Vice Chair, Margaret McKenna welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the Solway Flower Club, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Margaret then welcomed Anne Wills to give her demonstration entitled 'Welcome to the New Year'.

Anne began by using a white Kalanchoe plant in a container and added white lilies in tubes of water, not using oasis.

Then a round basket containing variegated greenery, she adding to this Gala apples a courgette and yellow and orange peppers on sticks, also pale orange alstromeria, deeper orange roses and four yellow roses.  A very welcoming arrangement for spring.

Anne amused us by reading poems between arrangements.

A large goldfish bowl with an ornamental ring inside and green mesh was the container for the next arrangement.  On the top Anne used greyish greenery including curry plant and eucalyptus and then added pink gerbera, pink lisanthus and complemented with gyp.  Then Anne produced another smaller bowl and arrangement to match.

For her next arrangement, Anne had recently acquired a hand-made painted box which she laid on its side with lid open.  This is entitled 'Cleaning out for the New Year', when she draped green material and then pinkish material and a pale blue scarf and then small children's books set up beside the box, depicting the items to be cleared out.  Greenery was added and then three large green chrysanths, white lilies, large white roses and white lisanthus, then added white alstromeria and tiny white chrysanths.  Very symbolic for spring.

Then a wreath of greenery entitled 'looking forward to spring'.  With the wreath flat on the table Anne added upright Jasmine round the circle also Iris and yellow/pinkish tulips all quite tall then shorter purple statice was added and it was like a carousel whenever Anne moved it.  Then in the centre a small vase of Snowdrops from her own garden.

Finally, a lovely large pink chocolate box with a turquoise bow was the container with a bowl on top containing ferns, ivy and berries and added pink roses to match the colour of the box and purple lisianthus.  Anne read another poem to end the demonstration.  President Margaret thanked Anne for coming and giving us such an enjoyable evening.

All arrangements were then raffled with seven lucky winners.  The evening concluded with coffee and biscuits.

Next meeting on 19th February is Kim Mills with her demonstration entitled 'Flowers in Love'.  Everyone welcome.