



Tom is bowled over after receiving top award



Tom Stoddart is presented with the Chairman's Medal for his tireless community work.

A cricketing stalwart was bowled over after receiving a top honour for his work with Mainsforth Cricket Club both on and off the pitch.

Nominated by Gordon Eddy and put forward by the 4 Together Area Action Part-

nership, Thomas Stoddart, or Tom as everyone knows him, has been rewarded for his determination and tireless work.

Tom was presented with the Chairman's Medal from the Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr John

Robinson, JP, at a special ceremony held at County Hall.

Starting off in the junior team, Tom progressed through the senior teams, while off the pitch he became a committee member, secretary and is now Life President.

Cllr Robinson, said: "It's fair to say, if there's anything you need to know about Mainsforth Cricket Club, Tom's your man."

A local businessman who owns an engineering firm employing over 40 people, Tom has used his invaluable experience and resources to raise thousands of pounds for local charities. Away from the hallowed Mainsforth square, and when he's not coaching the club's rising stars in the juniors, Tom has dedicated his time to the demolition and building of a new pavilion to develop cricket, football and cycling in the Ferryhill area.

Cllr Robinson added: "Through his tireless efforts Tom has united the community, showing leadership and passion for the area, his love of cricket and a resolute belief in young people."

Cabinet to discuss fate of Sure Start services

Durham County Council's Cabinet will discuss a new approach to providing childcare services for the under-fives, which they say is designed to improve the lives of some of the county's most vulnerable children and their families. Proposals for the future of County Durham's children's centres will be decided as we go to press, on Wednesday 18th March, and if given the go ahead, plans could see the emphasis shift from specialist buildings to community venues, in a drive to reach families which most need support. A consultation on proposals has already taken place and all comments and submissions will be considered by Cabinet.

Durham County Council say, "The recommendations are designed to ensure the under-fives, particularly in the most deprived areas of the county, are ready for school life. The paper

outlines how, despite some successes, the current reliance on children's centres has failed to deliver the improvements hoped for."

If plans are given the go-ahead services will be taken farther into communities, focussing on the places families already go. It is hoped this will be beneficial to parents who would no longer be expected to travel to specialist venues.

Some of the proposed community venues for service delivery include Chilton Community College, Ferryhill Clinic, Henderson Community House, One Point Hub and The LADDER Centre, although these venues will need to be risk assessed and meet the needs of families.

The Council's Children's Centres are currently arranged in five localities.

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Anniversaries

Brown

Mam & Dad

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your Diamond Wedding
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many more to come



Lots of love,
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Anniversaries

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Birthdays

Ronnie Evans

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Love you loads,
Kloe, Emilia, Liam & Rachel
xxxx



Demi Stephenson



Happy 18th Birthday Demi



Loads of love,
Mam, Neil, Chelsea, Britney
& Logan
xxx

Brown

Mam & Dad

Congratulations on your
60th Wedding anniversary



Love from Paula & David

Brown

Anne & Edwin

Congratulations Grandma
& Grandad on your 60th
Wedding Anniversary



Love Donna, Michael
& Jamie
xx

Brown

Mam & Dad

Congratulations on 60 years
of marriage, hope you have
many more to follow



Lots of love,
Paul, Audrey & Jamie



Dodds

Congratulations Marjorie
& Herbert on 60 years of
marriage



Love and best wishes,
Kathleen & John

Neville Meale

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Memories stay forever



Forever remembered,
Mick, Lorna & family

Brown

Gran & Granda

Congratulations on 60
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here's to many more



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Neville Meale

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Always remembered



Mother-in-Law Alice

Demi Stephenson

Happy 18th Birthday



Love you lots,
Auntie Leanne, Uncle Craig,
Jordan & Callan

Brown

Grandma & Granda

Congratulations



Love Lucy & John

Katrina Ward

22nd March 2010

Missing you today,
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Caroline & Gavin,
Mam, Dad & family
xxx

Liam Bellingham

16th March

Happy 18th Birthday



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Chilton **no later than 4pm on Thursday
26th March.**

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A Diamond Couple



Anne and Edwin Brown receive a bouquet of flowers from Alan Hodgson, Chairman of Cornforth Parish Council on behalf of the council to celebrate their Diamond Anniversary.

The chairman of Cornforth Parish Council, Alan Hodgson, went along to present a lovely bouquet of flowers on behalf of the council on Thursday 12th March to Edwin and Anne Brown from Lichfield Road, West Cornforth who were celebrating 60 wonderful years together.

The couple were married at St Joseph's RC Church, West Cornforth in 1955. Edwin was born in Low Spennymoor, whilst Anne was born in Dean Street, West Cornforth.

