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NORTHERN AREA WEEKEND 2026

7TH - 8TH MARCH

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR:

Welcome to Northern Area Weekend 2026! It's great to see so many members, clubs and supporters coming together for what is always one of the highlights of the Northern Area calendar. Northern Area Weekend is about more than just competition - it's a chance to represent your club, have a go, support your friends and enjoy a weekend that brings people together from across the area. Whether you're competing, stewarding or cheering from the sidelines, your involvement is what makes the weekend what it is. I'd like to wish the very best of luck to all competitors - a lot of time, effort and practice goes into reaching this stage, and you should be proud to be here representing your club and county.

A huge thank you goes to our brilliant Northern Area Weekend Committee and all the volunteers who have worked hard behind the scenes to plan and deliver the weekend. These events simply wouldn't happen without the time and commitment you give. Thank you also to our sponsors for their continued support, and to our venues for hosting us.

I hope you enjoy the competitions and the atmosphere over the weekend, and make the most of being here.

Good luck to everyone, and enjoy the weekend!

ALEX MCMENEMY, NORTHERN AREA WEEKEND CHAIR 2026

WITH THANKS TO THE NORTHERN AREA WEEKEND COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTERS:

Alex McMenemy (Chair)
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NIGHT DO TICKETS:

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GENERAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY

- JUNIOR competitors must be 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2025.
- INTERMEDIATE competitors must be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2025.
- OPEN competitors must be 28 years of age or under on 1st September 2025.
- All entrants must be a full member of a club affiliated to NFYFC.
- Competitors will be required to produce their current and signed membership card. Failure to do so will result in a £5 fine.

TIMETABLE

- Competitors may compete in more than one competition where the timetable allows them to do so. The timetable is final and will not be changed to accommodate any individual or team. Any competitor not reporting at the time stated, or being unable to compete when required, will be eliminated, and therefore awarded (-1) point. The organisers will make every effort to keep competitions running to the times stated, however cannot be responsible if they are unable to do so due to unforeseen circumstances.

JUDGES / STEWARDS DECISIONS

- The judges' decision is final. Written notification of intention to lodge a complaint or to dispute the result must be received half an hour prior to the presentation of awards and should be accompanied by a £10 cash deposit. The £10 deposit shall be returned to the individual complaining in the event that the complaint is sustained. If the complaint is not sustained the fee shall be forfeited. Please note that complaints will ONLY be accepted from a competing member or team captain.
- Unacceptable behaviour by competitors or supporters, which adversely affects other competitors, will be penalised.
- Abusive behaviour towards Judges and Stewards will, in continual and extreme cases, lead to disqualification.
- Members are reminded that in taking part in the competitions, material of a questionable nature will be penalised. Members are to bear in mind that they are performing to a family audience.

HEALTH & SAFETY AND CHILD PROTECTION

- All competitions will be risk assessed to ensure the safety of competitors, supporters and guests.
- Competitors should be aware of relevant health & safety issues and thus follow the instructions of judges and stewards at all times.
- The completion of a PARENTAL AND MEDICAL CONSENT FORM is necessary for all members under the age of 18.

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

The Northern Area Weekend Committee reserves the right to change the timetable at short notice, however the timetable will not be modified to accommodate any individual or team.

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

Junior Public Speaking
Junior Reading
16–21 Situations Vacant
Under 28 Situations Vacant
Junior Member of the Year
Senior Member of the Year
Brainstrust
MACE Debating
Commercial Dance
Show Choir
Entertainments

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

Entertainments
Mixed Rounders (Ages 10–13)
Mixed Dodgeball (Ages 14–17)
Mixed Hockey (Ages 18–28)

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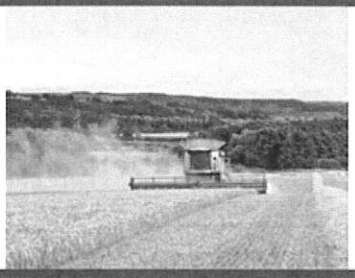

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JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

