

**A note to all Wessington U3A members.**

**Changes at North Biddick Social Club**

As I announced at the last general meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Club have introduced a new system of charges for the use of their facilities. From now on £10 per session will be charged for Wessington U3A groups using the main hall (Concert Room) for their activities. Bookings must be made in the usual way using our booking form but after each session £10 must be paid at the bar, for which a receipt will be issued.

The exception will be our monthly general meetings which will remain free.

An interesting facet to the changes is that some groups have previously been paying £25 for the main hall. In future they need only pay £10. I have had this confirmed by the club committee.

Meetings taking place in the lounge bar area will not be charged as the expectation is that other club visitors will still be able to use the lounge at the same time and that our members will probably be buying drinks at the bar. Based on my experience I think this is extremely likely!

A second change concerns the Club membership fees. From next year these are rising from £2 to £3 for new members and from £1 to £2 for renewals. There have apparently been notices posted around the club for some time, though I must admit, I hadn't seen them.

I don't think there's anything too onerous in these changes and I anticipate we will continue to enjoy our excellent relations with the Club.

Best regards

Kevin Parker

Wessington U3A Chairman