They met at Siemens Social Club in Barnfield Road, Spennymoor. Edwin, 84, left school at 14 years old at started working at Croxdale Station Garage until he went into the Army at 18 year old.

After leaving the Forces he went to Sherwood & Wynn Coachbuilders, then moved on to James Grainger haulage contractor, working as a driver/fitter. His final job was at Coxhoe Commercial as a vehicle mechanic for 22

years before he retired aged 60.

Anne, 78, started work at Ferryhill Clothing Factory, and then went to Stephenson's Chemists in Cornforth until the children came along.

In 1967 she returned back to work at Black & Decker for 15 years.

After they married they lived with Anne's mam and dad for five years before moving to Elm Road and then moving back to Anne's residence in Lichfield Road, West Cornforth.

The lovely couple have a daughter Angela and twins Paul and Paula, all living in Cornforth.

They have six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

In earlier times Edwin loved messing around with cars, as he was a mechanic.

He now likes going out on his scooter with the dog, and going for a pint at Ferryhill Club.

Anne used to knit and she used to look after the grandchildren before they

grew up. In earlier times the couple went dancing three times a week at West Cornforth WMC.

They are still avid fans of National Holidays, travelling three times a year to Scotland.

They also attend St. Joseph's Church in Coxhoe regularly.

They celebrated their special occasion surrounded by family and friends with a three-course meal and evening entertainment at the Masonic Hall, Ferryhill on Saturday 14th March.

There was a special surprise in store for Anne as Edwin and his close family had arranged for Anne's wedding dress to be cleaned and restored to its original condition and it was on the stage.

Also present were Anne's bridesmaids Joan & Elsie, but another bridesmaid Mavis now lives in Australia. Edwin's page boy, Michael was also there to celebrate with the happy couple.

Children's Centres decision *(Continued from pg 1)*

This is to ensure that all areas have a proportion of Children's Centres consistent with their levels of deprivation. No change is proposed to these arrangements.

Within the 5 localities, Children's Centres are grouped into 16 'clusters', with each of the 16 clusters having a "Main" Children's Centre.

It is proposed to retain one Children's Centre building in each cluster, (with the exception of the Coundon cluster) thereby reducing the number of centres from 43 to 15.

The proposals would see the council retain these 15 specialist fixed venue Children's Centres, with the remaining 28 centres either transferring to schools and nurseries or being used for alternative purposes.

Within the 'Ferryhill Cluster', Dean Bank Children's Centre has been

identified as the Centre which will be retained, meaning services at Chilton Children's Centre and Fishburn Children's Centre will be transferred to an alternative provider.

Under the new proposals, Durham County Council expect to save around £1 million.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, Durham County Council, said, "We are committed to providing high quality services to support families and their young children to be both healthy and ready for school, so that they can achieve their full potential. "We recognise that children's centres play an important part in this and we propose to change the way we work to target support to children and families who need it most."

AGM date correction

Readers wishing to attend that the correct date for the Chilton Community College AGM should note the meeting is Monday 20th April at 5pm.

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Visit from Lord Lieutenant



Mrs Sue Snowdon, Lord Lieutenant and Elizabeth Bruce, Mayoress of Chilton present Ryan Greenwood from nursery, who was dressed as Mr Stink, with his book prize.

By School Reporters,
Victoria and Tyler, Year 6:

Mrs Sue Snowdon, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, visited Chilton Primary School on Thursday 5th March to coincide with World Book Day.

The day was themed around David Walliams' books. Staff and pupils made a

huge effort to dress up and Mrs. Snowdon commented on how well everyone had done. She helped to judge our costumes and award prizes.

Prior to visiting the school, she read David Walliams' book 'Ratburger' to ensure she had a brief 'heads up' on our theme day.

Mrs. Snowdon was first

taken on a tour of the school, making sure she popped in to see everyone from the Happy Times Day Care through to Year 6.

At lunchtime, Mrs. Snowdon joined children in the dining hall for a 'Ratburger' (organic mince - not the real thing!) and chatted to the children about the characters and stories in David Walliams' books.

After lunch, we interviewed Mrs. Snowdon about herself. She revealed that her favourite food is fish, her favourite colour red and her favourite film 'Best Marigold Hotel 2'. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and baking. She loves everything about County Durham; "From the hills in the Dales to the rugged Durham coastline."

CAB funding approved

At its March meeting, Ferryhill Town Council approved a request for £3000 financial support for Citizens Advice County

Durham's outreach sessions in addition to free use of the council chambers and telephone and internet access for the sessions.

Nursery is tops

For the second consecutive year, Child's Play Private Nursery, based at Ferryhill's Community Hub, has been nominated as one of the top ten most recommended nurseries in the North East.

The daynurseries.co.uk Top 10 Nursery Awards highlight the most recommended day nurseries in each region of the UK.

