

Friends of Bulgaria

Charity Auction & Raffle 2022

Please leave advance bids if you cannot attend the Party on 1 December
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Advance bidding closes 1.00 pm on 1 December.

Successful bidders

– payments via Donations section of Friends of Bulgaria website, please also complete the Gift Aid section

<https://friendsofbulgaria.org.uk/donations-tickets/>

Домашна Сливова Троянска Ракия- Troyanska Rakiya - Private Production

Opening bid: £40



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

Двойно дестилирана Отлежала в дъбови бъчви

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby



Balkan Holiday House, Trojan, Bulgaria

Opening Bid: £200

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.

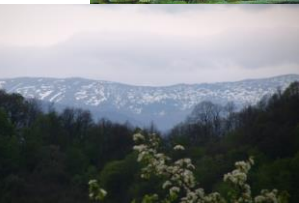
The house sits on the upper edge of a hamlet with a garden planted with fruit trees and a terrace commanding panoramic views of the Balkan Mountains.

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.

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



Day following the Grafton Hunt, Northamptonshire

Opening bid : £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.

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Troyan Treasure Scarf – Reversible Design - Bezba

Opening bid: £30

Wool Scarf by Bezba - 230 cms long

Troyan-based, launched in 2017 making eco-friendly clothing and accessories embroidered with Bulgarian folklore motifs.

Their products were paraded by the Bulgarian Federation Rhythmic Gymnastics at the recent World Cup.

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby



Troyan Tastes

Opening bid: £30

Hamper of Home-made Products from Troyan

- Vintage Pear Rakia, 500 ml
- Quince Jam 2022
- Walnuts 2022
- Grilled Green Olives from Troyan Market 500g

Kindly donated by Claire and John Brisby



Fresh Home-baked Bulgarian Pitka

Opening bid: £10

Fresh Bulgarian Pitka

- (approx size 25 cm , round)
- Bulgarian type of bread,
- Allinson white flour , eggs, yeast , fresh milk and yogurt
- to be collected on the 1st of December

Kindly donated by Zdravka Momcheva



Recharge

Opening bid: £15

Digital Print (297 x 420 mm unframed)

Digitally drawn on an ipad pro. and printed on 350gsm uncoated matte white paper, Contemplate is one of a collection designed as accessible art inducing calm in people's homes.

Each piece incorporates a human figure within an imagined, momentary landscape capturing different aspects of the sun-sensitive circadian rhythm – sensory, contemplative, nurturing and motivational.

An architect as well as a graphic artist, Plamena's commissions include a mural design for Gordon Ramsey's 'Steet Pizza' restaurant and t-shirts for 'Son's of Klaus' adventure motorcycle club.

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Reach

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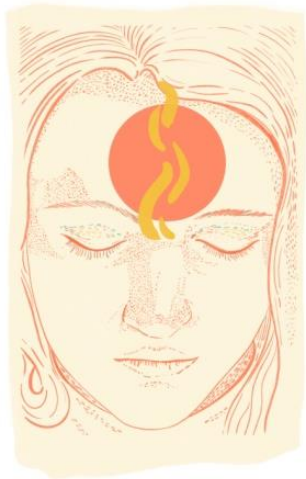
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Feel

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MUG Harleys in Hawaii

Mug designed by Presiyana Boycheva, Sofia

Opening bid: £10

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MUG Prisoner Locked Up

Mug designed by Presiyana Boycheva, Sofia

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MUG Music Vibes

Opening bid: £10

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Hand Printed Scarf POPPIES

Designed by Zornitsa Boycheva, Ruse

Opening bid: £15

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Hand Printed Scarf LEMONS

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Hand Printed Scarf LILAC and CORAL

Opening bid: £15

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Hand Printed Scarf PASTEL PINKS

Opening bid: £15

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Bulgarian Rose Oil

Opening bid: £20

A beauty box of Bulgarian Rose Oil products

Kindly donated by Rali Petrova



Bulgarian Rose Oil

Opening bid: £30

Bottle of precious 100% natural Rose Oil
Luxurious Rose scented Hand Cream

Kindly donated by Rali Petrova



Бутикови Коледни Бисквитки

Кутия (20 броя)

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

Opening bid: £20

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Holiday Apartment, Bansko, Bulgaria

Opening bid: £250

Five-night stay, max. 5; self-catering, excluding flights

A spacious modern holiday apartment in the 4* Apart-Hotel, St. George, Bansko. The flat is located at a 10-minute walk from the gondola lifts and 15 minutes from the old town centre.



