

U DX378

**Records of the British-Bulgarian
Friendship Society
(now the British-Bulgarian Society)**

1954-2013

Historical Background:

The Society for Friendship with Bulgaria was formally established in 1952 as a non-political organisation with the aim of promoting friendship between the populations of Britain and Bulgaria. The inspiration for the Society came from the Committee of Friendship with Bulgaria, set up in 1948 by British members of the Bulgarian section of the international Balkan work brigades. The Society has changed its name several times, including to the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society in 1976, and is now known as the British-Bulgarian Society.

Events organised by the British-Bulgarian Society include regular natural history and bird-watching tours of Bulgaria as well as sightseeing and other specialist tours. Any profits made are used to award small bursaries to Bulgarian students studying in the UK as well as to support charitable projects in Bulgaria. The Society produces a newsletter three or four times a year.

Custodial history:

Deposited by Dr Annie Kay, Feb 2014

Description:

This collection contains minutes of the Annual General meeting of the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society (BBFS) from the inaugural AGM (1954) to 2012; Executive Committee minutes and related correspondence (1973-2011); copies of the BBFS newsletter (1990-2012); booklets produced by the BBFS including one to commemorate the Society's 50th anniversary as well as files relating to projects funded by the BBFS in Bulgaria and donations made by the Society to other charitable organisations and projects working in Bulgaria.

Arrangement:

U DX378/1	AGM Minutes and reports
U DX378/2	Executive Committee minutes
U DX378/3	Published material and newsletters
U DX378/4	Subject Files

Extent: 40 files & 2 volumes

Related material:

Records of Mrs Pearl Lilley as a member of the British Soviet Friendship Society [U DX367]
Papers relating to the British Soviet Friendship Society visit to USSR [U DX347]
Papers of Lt Commander Edgar Philip Young RN and Amicia More Young [U DYO]
Papers of Jock Haston including records of the Revolutionary Community Party [U DJH]
Records of the Communist Party of Great Britain (Hull Branch) [U DCP]
Papers of Professor John Saville [U DJS - uncatalogued]

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Language: English and Bulgarian

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U DX378/1	AGM Minutes and reports Generally include report of the work of the society for the previous year, financial report, report of the Executive Committee, election of officers, report on membership of the society and any other business. 6 files	1954-2012
U DX378/1/1	AGM Minutes 1 file	1954-1959
U DX378/1/2	AGM Minutes and reports Includes minutes for the Society's Dance Group and annual reports for 1960-1968. 1 file	1960-1969
U DX378/1/3	AGM Minutes and reports Includes annual reports for 1971-1983 1 file	1970-1984
U DX378/1/4	AGM Minutes and reports Includes annual reports for 1984-1993, Executive Committee minutes (1985) and related correspondence. 1 file	1984-1994
U DX378/1/5	AGM Minutes and reports Includes annual reports for 1996-2001; letters from the President of Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Ambassador on the event of the Society's 50th anniversary; photographs of the AGM celebrating the Society's 50th anniversary (2002) and other related correspondence. 1 file	1996-2004
U DX378/1/6	AGM Minutes and reports Includes reports of the Executive Committee for 2005-2009 1 file	2005-2012
U DX378/2	Executive Committee minutes Executive Minutes generally include details of reports on membership, finance, tours and events as well as any other business such as the newsletter and preparation for the AGM. 18 files	1973-2011
U DX378/2/1	Executive Committee Minutes and related correspondence Includes correspondence relating to the Dance Group; Bulgarian folk costumes and Society events. 1 file	1973-1987

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U DX378/2/2	Executive Committee Minutes and related correspondence Includes correspondence and circulars generally relating to Society events. 1 file	1989-1993
U DX378/2/3	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	1996
U DX378/2/4	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	1997
U DX378/2/5	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	1998
U DX378/2/6	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	1999
U DX378/2/7	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2000
U DX378/2/8	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2001
U DX378/2/9	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2002
U DX378/2/10	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2003
U DX378/2/11	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2004
U DX378/2/12	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2005
U DX378/2/13	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2006
U DX378/2/14	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2007
U DX378/2/15	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2008
U DX378/2/16	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2009
U DX378/2/17	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2010

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U DX378/2/18	Executive Committee minutes 1 file	2011
U DX378/3	Published material and newsletters Includes two books, written in Bulgarian, relating to Bulgaria [after the Second World War], booklets published by the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society (BBFS) and BBFS newsletters. The newsletters generally include a letter from the President or Chairman, articles relating to Bulgaria, news from Bulgaria, notices and reports relating to Society events and other content such as poems, Bulgarian recipes and book reviews. 2 volumes & 4 files	1976-2012
U DX378/3/1	'Brigaders' Columns: National Youth' Written in Bulgarian. Inscription in front cover translates: 'To veteran brigaders with wishes for good health, happiness and undying brigaders' flame (enthusiasm). Burgas region. Commandant - signature. (illegible)' 1 volume	1976
U DX378/3/2	'Build Homeland' Written in Bulgarian 1 volume	n.d.
U DX378/3/3	British-Bulgarian Friendship Society publications Includes a booklet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society; booklet entitled 'Memorial Tributes to Alan Bush and Christina Bartlett and a booklet on The Rodopi mountains. 1 file	1995-2007
U DX378/3/4	British-Bulgarian Friendship Society Newsletters 1 file	1990-1999
U DX378/3/5	British-Bulgarian Friendship Society Newsletters 1 file	2000-2006
U DX378/3/6	British-Bulgarian Friendship Society Newsletters 1 file	2007-2012

U DX378/4	Subject Files Includes files mainly relating to events and projects organised or funded by the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society as well as grants and donations given to individuals and other organisations. There are also copies of the Society's Constitution. 8 files	1979-2013
U DX378/4/1	British-Bulgarian Society Constitutions Includes copies of the Constitution (1979, 1994), as well as proposed alterations to the Constitution (2009) 1 file	1979-2009
U DX378/4/2	Artificial file relating to donations and events Includes material relating to a donation made to the East European Advice Centre; correspondence and circulars relating to an appeal for aid to the Bulgarian Agency for International Aid; correspondence and other papers relating to a meeting between the Executive Committee of the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society (BBFS) and the Bulgarian Ambassador to the UK; correspondence relating to the death of the BBFS President Dr Frank Carter as well as correspondence and promotional flyers relating to events celebrating Martenitsa organised by the BBFS. 1 file	1996-2009
U DX378/4/3	Well Project Includes correspondence relating to the donation of money towards and the building of a well in the village of Kapitan Petko Voyvoda, to serve the village and to aid the conservation of the Imperial Eagle. Contains colour photographs of the ceremonial opening of the well. 1 file	2001-2004
U DX378/4/4	Bursaries Includes reports on the work of the Small Bursary Scheme which awards small bursaries to Bulgarian students studying in England 1 file	2001-2013
U DX378/4/5	Distinguished Lectures Includes correspondence and promotional flyers relating to the lectures by Professor Yankov (2002) and Mr Geoffrey van Orden (2004). 1 file	2002-2004

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U DX378/4/6	<p>Small Awards</p> <p>Includes correspondence relating to various small awards and donations made by the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society to other organisations and charities involved in work relating to Bulgaria.</p> <p>1 file</p>	2005-2007
U DX378/4/7	<p>Essay Competition</p> <p>Includes correspondence relating to an English essay competition for Bulgarian teenagers</p> <p>1 file</p>	2007-2008
U DX378/4/8	<p>Seed Bank Project</p> <p>Includes correspondence, budget plan and report on the Seed Bank project at Dobrinishte funded by the British-Bulgarian Friendship Society.</p> <p>1 file</p>	2008