The awards are based on over 20,000 recommendations received during 2013-14 from parents, relatives and guardians of children who attend the nurseries.

Proprietor and Manager,

26-year-old Laura Leigh Wayman said: "It is amazing that we have received this award for the second year in a row, what an amazing honour."

"I must say the biggest thank you to all of the Child's Play team who work 10 to 12 hour days, always smile and truly have the children and families at the heart of everything that they do."

"Without these amazing girls our parents and families would not have had the positive experiences which has motivated them to recommend us year after year."

Krazy Kev is back at Ferryhill Library

Ferryhill Town Council have organised for Krazy Kev, Magician & Master Balloonist, to return to Ferryhill Library on Thursday 2nd April, from 2-3pm.

On Thursday 9th April, Animalstory will be visiting the library from 2-3pm. There are only 35 places available for the Animalstory session and tickets are available from the Library.

A spokesperson said: "The

sessions are suitable for children aged from 3 to 11 years and are free of charge so why not bring your children along and join in the fun."

A free leaflet advertising the programme of events organised by Ferryhill Town Council in partnership with Ferryhill Branch Library for the 2015 school holidays is now available from the Town Hall and Ferryhill Library.

Institute events

There will be an Easter Table Top Sale on Friday 27th March from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Dean Bank Institute in Ferryhill.

The event will also include a raffle, tombola and Easter egg hunt.

The café will also be open and there will be a variety of stalls. For anyone wishing to have a table,

they are £5 each to hire. A Stop Smoking drop In clinic has also recommenced on a Thursday from 10am to 12pm.

The over 50s exercise class is also looking for new members.

A spokesperson said: "Please ring 01740 657221 for information on any of the above."

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Kerry in Marathon fundraiser

Kerry Lister, Nurse practitioner at Ferryhill Surgery, is running the London Marathon on 26th April to raise funds for St John Ambulance to be able continue their vital work providing first aid support at events nationwide and delivering first aid training to enable everyone to become lifesavers.

She will complete the 26.2 miles course in the capital as her fourth marathon, running with her friend Vicki McLean who is a sister at UHND Accident & Emergency Dept.

Kerry said: "As nurses in different areas of practice we often see the difference qualified first aid can make to the outcome of illness or an accident.

"St John Ambulance provides essential well-structured training to enable everyone, young or old, to make a difference.

"As runners we also see the support that St John Ambulance provides at local, and national events such as the Great North Run and the



Kerry Lister, right, and her friend Vicki McLean are running the London Marathon for St John Ambulance.

London Marathon.

"It is very reassuring to know there are thousands of volunteers on the course in case of difficulties.

"It is a great privilege to be able to run to raise vital funds for such an amazing organisation."

Donations can be made at Ferryhill or Chilton surgeries reception or via Kerry

and Vicki's justgiving page at: www.justgiving.com/teams/Vklm2015.

The pair are also hosting a fund raising 80's disco evening at West Cornforth Community Centre on 27th March from 7pm.

The event, which includes a pie and peas supper and a bar and a raffle, is £5 entry for adults and £3 children.

Indecency arrest

Police have arrested a man in connection with recent incidents in Spenny-moor and Ferryhill where indecent suggestions were made to teenage girls.

In the last ten days three separate incidents have been reported to police of a man driving a silver or light blue vehicle pulling up in his car next to a lone, teenage girl.

On each occasion the driver then made indecent remarks to the girls before driving off.

The girls were not touched and the man did not get out of his car.

Following enquiries in

the area police were able to arrest a 31-year-old local man on suspicion of inciting a child to commit a sexual act.

He is currently in custody at Bishop Auckland police station.

Det Sgt Graham Low said: "We are aware of a number of posts on Facebook and other social media suggesting there may have been other instances.

"If anyone has information or if there are further victims out there who have not yet come forward, I would ask them to get in touch and we will speak to them in confidence."

See 'The Jazz Singer' for free

Chilton Community College is holding a free screening of *The Jazz Singer*, featuring Neil Diamond, on Friday 20th March from 6pm.

A spokesperson said: "Refreshments will also be available. Call either 01388 720911 or 720255 to reserve a ticket."

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Commissioner at PACT meeting

The public is invited to join Spennymoor Neighbourhood Police Team at a PACT meeting on Monday 30th March from 7pm at Chilton Catholic Club in Brooklyn Road.

The meeting allows members of the public

to meet and discuss local concerns with the local beat team.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to meet Ron Hogg, the Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington.

History Society talk

The next Meeting of Ferryhill History Society will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March at The Eldon Arms Hotel Ferryhill Station.

The speaker will be Dan Jackson with his talk, *The Rush To Volunteer in the North East 1914*, examining the patriotic fervour to enlist.

