

## **Autumn Holiday 2024**

Our Autumn holiday, at the beginning of October, at the comfortable Paddocks Hotel near Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire, was a great success. Our numbers were on the low side but the quality of dancing was high. David Last provided some great music with many original tunes for the older dances. The leaders were Mike with Dilys or Sue; Bernard & Dilys and Sonia with me plus a few hardy volunteers. We were lucky enough to have a few local dancers from South Wales visit in the evenings. Brian Faulkner celebrated his 86th birthday on the Wednesday and, after dinner, he was presented with a small cake with 1 candle (we could not afford a cake that would have been large enough to accommodate 86 candles!!). Sonia did her usual great job of decorating the stage, etc., and local ballroom teacher, Amanda, decorated the tables with a vase of flowers plus more for the stage - with the Hotels own flowers decorating walls and light fittings it made for a very pleasant ambience which was much appreciated. I have to admit that the organizing was hard work but much appreciated also and my special thanks to Mike, Bernard, Dilys & Sonia for all their help and support. President Fred.