

# Friends of Bulgaria

## Charity Auction 2021

Please leave advance bids if you cannot attend the Party on 9 December  
[sabina.zlateva@friendsofbulgaria.org.uk](mailto:sabina.zlateva@friendsofbulgaria.org.uk)

Advance bidding closes 3.00 pm on 9 December.

## Домашна Сливова Троянска Ракия- Troianska Rakiya - Private Production

Value: £40



Double distilled, oak barrel aged plum Brandy from region of Troyan Monastery

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**Български мед и локум**  
**Bulgarian honey and delight**

Value: £15



## Кошница с български продукти Bulgarian Food Hamper

Value: £20





## Гроздова ракия Кехлибар 70cl, 40% Kehlibar Grape Rakia 70cl, 40%

Value: £22

A signature Bulgarian rakia, characterised with exceptional purity and balance of taste, a gentle amber colour, ripe fine Muscat aromas and soft oak tones.

\*\*\*Специално за гостите на Friends of Bulgaria и промоционален код за поръчка от [www.theoldcellar.com](http://www.theoldcellar.com) FIRST10 за 10% отстъпка\*\*\*

\*\*\*Especially for the guests of Friends of Bulgaria an additional bonus to order from the excellent selection of Bulgarian wine and rakia from [www.theoldcellar.com](http://www.theoldcellar.com) use the code FIRST10 for 10% discount\*\*\*

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**Сливова Троянска Сливово Ракія – 7  
Troyanska Rakia – Aged 7 years**

Value: £15

**Дюлева Ракия – Исперих**  
**Bulgarian Quince Rakiya – Isperih**

Value: £15







**Сливенска Перла**  
**Bulgarian Grape Rakiya – Sliven**

Value: £15



**Бутикови Коледни Бисквитки**

**Кутия (20 броя)**

**Hand-made boutique Christmas Biscuits Box (app. 20)**

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## **Balkan Holiday House, Trojan, Bulgaria**

Value: £300

One week stay, max. 6; self catering, exc flights.

**A traditional hamlet house remotely situated at the base of the Balkan range, half an hour's wooded walk to the Trojan Monastery, a foremost historic monastery in Bulgaria famous for its miracle-working icon and colourful mural painting.**

It offers a peacefully secluded base for mountain excursions to suit every level of ability and every area of interest in the natural world, as well as expeditions further afield.

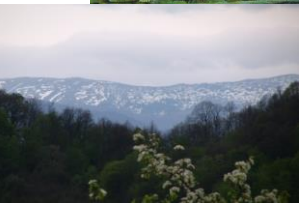
The house sits on the upper edge of a hamlet with a garden planted with fruit trees and a terrace commanding panoramic views of the Balkan Mountains.

It accommodates a maximum of 6 over two floors, each fitted as a self-contained unit with kitchen and bathroom. Recently restored, the rooms are furnished in traditional style with antique Bulgarian kilim and local ceramics.

Trojan is 2 hrs. drive from Sofia, the nearest airport.

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby

Terms: valid 1 year, extension by arrangement; excl. August 10-18.



## Day following the Grafton Hunt, Northamptonshire

Value: £50

As guests of Claire and John Brisby, attend the Meet of the Grafton Hunt to watch the mounted riders including John set off with hounds to pick up a laid trail, follow them crossing country on foot and in the car with Claire ending with full hunting tea.



A Saturday during the months November to March, starting at 11.00 am and finishing approx 5.00 pm.  
Max. 6 people.

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby



**“Hope”, 30x40 cm framed -  
photographic print**

Value: £50

Taken and kindly donated by Prince Kyril Saxe-Coburg

from an award-winning photograph amongst 1,000 entries in the Man Group Competition 2021.

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N E V E N A

## Дизайнерски дамски маски Designer Lace Masks

Value: £30



### BLACK CIRCLES LACE MASK

- A chic and elegant face covering, our Black Circles lace mask is a wonderful every day choice for the lovers of fine lace.
- Lovingly handcrafted, it consists of 3 layers of 100% breathable materials, with the finest black French lace painting a beautiful pattern on a blush nude base.
- As with every of our face coverings, the Black Circles lace mask is meticulously cut to compliment the beauty of the feminine face line. It features two soft elastic straps and it is lined with fine cotton for extreme comfort and highest level of hygiene, allowing ironing for an additional disinfection.

All layers allow 100% breathability. Washable, reusable, eco friendly.

