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The President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

We had a very nice visit to the Lázaro-Galdiano Museum. It's a beautiful palace with incredible works of art of all kinds.

I apologise to everybody, especially David and Richard, for not being able to use the piano at our last meeting. In spite of that, you did a great performance, which everybody thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, gentlemen!

Bella has kindly invited BLA members to a tea party at her house on Tuesday 21st May. Contact Frances on 627 557 504 if you wish to put your name down and haven't already done so.

We have changed the venue for Friday May 24th, due to high bus charges. We shall now be going to visit the Palace at El Pardo, followed by lunch. See *Diary* for details.

We are still looking for two volunteers: one to take over the editing of the Bulletin and the other to help with the running of the Tombola.

Please remember to bring baked goods, sweet or savoury, cakes, tarts, biscuits etc. to sell at our next meeting. Proceeds to the BLA.

Have a very happy month of May.

Best wishes

Sheila

The British Ladies' Association

is a cultural and charitable association and welcomes English-speaking members of all nationalities.

BLA Monthly Meetings are always held at St George's Church Hall, c/Núñez de Balboa 43, every last Tuesday of the month at 10.30am.

Husbands or friends are welcome to join us at any meeting or on any trip.

Diary

Tuesday 7th May: St George's Guild

Coffee at 10.30 am and at 11am **Alan Williams-Key**, a retired businessman, teacher and writer, will give an illustrated talk on "Photographing Nature in the Sierra".

Thursday 16th May: INC International Newcomers

11am Visit to the Residencia de Estudiantes, c/Serrano 117. RSVP by May 12th to Danielle at calendar@incmadrid.org. Guest fee €25 .

Tuesday 21st May, 5.30pm: TEA at BELLA's.

Bella, a former BLA President, has very kindly invited BLA members to a tea party at her lovely house in Aravaca. Please phone Frances on 627 557 504 if you wish to go and haven't already signed the board.

Friday May 24th: 11.15am: BLA visit to the Palacio del Pardo.

Meet outside visitors' entrance for guided tour. Entrance €4 We will go on to a restaurant for lunch afterwards Buses 601 from Moncloa & 602 from Hospital La Paz. Contact Jenny on 91 803 5423 or Barbara on 91 324 9372 if you wish to go.. N.B. The visit to the Bodega in Ávila has been cancelled.

Tuesday 28th May: BLA Annual General Meeting

10.30 am Coffee and at 11am we will be holding our **AGM**, followed by a **Bring & Buy Bake Sale**. Please help make this a success and bring something home-made, sweet or savoury, to sell. All proceeds to our charities.

Looking ahead

Tuesday 4th June: St George's Guild

A short **AGM** over coffee at 10.30 am to be followed by a **Poetry Session** – members are invited to read a short poem or extract in their own language.

Monday 10th June

BLA & St GEORGE'S GUILD Summer Lunch.

1.30pm in St George's patio. The cost is €15 or just €8 if you bring a dish – to serve at least eight please.

We will be giving our donations for Summer Camps to some of the BLA charities so do come along!