

AGM AND ANNUAL LECTURE

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

The Literary & Philosophical Society, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SE

The evening's timetable will be as follows:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 6.00 pm | Annual General Meeting |
| 6.30 pm | Substantial finger buffet |
| 7.30 pm | Annual lecture given by by Martin Farr, senior lecturer in contemporary British history at Newcastle University. The lecture's topic will be "The UK-US Special Relationship". |

Some may see the US-UK Special Relationship as having been conceived by Churchill and terminated by Trump. The reality in 2026, as with the history since 1941, is more nuanced. This talk will consider the core of the relationship – defence and intelligence cooperation – as well as its pre-history, the relationships between heads of government, and cultural and soft power dimensions.

With degrees in politics and history, Dr Martin Farr practises contemporary history: the history of the present. He broadcasts (including BBC, Sky News, CNN, ABC, France 24) and publishes widely, including books and articles on the world wars; British politics, parties, and elections; the media; US-UK relations; foreign, defence, and intelligence policy; popular culture; life writing, and tourism.

To sign up, please complete the form below and send it (or the equivalent information in the body of an email) **by Monday, September 14th, 2026** either by email to susanmaustin@hotmail.com or by post to Mrs. Susan Austin, Church View, The Dene, West Rainton, Houghton le Spring DH4 6PR.

For the payment of £25 per person, cheques should be made out to Northumbrian Cambridge Association (full title; not NCA, please). Direct payment should be to: account name: Northumbrian Cambridge Association; Lloyds sort code 30-98-97, account number 87980962. Please also include identification e.g., AGM/YOUR SURNAME. Bookings will be acknowledged by email when an email address is given, but if you would like to be notified by mail, please include a stamped, addressed envelope.



NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION AGM & ANNUAL LECTURE BOOKING FORM

Please reserve _____ places for the AGM and Annual Lecture on September 30th 2026

Names of Guest(s): _____

My/our payment of £____ (£25.00 per person) is being made by enclosed cheque/direct payment to NCA's Lloyds account (delete as necessary)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email address: _____

Any dietary requirements: _____

Stamped, addressed envelope enclosed: YES NO