16 AND UNDER

Judges: Christina Wise & Diane Coles

Check-In Time	**Preparation Time** (Chair & Speaker for 15 Minutes)	**Competition Time**	**County** (Chair & Vote of Thanks)	**County** (Speaker)
08:55	09:00	09:15	Hamish Scott-Willis C Yorkshire C Eliza Harvey VOT	Cumbria A
09:20	09:25	09:40	Cumbria A	County Durham
09:45	09:50	10:05	Lancashire B	Cumbria C
10:10	10:15	10:30	County Durham	Northumberland
10:35	10:40	10:55	East Riding	Lancashire A
11:00	11:05	11:20	Lucy Goulding C Yorkshire A Brooke Hall VOT	Cumbria B
11:25	11:30	11:45	Cumbria C	Seth Feather S Yorkshire C
11:50	11:55	12:10	Northumberland	Lancashire B
12:15	12:20	12:35	Rebecca Ryder C Yorkshire B Erin Booth VOT	East Riding
LUNCH				
13:40	13:45	14:00	Lancashire A	Robyn Clay S Yorkshire A
14:05	14:10	14:25	Cumbria B	Robert Irish S Yorkshire B

Northern Area Junior Public Speaking kindly sponsored by DFAM

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JUNIOR READING

14 AND UNDER

Judges: Katie Sanderson & Claire Raw

Book title: The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo ISBN 970-0-00-675103-8

Check-In Time	**Preparation Time** (Whole Team & Trainer for 30 Minutes)	**Competition Time**	**County**
08:55	09:00	09:30	Lancashire A
09:25	09:30	10:00	Cumbria B
09:55	10:00	10:30	Brooke watt Yorkshire A Isabelle Baldwstone Robyn clay.
10:25	10:30	11:00	East Riding
10:55	11:00	11:30	Cumbria C
11:25	11:30	12:00	County Durham
11:55	12:00	12:30	Lily Craven Yorkshire C Thomas Goulding Eliza Harvey
LUNCH			
13:55	14:00	14:30	Cumbria A
14:25	14:30	15:00	Emma Robinson Yorkshire B Maisie Horrafin Erin Booth

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SITUATIONS VACANT

16 - 21

Judges: Adam Barrass & Claire Gilson

Check-In Time	Competition Time	County
09:25	09:30	Lauren Ducker Yorkshire A
09:55	10:00	Cumbria C
10:25	10:30	Lancashire B
10:55	11:00	County Durham
11:25	11:30	Northumberland
LUNCH		
12:55	13:00	East Riding
13:25	13:30	Cumbria A
13:55	14:00	Lancashire A
14:25	14:30	Cumbria B

SITUATIONS VACANT

22 - 28

Judges: Judith Layfield & Frank Chester

Check-In Time	Competition Time	County
09:25	09:30	Cumbria C
09:55	10:00	Lancashire B
10:25	10:30	County Durham
10:55	11:00	East Riding
11:25	11:30	Cumbria A
LUNCH		
12:55	13:00	Northumberland
13:25	13:30	Nathan Greenwood Yorkshire A
13:55	14:00	Anna Booth Yorkshire B
14:25	14:30	Cumbria B
14:55	15:00	Lancashire A

