Chairman Eve Johnson welcomed everyone to the Solway Flower Club on Wednesday 20th February.

Notices were given including a ‘Night at the Opera’ at The Greyhound Inn, Burgh-by-Sands on Saturday 13th April by Cameron Mitchell who is the son of one of our members.

Eve encouraged members to continue bringing Flower Books and any magazines to swap.

Eve then introduced or demonstrator for this evening, Pam Coke.  Pam was accompanied by her Daughter Lisa.  Pam told us the reason for her demonstration being entitled ‘Swansong’ as she is giving up doing flower demonstrations, but she will still be very much involved with Festival week and Church decorations at Dalston where she lives.

To make it easier Pam had added the greenery to all her containers beforehand.  She used ivy, garden greenery, phormium leaves and curled Aspidistra leaves.

Her first design was all green using large green chrysanths and small spray chrysanths set in a tall urn shaped vase and then she produced two more identical arrangements all set in a row.

Her second design was entitled ‘Jack Frost’. In a circle of greenery she added white twigs, white lilies, white roses, alstromeria then jonquil daffodils and gyp.

Next on a tray container she added tall twigs, phormium leaves, and 9 yellow roses set in three by three rows.

Pam then produced a small glass container and with black oasis set inside.  Black oasis does not need to be covered.  To this she add very small, very early pink cherry blossom, then leaves and three pink carnations.  This was very simple but very effective and was a favourite with everyone.

Next a round container adding to the greenery Pam used pinkish green Belle roses, then curled leaves and large tall green carnations.  Then to complement this arrangement she set three small vases with three pink roses in each around this arrangement.  All this added up to ten arrangements in all and looked very impressive all together on the stage.

Pam’s daughter Lisa then told us of her recent project to create drawings of a ‘Floral Alphabet’.  Each letter of the alphabet is depicted with every variety of flower and all look very pretty.  Lisa passed round her books to show us and explained how brushes and crayons etc can change the way the pictures look printed from her ipad.

As Margaret, our President, is unable to be present tonight, Eve gave the vote of thanks to Pam and Lisa.

All the ten arrangements were raffled before the tea and refreshments were served.

The next meeting of the Solway Flower Club is on Wednesday 20th March 7.30 when Edna Graham will demonstrate ‘Spring is Just Around the Corner’.  Friends and neighbours are very welcome to come along.