Chairman Eve Johnson welcomed members and guests to the February meeting of the Solway Flower Club.  She began with a few notices including the Border Group Luncheon which is at Hunday Manor this year on the 12th October.  A workshop by Patti Dawson in Houghton Village Hall on 1st April costing £20 including lunch.  Then nearer home a busy day on Feb 25th as Monkhill Chapel are having a Pancake lunch from 12 – 2 and then on the same evening in Beaumont Village Hall there is to be a Variety Show at 7.30.

Eve then introduced Anne Nelson, who needs no introduction, to do her demonstration entitled ‘Flowers for Pleasure’.

Anne has been with us many times before and is always very welcome and quite humorous while doing her flowers.

She began with a round container and rolled spotted laurel leaves into which she placed little bunches of Snowdrops into the centre of each leaf to fill the bowl.  This was very simple and the snowdrops had significance to Anne.  She also produced a second similar pot which she had done earlier.

Next a tall greyish container with phormium and bergenia leaves to which she added stargazer lilies, large white roses – Anne’s favourite roses, and a second arrangement to match.

A round glass vase then added coloured sticks curled to secure, then tulips and multi-headed strong scented daffodils, and again another identical arrangement.

A large rectangular brown container filled with a variety of greenery then catkins, white roses, white alstromeria and large green carnations, plus a slightly smaller container which Anne had made herself using pot pourri glued onto a box.

Then 2 round pots with large hyacinths, palm and hebe. Then to conclude Anne’s favourite was a tall stemmed wine glass shaped container which reminded her of Weddings.  To which she added cerise gerbera, and a variety of white flowers and added colour changing lights to the vase then as with all the other designs Anne produced another even taller glass containing the same flowers.

President Margaret Hodgson thanked Anne for a lovely evening with her ‘Flowers for Pleasure’.

Next month’s meeting is on the 15th March when Linda Fraser will demonstrate her ‘Top Hat & Tales’ designs.  Guests are very welcome to come and see Linda.