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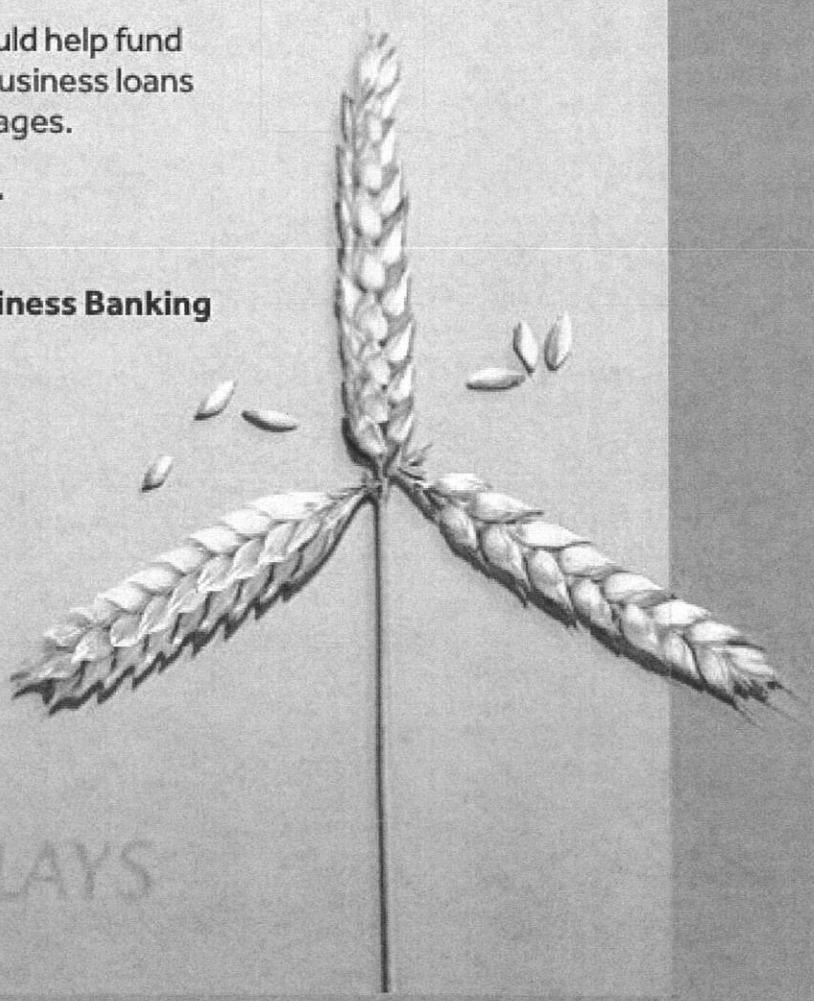

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Olive Clarke Trophy	Junior Reading
Lloyds Bank Plaque	Junior Public Speaking
Lloyds Bank Plaque	Intermediate Brainstrust
Prudential Trophy	Situations Vacant
Lloyds Bank Plaque	Senior Debate
NFU Trophy	Drama – 1st Place
NFU Trophy	Drama – 2nd Place
Elizabeth Mason Memorial Trophy	Junior Member of the Year
Elizabeth Mason Memorial Trophy	Senior Member of the Year
Adrian Willis Trophy	Overall Winning County

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JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

17 AND UNDER

Judges: Stuart Robson & Ell Elliott

Check-In Time	Competition Time	County
08:55	09:00	Lancashire B
09:25	09:30	Cumbria C
09:55	10:00	Lucy Goulding Yorkshire A
10:25	10:30	Norumberland
10:55	11:00	East Riding
11:25	11:30	Cumbria A
LUNCH		
12:55	13:00	Archie Clavin Yorkshire C
13:25	13:30	County Durham
13:55	14:00	Lancashire A
14:25	14:30	Thomas Herd Yorkshire B
14:55	15:00	Cumbria B

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SENIOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR

28 AND UNDER

Judges: Lesley Grieve & Stephen Jarvis

Check-In Time	Competition Time	County
08:55	09:00	County Durham
09:25	09:30	Lancashire B
09:55	10:00	Cumbria C
10:25	10:30	Ryan Howe Yorkshire A
10:55	11:00	East Riding
11:25	11:30	Cumbria A
LUNCH		
12:55	13:00	Northumberland
13:25	13:30	Lancashire A
13:55	14:00	Simon Morphet Yorkshire B
14:25	14:30	Cumbria B

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BRAINSTRUST

21 AND UNDER

Judges: William Maughan & Judith Wood

Check-In Time	**Preparation Time** (Chair for 20 Minutes)	**Competition Time**	**County**
09:05	09:10	09:30	Cumbria A
09:35	09:40	10:00	Remuly Cussons C Cally Cussons P1 Yorkshire C Charlotte Simpson P2 Ella Smalley P3
10:05	10:10	10:30	County Durham
10:35	10:40	11:00	Cumbria B
11:05	11:10	11:30	East Riding
LUNCH			
12:35	12:40	13:00	Grace Atkinson C Amy Snowden P1 Yorkshire A Izzy Clay P2 Holly Townsend P3
13:05	13:10	13:30	Northumberland
13:35	13:40	14:00	Lancashire A
14:05	14:10	14:30	Hattie Robinson C Rebecca Ryder P1 Yorkshire B Holly Middleton P2 Eleanor Ashby P3
14:35	14:40	15:00	Cumbria C

