

The English School Old Boys and Girls Association



Commemoration Event:

*"The English School, Nicosia, Cyprus:
70 years from the death of its founder
Canon Frank Newham"*

Sunday, 6 March 2016, 6:00 p.m.
at the E.S.O.B.G.A. Clubhouse,
Stelios Mavrommatis Street, 1085 Nicosia

Under the auspices of Mr. Constantinos Petrides,
Under Secretary to the President of the Republic of Cyprus



Rev. Canon Frank Darvall Newham, O.B.E., M.A.

(7 June 1864, Barrow Upon Soar, Leicestershire – 6 March 1946, Kyrenia, Cyprus)



F. D. Newham was born in Barrow Upon Soar in Leicestershire, UK and studied at Cambridge University where he received his BA degree with First Class in Theology in 1896. He was ordained Canon in 1898 and became Honorary Canon of St. George's, Jerusalem in 1922.

Canon Newham came to Cyprus in 1900 as Instructor of English to government clerks and officials. During the same year he founded the English School, where he served as Headmaster until 1936.

In 1901 he was appointed to a permanent Government post as Inspector of Schools. In 1907 he became Chief Inspector of Schools, later known as Director of Education. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1928. He also introduced football, hockey and cricket to Cyprus.

Canon Newham offered unique and outstanding services to education in Cyprus and commanded high respect from the public, his colleagues in Government and Old Boys. He was a good Christian and a great pedagogue, endowed with human understanding and kindness towards distinction of race, faith and nationality.

Canon Newham passed away on 6th March 1946 and a local newspaper, Phoni tis Kyprou, wrote: "The late Canon Newham won the love and respect of all the people of Cyprus to a degree that could not ever be approached by any other Englishman who has visited and lived in Cyprus during the British occupation. The English School is a milestone in the Island's history of education and speaks volumes for the good work of its founder. Indeed 'The English School' and 'Canon Newham' have become household words throughout the island".

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"To all those who have passed through the School and have reason to thank the School for their success in life – and they are many I wish God's Blessing and the guidance of His Divine Providence. I shall not forget them, and they, I am sure, will not forget me. And whenever and wherever they meet me, I hope they will not pass by, but will make themselves known to me, remembering that they have changed more than I have, and being assure that I shall always welcome them and be glad to hear what they have been doing through all the changing scenes of life."

Canon Frank Darvall Newham
Magazine of The English School, First Term 1936

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Programme:

- 6:00** Introduction
- 6:05** Speech by the E.S.O.B.G.A. Chairman
Mr. Andreas Antoniou: Thankful and proud
- 6:20** Address by the Under Secretary to the President
of the Republic of Cyprus Mr. Constantinos Petrides
- 6:25** Speech by the Chairperson of The Board of
Management of the English School
Ms. Magda Nicholson: The English School today
- 6:35** Short speech by Mr. Andreas Protopapas
(1941 Graduate): Those were the days
- 6:40** Keynote speech by historian Dr. Emilios Solomou,
ex Deputy Head Teacher at The English School:
The Canon Frank Newham heritage
- 7:00** Awarding of Recognition Plaques
- 7:15** Musical tribute by Alex Panayi and friends
- 7:30** Drinks and hors d'oeuvres

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