In June, members and guests had a wonderful garden visit to White Gables at Aikton, the home of Catherine and Sandy.

It was a lovely night even though Storm Hector had done his worst just the week before.  Poor Catherine had returned from holiday to find a lot of her beloved plants blown over and had worked tirelessly to renovate the flower beds especially for our visit.  The fascinating garden is divided into lots of sections even a secret garden and includes ponds, arches, steps, vintage ornaments and pots, seats, and every tree, bush and plant you can imagine.  Everyone really enjoyed the hospitality including the Prosecco and nibbles.

We then continued to The Aikton Arms for a two-course meal which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks were conveyed to secretary Maureen for organising this evening.

On July 18th we had our annual Coffee Evening this year being at Muriel’s home at Kirkbride.

Members and guests enjoyed the lovely strawberry cream scones, cakes, biscuits and coffee.  There were the usual stalls for cakes, bric-a-brac and plants also the raffle table.  Then it was lovely to have a wander around Muriel’s garden which was also full of plants and very interesting trees and shrubs, and there is the loveliest huge Bougainvillea plant growing near the back door.  It was a very successful evening and raised over £200.

Chairman Eve Johnson thanked Muriel and presented her with a hydrangea plant.

Eve mentioned the successful Flower Festival which had taken place at Bowness Church in June and the much-admired exhibit which the Solway Flower Club had done in remembrance of Betty Martin, our founder.

We meet on August 15th at Bowness Church to view the Kneelers which the local ladies have created, to be followed by Afternoon Tea at Wallsend Tea Rooms.

The next meeting in Beaumont village hall is on 19th September when Margaret Abbott will demonstrate ‘Autumnal Inspirations’.  Everyone is very welcome.