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MACE DEBATING

28 AND UNDER

Judges: Richard Darlington & Christine Knipe

Debate No.	Check-In Time	Preparation Time (30 Minutes Per Team)	Competition Time
1	08:40	08:45	09:15
2	09:25	09:30	10:00
3	10:10	10:15	10:45
4	10:55	11:00	11:30
LUNCH			
5	12:40	12:45	13:15
6	13:25	13:30	14:00
7	14:10	14:15	14:45

MACE DEBATING MOTIONS

No.	Motion	Chair	Prop.	Opp.
1	This house believes that regenerative agriculture should replace intensive farming practices in the UK	Lancashire B	Lancashire A	Northumberland
2	This house believes that athletes should be allowed to compete at the Olympic Games under a neutral flag during times of political conflict	Northumberland	Cumbria A	Lancashire B
3	This house believes that water companies should be nationalised after repeated pollution scandals	County Durham	Northumberland	East Riding
4	This house believes that an upper age limit should be imposed on political leaders	East Riding	Joe Holmes B Izzy Clay PS Yorkshire A	Cumbria A
5	This house believes that supermarkets hold too much power over British farmers and should be legally forced into fairer contracts	Cumbria A	County Durham	Lancashire A
6	This house believes that climate activists are right to target the farming industry as part of the solution	Thomas Herd C Yorkshire A	Lancashire B	County Durham
7	This house believes that the UK should ban the import of food produced to standards illegal for British farmers	Lancashire A	East Riding	Nathan Greenwood O Holly Townsend OS Yorkshire A

COMMERCIAL DANCE

28 AND UNDER

Judges: Janice Baker & Samantha Moor

Check-In Time	**Rehearsal Time** (10 Minutes Per Team)	**Competition Time**	**County**
09:55	10:00	11:20	Lockaster & Wetherby Yorkshire A
10:10	10:15	11:30	Cumbria C
10:25	10:30	11:40	East Riding
10:40	10:45	11:50	Cumbria A
10:55	11:00	12:00	Cumbria B

SHOW CHOIR

28 AND UNDER

Judges: Jacqui Durcan & Sheila Johnston

Check-In Time	**Rehearsal Time** (10 Minutes Per Team)	**Competition Time**	**County**
09:55	10:00	11:00	Cumbria A
10:10	10:15	11:15	Cumbria B
10:25	10:30	11:30	East Riding

ENTERTAINMENTS

28 AND UNDER

Judges: Stephen Longstaff & Helen Sibbald
Compere: John Wharton

Check-In Time	Technical Time (35 Minutes)	Competition Time	County
SATURDAY			
11:25	11:30	13:00	Cumbria A
10:25	10:30	14:00	Derwent Yorkshire B
09:25	09:30	15:00	Cumbria B
08:25	08:30	16:00	Northumberland
SUNDAY			
10:25	10:30	12:30	Penistone Yorkshire A
09:25	09:30	13:30	Cumbria C

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MIXED ROUNDERS

AGED 10 - 13

Report: 09:00

Compete: 09:15

Entries - Draws to be made on the day	
County Durham	
Cumbria A	
Cumbria B	
Cumbria C	
East Riding	
Yorkshire A	Silsden with Skipton
Yorkshire B	Calderdale
Yorkshire C	Farnley Estate

MIXED DODGEBALL

AGED 14 - 17

Report: 09:00

Compete: 09:15

Entries - Draws to be made on the day	
County Durham	
Cumbria A	
Cumbria B	
East Riding	
Lancashire A	
Northumberland	
Yorkshire A	Easingwold
Yorkshire B	Craven
Yorkshire C	Withdrawn.

MIXED HOCKEY

AGED 18 - 28

Report: 09:00
Compete: 09:15

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Entries - Draws to be made on the day	
County Durham	
Cumbria A	
Cumbria B	
Cumbria C	
Lancashire A	
Northumberland	
Yorkshire A	Ryedale
Yorkshire B	Eskdale

GOOD LUCK!