



British Friends of Vanuatu

Breaking News

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News From Vanuatu

New UK Diplomatic Appointments in Vanuatu

Last year the FC&DO in London announced the appointment of a new British High Commissioner, Ms Nicolette Brent MBE, and Deputy High Commissioner, Michael (Mike) Watters. Mike has been extremely helpful in bringing our association up to date on all that has been happening on the diplomatic front and on recent changes to UK priorities in Vanuatu and the Pacific.

Three New Chevening Scholarships Awarded to Vanuatu

We are pleased to announce the arrival in the UK, for the first time in many years, of three Chevening Scholars from the Republic of Vanuatu. The students are:

Philan (Phil) KALMANU from Malekula, studying for an MSc of Economics in Finance and Accounting at the University of Aberdeen.

Tapo (Sam) POSIKAI from Santo, studying for an MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing (LSE, LSHTM) at the London School of Economics.

Bril PALMER from part Santo and part Erakor (Efate), studying for an MA in Development at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex in Brighton.

Members living close to the universities mentioned have been identified and informed that they have a Vanuatu all of our visitors from Vanuatu have been contacted personally and invited out for a welcome meal. All three students joined us in Plymouth for the BFoV Spring Weekend and AGM at the end of April. We hope one or two of the scholars will be able to join us for lunch to celebrate Vanuatu Independence on 31st July at the Savill garden in Windsor on 31st July.