

The full programme of events is attached.