Chilli for February in Edinburgh!

Edinburgh's first Mexican restaurant, Tex Mex 2, is holding what is believed to be Scotland's first chilli eating competition.

The event is taking place on Wednesday 9 February, starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 6.30, when the winner will be declared.

Donald Mavor, owner and head chef, said: "Last year I started a new Tex Mex 2 tradition, of holding charity events at the restaurant on my birthday. The 2010 event, which raised money for both Macmillan Cancer Support and the earthquake in Haiti, was a great success.

"We're hoping to raise even more money this year, this time for Radio Forth's "Cash for Kids" charity." It costs £5 to attend the event, all of which will be donated to the charity. Both participants and spectators are welcome to attend and will enjoy the Mexican hospitality that <u>Tex Mex</u> is famous for, in the form of delicious Mexican tapas and frozen margaritas.

Participants will eat a selection of the hottest chillis and chilli sauces available. Ice cold water and milk will be supplied to help competitors through the challenge, which offers a covetable prize, as Donald explains:

"The last man (or woman) standing will be our Chilli Champion and will win 'bragging rights', a trophy, dinner for two at Tex Mex 2, along with a supply of our home made Fat Donny's hot chilli sauce and a bottle of tequila."

Tex Mex 2 is at 64 Thistle Street, Edinburgh (0131 260 9699)