

## DEVON FOLK AWARD PRESENTATION 2025



Mary Marker receiving the Devon Folk Award from Chairman Anne Gill and Vice President Aileen Wills at Willand Folk Dance Club night on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Mary joined the Devon Folk committee as a full member in 2008 but previously had taken workshops and taught folk dance and music in schools and clubs and started several bands and regular folk dance clubs. During her time on the committee, she organized very successful workshops in Chudleigh covering various styles of music and dance. This gave so many people the opportunity to learn tunes in the morning as part of a band and play for a dance in the afternoon.

Mary still runs her More the Merrier Band and regularly plays at the Willand Folk Dance Club. Although she has stepped down from the Devon Folk committee, she still has an interest in the groups she started and hopefully can continue to do so. It is these qualities that we recognize by the presentation of this award.