

## Unwelcome Signs



Report by:  
Geoff Betsworth,  
President Rotary Club of  
Silloth-on-Solway

Following an order from officials at Allerdale Borough Council, The Rotary Club of Silloth-on-Solway is being forced to take down a long-standing sign, welcoming visitors to the seaside holiday town of Silloth on Solway. This is despite Silloth Rotary Club members having paid from their own pockets, the cost of the planning application demanded by the Council. A subsequent appeal to the Council received an equally terse rejection.

This inoffensive, clean and compact sign, displaying the internationally recognised Rotary Club emblem, (a symbol for all that is good and caring in this otherwise troubled world), and the words "Welcome to Silloth-on-Solway", has been mounted alongside a commercial hoarding on the B5302 approaches to Silloth for several years now. Whilst the adjacent commercial advertisement is being allowed to remain in place, the friendly welcoming gesture offered by the Rotary

Club must be removed. As Silloth members of the world-wide Rotary organisation, all volunteers who fund-raise for worthy causes locally, nationally and internationally, we think it is rather pathetic and narrow minded that Allerdale Borough Council have failed to grasp the fact, that our Rotary sign is not some self promotional advertisement for commercial or private financial gain, which in all fairness need to be carefully controlled. The Rotary sign is simply there to welcome visitors and tourists, (on which our beautiful County and Allerdale district so greatly depend), to our small but attractive seaside community of Silloth-on-Solway. It is a very sad day for the local members of a great and caring, international organisation.

PS Silloth Rotary Club members would however, still like to welcome you all to our lovely town, ...it's just that we are no longer allowed to say so!



Jo Jo the Clown Bee  
by Martha Jacques  
aged 12 from  
Emmanuelle College

## Art Competition Winner



Cumberland Building Society, Silloth Branch, Winning entry by Cameron Pape

This year the Cumberland Building Society has launched a competition amongst local schools to design the front cover of its Summary Financial Statement. Pupils in years 9-11 at Silloth Primary School were asked to paint something which represents their community. The school was provided with funds towards the costs of the art material.

The winning entry was by Cameron Pape, aged 9, entitled "The



Green". Cameron will receive a prize of £25 in a Cumberland account and all the children who entered the competition will receive a certificate and a goody bag.

Cameron's entry has now been entered into the final alongside all the winning entries from the other 32 branches.

The overall competition winner will receive an additional £100 for their account and their school will receive £250 for art material. The overall winner will be chosen at the end of March.

Mr & Mrs Bee  
by Emma Barwise  
aged 6 from  
Holm Cultram Abbey School

## Silloth Docks

Report by: Alan Byrom

On 22nd February in Christ Church Hall, Chris Puxley the Harbour Master gave an illustrated talk on the history of the docks at Silloth over the first hundred years of their existence.

This was a detailed and fascinating story well illustrated from a variety of historical sources and our thanks go to Chris for giving us an insight into Silloth's past.

We hope to have a similar event in the near future so that he can continue the story up to the present day.

Mum, Dad, Grandparent or Carer  
to our

## Family Fun Session



At  
Silloth Primary School,  
Silloth  
On  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
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