**Solway Flower Club Notes for meeting in February 2018**

Chairman Eve Johnson welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting of the Solway Flower Club on the 21st.

We remembered with affection past member Mrs Eileen Docker who died recently.

Notices included Border Group lunch on October 18th at Hunday Manor when national demonstrator Vanessa Wellock will give her demonstration.

Eve mentioned the possibility of a visit to Bowness Church, in August, to see the wonderful kneelers which the ladies have made.  This would be followed by afternoon tea at Wallsend Tearoom.

Eve then introduced our demonstrator for the evening John Dalton, who unfortunately had to be cancelled in November because of the floods.  We are so lucky he is able to come this month instead.

He entitled his demonstration ‘Supermarket Sweep’, as all his flowers have been purchased from all the supermarkets around town.

John’s first design was in an urn shaped vase with the greenery already in place to which he added lovely red/pink roses, magenta gerbera and pink lisianthus.

Next John used a metal Moroccan round container and proceeded with apricot roses, toning carnations and tulips and peachy chrysanths to match.

As John does his arranging he is also telling us about doing special wedding flowers for marquees, and many demonstrations all over the country and of  his success at Chelsea last year and also being invited to take part again at Chelsea this year.

For John’s third design he used a wide metal container with shiny greenery and he added three yellow primroses and Paper White Jonquil daffodils.

Next John used a large rectangular container with variegated foliage, adding purple iris, pink gerbera, pink tulips, red alstromeria and the most gorgeous pink spray roses, all from all different supermarkets.

A huge tall green fibreglass urn containing Fatsia leaves, ivy, eucalyptus and phormium leaves to which John added all white flowers of roses, alstromeria and tulips.  He then produced a smaller matching arrangement made earlier.  As usual all John’s designs were amazing and everyone just loves his visits.

President Margaret Hodgson thanked John for his wonderful designs and entertaining us all once again.

The arrangements were all raffled with visitors as well as members being the lucky recipients.

Coffee, tea and cake concluded the evening.

Next meeting on March 21st is Carol Grieve to give her demonstration entitled ‘Natures Treasurers’.  Guests will be made very welcome.