



British Friends of Vanuatu

Breaking News

As at 10th May 2022

Death of Richard B Dorman CBE

The death on 9th January of the former British High Commissioner to Vanuatu (1982-85), and founder of the British Friends of Vanuatu, Richard B Dorman CBE, generated a flood of emails and letters from members and friends. A selection of the warming tributes received were published in the association newsletter, 'Nabanga' in January and April 2022.

The Effect of Coronavirus on BFoV Social Activities

The Coronavirus pandemic has severely affected the association's planning of future events. As a result, a number of events had to be cancelled or postponed during 2020-2021. The situation is now easing nationally. We held a successful Spring break and AGM in Llangollen, North Wales in late April and will be holding our first Vanuatu Independence Day reunion on Monday 1st August at the Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park. Full details details of these and other events (including the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, are given on the 'FUTURE EVENTS' page of this website. In Vanuatu, government plans for a reopening of the national borders on 1st July have been welcomed by the Tourism and hospitality sectors.

News From Vanuatu

The Vanuatu Leader of the opposition, Ralph Regenvanu MP, continues his campaign as chair of the Pacific Parliamentarians Alliance on Deep Sea Mining (PPADSM), against the granting of seabed mining licences to companies searching for undersea minerals in the Western Pacific.

We are sad to report the tragic death of the Headmaster of Ielma Tautu Primary School in Central Malekula who died in a freak accident in April when a gas-cylinder used as the school bell for the past 30 years, exploded causing fatal injuries to the headmaster.