Ръчно изработени и лично дарени от Невена Николова – световно известната Българска дизайнерка на висша мода и собственичка на модна къща Невена

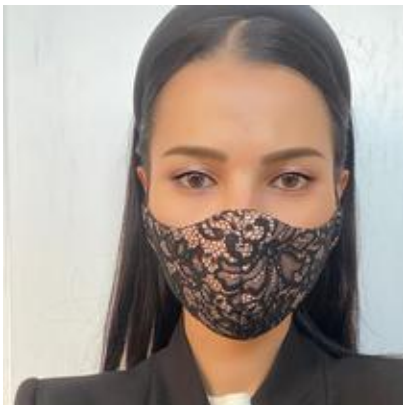
<https://www.nevenacouture.com/>

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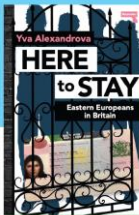
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*"Provocative and well-informed, Alexandrova gives voice to people who are a vital part of Britain's political and social life, yet too often talked about rather than listened to. Pay attention."*  
 – Daniel Trilling, author of *Lights in the Distance*

**Yva Alexandrova**  
**Here to Stay**  
**Eastern Europeans in Britain**

December 14, 2021 | Paperback



*"Yva Alexandrova excoriates the British media, political elite and even the labour movement over their condescension and hostility to East European migration."*  
 – Paul Mason, author of *How to Stop Fascism*

About the author:

Yva Alexandrova is a Bulgarian writer and migration expert. She was Head of Policy and Campaigns for the charity Asylum Aid and an organiser for the People's Assembly campaign group.



## Here to Stay

### Eastern Europeans in Britain

### By Yva Alexandrova

Value: £10

A painfully honest, timely book which gives voice to Britain's Eastern European community in the wake of the Hostile Environment and Brexit. Informed by the author's own experiences and interviews with migrants, campaigners and immigration experts, *Here to Stay* shows the devastating costs of anti-immigration politics, and passionately argues for an alternative.

Bulgarian writer and international migration expert Yva Alexandrova tells the story of Eastern Europeans in the UK, and argues that progressive politics needs to be grounded in migrants' actual experiences and not political expediency.

*Here to Stay* documents how attitudes to immigration have changed in the last twenty years as a new wave of nativism that has swept across Britain, and makes a passionate and vivid argument for migrants as full participants in social and political life.

At a time when racism, xenophobia and nationalism dominate politics in the UK and around the world, *Here to Stay* avoids the usual racist vox-pops and sensationalist political debate and instead tells the stories of the people whose voices rarely feature in debates about immigration: the migrants themselves.

Kindly donated by Yva Alexandrova

## ZOV Childrens' Club Gifts

Value: £10

Unique, hand-made gifts crafted by the Friends of Bulgaria Childrens' Clubs in Veliko Turnovo for their Christmas bazaar.

The gifts offered were made at the Clubs in two residential centres for children and young adults deprived of parental care in Veliko Turnovo

- the Penyo and Maria Home
- the Maya Centre for adolescents with special needs.

Provided by ZOV





## **Artwork by artist members of the Sketch Club, Chelsea: 1 Jo Vollers Abstract VII**

Value: £80

### **Biography**

Born in Melbourne, Australia into an artistic and musical family attended the HeatherlyArt School, Chelsea and is a member the Chelsea Sketch Club, monthly workshops for artists drawn from town and country

Exhibitions: South West Academy  
Chelsea Art Society  
Llewellyn Alexander Gallery, London  
Devon Open Studios

Inspired by British painters of the twentieth century, Jo's work reflects the fluid results of using large brushes and palette knives and the abstract qualities of painting with colour for emotional intensity.

Kindly donated by Jo Vollers  
introduced to Friends of Bulgaria by Chelsea Sketch Club member William Thuillier, 2017



## **Artwork by artist members of the Sketch Club, Chelsea: 2**

**Sarah Jackson**

### **Landscape 1- perhaps inspired by the Balkans**

mixed media, framed

#### **Biography**

Picture Editor for Illustrated Non-Fiction books

Since 2015, with the Rosvik Painters and the Chelsea Sketch Club monthly workshops for artists drawn from town and country exhibits at Cricket Fine Art, London and Hungerford; Affordable Art Fair in Battersea

Sarah, Lady Jackson is married to General Sir Mike Jackson, 1997 Commander of NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in the Balkans, subsequently Commander in Chief of the British Army.

Value: £100

Kindly donated by Sarah Jackson  
member the Chelsea Sketch Club,

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**Artwork by artist members of the  
Sketch Club, Chelsea: 3**  
**Sarah Jackson                      Abstract**

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## Artwork by artist members of the Sketch Club, Chelsea: 4

**Sarah Jackson**                      **Abstract**

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## **Artwork by artist members of the Sketch Club, Chelsea: 5**

Value: £200

**Ant Tyler**

**Abstract**

**‘inspired by mountains, forests and rocks of Bulgaria with a hint of lakes and the Black Sea...’**

Biography

Modern History, Oxford.

Ruskin School of Art, St.Martin’s and the Chelsea School of Art under future Turner scholar Eric Shanes and life-class sessions with Quentin Crisp as model.

Selected, Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 1975

Exhib. Solo: Petworth, Bath and Young British Artists, Mall Galleries

Current Member of the Sketch Club

Private collectors: United Kingdom, Europe and United States.

Comissions received for portraits of people and of houses.

Kindly donated by William Thuillier, the artist Ant Tyler - [www.anttyler.com](http://www.anttyler.com)

<http://williamthuillier.com/>