Chairperson, Eve Johnson, welcomed members and quests to the September meeting of the Solway Flower Club.

Eve thanked everyone for the success of the Coffee Evening in July when £270 was raised for club funds.

Notices included The Border Group Lunch is at Greenhill Hotel on October 17th.

Doreen and Eve took part in the Dalston Festival Week with a floral display in the Church.  They showed pictures of the Font decorated with flowers and sculptures, as this is our 27th Anniversary, which is called ‘Sculpture’.

The MacMillan coffee evening is on 26th September in Beaumont Village Hall from 7 – 9.

There is a Christmas Shoebox Coffee Morning at Monkhill Chapel School room on Saturday 19th October to pick up a shoebox and have a list of gifts to donate.

Next month is our AGM and we will conclude the evening with making paper stars/snowflakes and need to bring a stapler and sellotape.

Eve then introduced Ros Harrison from Dalton-in Furness to give her demonstration entitled ‘Out of The Box’.

Ros began with a long box with three pieces of oasis and used Rosemary and small eucalyptus to which she added lovely purple allium bullets, decorative cabbages, lisianthus , hypericum, purple alstromeria and small green chrysanths and it all resembled an Autumn hedgerow and will be three prizes in the draw at the end.

Ros told us that she had previously been a florist and had her own flower shop, but now she just does flower arranging for groups and special events.  She is very enthusiastic about her flowers which were in perfect condition and the colour co-ordination was outstanding.

Ros loved to chat while arranging and had lots to tell us about her life.  She runs children’s groups, lunch groups, helps her husband who is pastor of their Church and the most admirable thing they do is fostering.  They mostly help teenagers and find it very rewarding.

She continued her demonstration with lovely tall containers, and produced a white arrangement including white orchids, then a sculpture of twigs into which she draped red orchids without using oasis.  Then a red design including Naomi roses, berries, amaranthus and phormuium leaves.  Another included red/pink hydrangeas from her garden, pink alstromera, pink Heidi roses and completed with red onions on sticks.

The final design included yellow lilies, bullrushes, garden autumn crocosmia, yellow roses, alstromeria and apples on sticks to remind everyone of Harvest Festivals.

President Margaret thanked Ros for the wonderful evening.  All the designs were raffled with nine lucky winners.

Coffee, tea and biscuits concluded the evening and members were reminded that next meeting is the AGM on the 16th October, when subs are due.  Hope everyone can come.