



# British Friends of Vanuatu

## Breaking News

As at 4th February, 2024

## News From Vanuatu

### More Severe Cyclones in Vanuatu

Tropical Cyclone Lola ripped across Vanuatu after making landfall on October 26th, 2023, with gusts at its peak of up to 295 kilometres per hour placing it in the highest threshold of the cyclone categories - a Category 5 cyclone. In total, Vanuatu suffered three major cyclones in a period of a little over one year, a climate crisis that was reported with great effect to international government representatives attending the recent COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

### Vanuatu Chevening Scholars

The three Chevening Scholars who arrived in the UK last September 2022 to complete their one year course of study for a Masters degree returned to Vanuatu in September 2023 after completing a successful year and all were awarded degrees.

In October 2023, Amanda Baereleo from the island of Tanna arrived in the UK to commence a oneyear course of study for a Masters degree at the university of Bath. Amada will be joining us a guest of the association for our our Spring Weekend and AGM in Weymouth in Dorset in April 2023.

### British Friends of Vanuatu to be Disbanded

The October issue of the BFoV reported that following the recent deaths and resignations of key officers with little chance of replacement, plans are being prepared for disbanding of the Charity and the BFoV association at the next AGM to be held in Weymouth, Dorset, on 20th April, 2023. Details of the constitutional and legal steps to be taken were set out in detail in the January 2024 issue of the BFoV newsletter, Nabanga. Reactions including regrets and options for the future are already circulating by email and on social media. Those wishing to add a voice can contact [editor@britishfriendsofvanuatu.org](mailto:editor@britishfriendsofvanuatu.org) for comments to be included where possible in the next issue of Nabanga, prior to the Spring Weekend AGM on April 20th.

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