Bansko is a picturesque old town located at the foot of the Pirin Mountains in Southwestern Bulgaria. It is famous for its traditional architecture and cuisine, world class spa and golf. It is also the most popular ski resort in Eastern Europe, attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists every year from all over the world. The resort is a popular destination all year around and offers a wide range of fun activities for families and couples.

The flat has 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a spacious living room and balconies with a superb view. The apart-hotel also offers spa, gym, swimming pool and a restaurant. Access to these facilities comes at a small extra price.

Kindly donated by Ivana and George Velikov

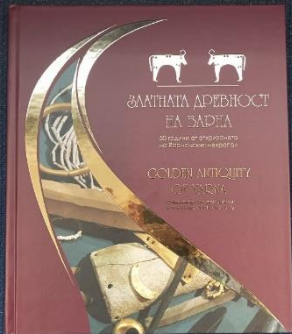


Harrods Christmas Gift Hamper

Opening bid: £40

A surprise selection of indulgent seasonal fare such as Spiced Salted Caramel Shortbread, Fig and Balsamic Chutney and traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Butter

Kindly donated by Elena Petchenikova



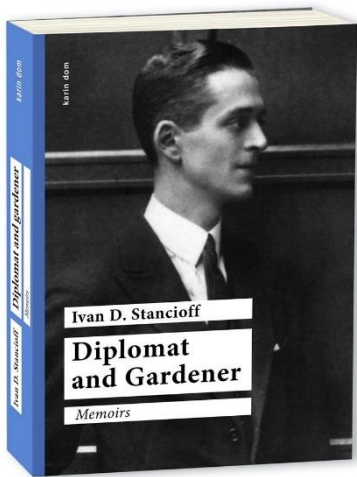
“Golden Antiquity of Varna”, Book with illustrations

Opening bid: £10

"Golden Antiquity of Varna", Celebrating 50th anniversary of Varna necropolis discovery
 Илюстриран албум "Златната древност на Варна", издаден по повод 50 годишнината от откриването на Варненския халколитен некропол.



Kindly donated by Karin Dom



Memoirs by Ivan D. Stancioff "Diplomat and Gardener"

Opening bid: £15

Memoirs by Ivan D. Stancioff "Diplomat and Gardener" - in English, deluxe hardcover edition
Книга с мемоари на Иван Д. Станчов „Дипломат и градинар“ – на английски език, луксозно издание с твърди корици



Kindly donated by Karin Dom



Annie Field: River and Mountain

Opening bid: £50

Mixed Media on board, framed
25 x 39 cm.

Annie Field studied at the Sculpture Academy in London and now works from her studio in Dorset, producing a wide range of figurative and abstract sculptures, paintings and drawings.

She is a member of the Chelsea Arts Society, the South West Sculptors Association, the South West Academy of Fine and Applied Arts and the Chelsea Arts Club as well as the Chelsea Sketch Club.

She is represented by the Cricket Gallery in Park Walk London and the British Art Portfolio.

Her paintings reflect her desire to explore her surroundings, forming her own visual language. "I feel one of the most important things in life is freedom of spirit, which I try to express through my art. Colour, movement and sensitivity determine the final images for my sculptures, paintings and drawings."

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Annie Field: Bulgarian abstract

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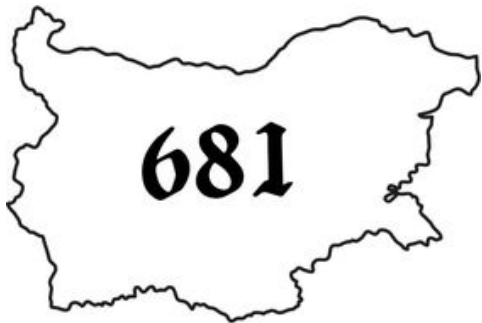
Iona Stern **Full Catch: Suggestions of Sofia**

Monotype 44 cm square

Iona Stern is an artist and a member of the Chelsea Sketch Club

Opening bid: £30

Kindly donated by Iona Stern



Dinner voucher for the Bulgarian restaurant “681”

Opening bid: £20

Located at 156 Merton Hall Road, London, and newly opened, the restaurant offers a wide range of traditional Bulgarian dishes, selected wines and rakias.

<https://bulgarianrestaurant681.co.uk>

The food quality is simply excellent.

The restaurant also regularly holds themed events that have proved to be very popular.

The voucher is for 50% off the bill of 2 people, on presentation of auction lot payment receipt -successful bidder to obtain receipt of auction lot payment from sabina.zlateva@friendsofbulgaria.org.uk

Kindly donated by the owners of “681”

Surprise Sculpture by BSCG

Opening bid: £100

To be Unveiled: a unique artwork dedicated to the Friends of Bulgaria Christmas Appeal 2022 and kindly donated by BSCG - our honorary Patron Boris Saxe-Coburg Gotha

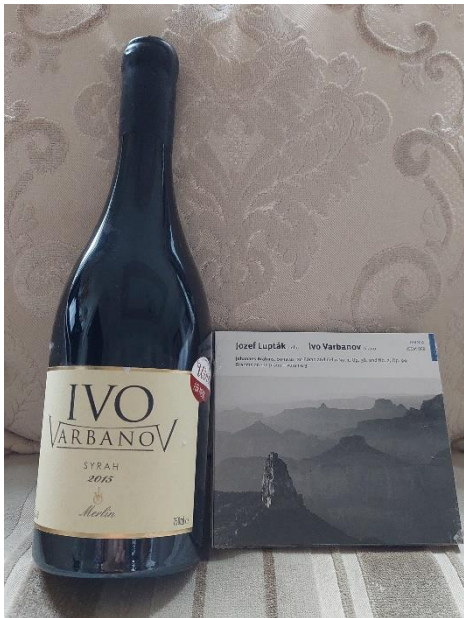
BSCG contemporary artwork exploiting modern media to express gravity's movement in space and colour has been displayed internationally, including at the traditional palatial interiors of Versailles in France and Apethorpe in England.

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example of BSCG sculpture





Ivo Varbanov Wine

Opening bid: £20

2015 Syrah aged in neutral oak barrels, from his vineyards in the region of Harmanli, Bulgaria. The CD is Jozef Luptak (cello) and Ivo Varbanov (piano) performing Johannes Brahms - Sonatas for Piano and Cello

Kindly donated by Ivo Varbanov



Vintage Wooden Box

Opening bid: £30

Vintage hinged-lidded wood box with traditional Bulgarian Wood-branded coloured decoration

Kindly donated by KamenBankovski



Jo Vollers Road To Plovdiv

Opening bid: £50

The Road to Plovdiv.
Oil on board, framed
By Jo Vollers

Jo Vollers grew up in an artistic and musical family who turned to painting herself after bringing up her family in Devon, studying at The Heatherly Art School, Chelsea and inspired by 20th century English painters.

Her individual style makes use of large brushes and palette knives, favouring fluidity of form and colour to convey the excitement of painting itself, drawing on seasonally changing details of the Devon landscape.

She is a member of the Chelsea Sketch Club and has exhibited widely including at the South West Academy, Chelsea Art Society and Llewellyn Alexander gallery in London, taking part annually in Devon Open Studios.

Kindly donated by the artist jovollers@btinternet.com

Raffle 2022

Tickets £5

from Katya Vassileva on arrival

Hand-knitted scarves from Karin Dom's products with a cause

Raffle prize

Hand-knitted scarves from Karin Dom's products with a cause. The scarves are knitted by parents of children who use the services of Karin Dom.

Ръчно плетени шалове от продуктите с кауза на Карин дом. Шаловете са изплетени от родители на деца, които ползват услуги на Карин дом.

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Christmas Tree Decorations

Raffle prize

A set of six assorted Christmas tree decorations handmade by parents of children who use the services of Karin Dom.

Комплект ръчно направени коледни играчки (съдържа ббр различни играчки за елха)

Kindly donated by Karin Dom



Organic honey from Verila mountain

Raffle prize

Two large jars (900gr each) of 100% organic honey produced in Verila and Konyavska mountains. The honey is produced from a single farm and contains no additives.

Kindly donated by Ivana and George Velikov



Traditionally Embroidered Cloth and Set of Mats

Bulgarian Traditional Architecture

Raffle prize



Kindly donated by Katya Vassileva