Vacancies at AAP

People in the local area are being offered the opportunity to take the lead in improving their community.

The 4 Together Area Action Partnership (AAP) currently has one vacancy for a public representative and one vacancy for a business representative to sit on its board.

The AAP is responsible for delivering local priorities in the Ferryhill, Chilton, West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham areas.

The new board members will play an active role in local projects and consultation and bring their skills and knowledge to help continue the success of the 4 Together Partnership.

Applicants will be required

to attend six board meetings a year as well as forum events and other activities.

Anyone aged 16 years and over who lives, works, volunteers or studies in the 4 Together Partnership area is eligible to apply for the post.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 3rd April.

For more information or an application pack contact Paula Stockport, AAP support officer, on 03000 267 212 or email paula.stockport@durham.gov.uk

The 4Together AAP is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009 to help the authority better engage with residents.

FBEC students impress with film



FBEC students were held in high regard by many organisations after choosing to create a film about the dangers of sexting.

Students of Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College have taken part in an innovative and creative project, run by Changing Relations and school staff, which has resulted in them producing a film warning their peers about the risks and consequences of sexting.

The film - 'What Would You Do?' - had its premiere at the school on Thursday 26th February, with the mixed group of Year 9 and 10 students presenting to staff, parents and local councillors about the process they had been through to create the film and the skills and confidence they had developed along the way.

Students had received input from various County Durham-based experts about a number of relationship issues, from sexual exploitation to

the laws around sexual consent and alcohol.

Partner organisations included Durham Police, Relate North East, the Women's Refuge at Bishop Auckland, Rape Crisis Durham and Darlington, Barnardo's and the LGBT team at DISC.

The youngsters went on to work alongside local film-maker Rupert Ludlow to choose a topic, develop characters, write a script and ultimately produce the high quality home grown film.

Inspired by a lively workshop delivered by Ferryhill PCSO Erica Tyler-Kilburn, the students chose the topic of sexting as they felt that the majority of their peers would be unaware that the increasingly common modern practice of sending indecent images via mobile phone is

actually illegal for those under the age of 18.

Supported by FBEC staff and Changing Relations, the team of students went on to plan learning content for their peers to support the key messages of the film.

The group of ten students led discussions and a range of activities in two Big Learning Days, which took place on 3rd and 4th March, with the aim of encouraging their peers to make healthy relationship choices and seek the appropriate help and support if they realise things have gone wrong.

Staff and partner organisations alike were highly impressed by the maturity, initiative and responsibility shown by the student educator team, leaving some wondering if there were some future teachers in their midst.



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21 March 1999

One of Britain's most loved and most successful comedians, Ernie Wise, dies aged 73.

22 March 1963

The Secretary of State for War, John Profumo, denies any impropriety with Christine Keeler.

23 March 1919

Benito Mussolini, an Italian World War I veteran establishes the nationalist Fascist Party.

24 March 1603

Queen Elizabeth I of England dies, and King James VI of Scotland ascends to the throne.

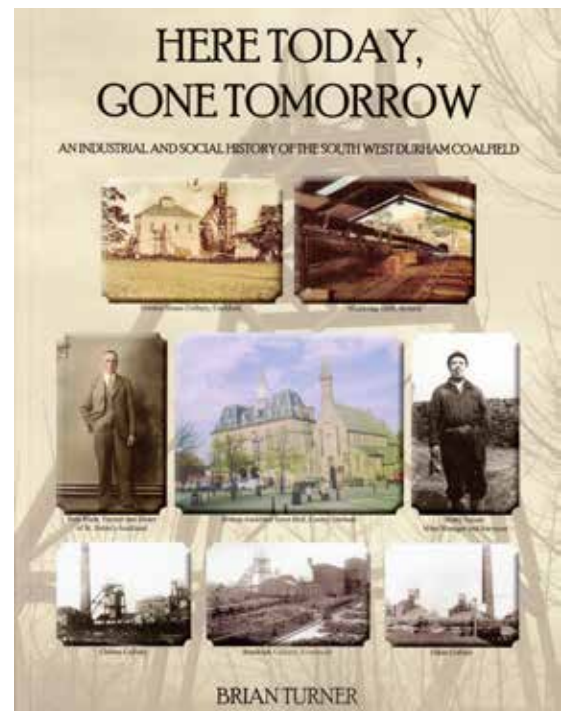
Charity appeals for hosts for homeless youths

A youth homelessness charity is appealing for volunteer hosts in the Ferryhill and Chilton area as demand for its services increases. Nightstop North East, part of Depaul UK, provides emergency accommodation for homeless youngsters. Hosts across the region work to provide a bed for the night for those left

without a roof over their heads. Organisers are now appealing for new volunteer hosts to take in a young person for the night and offer them a warm bed and a listening ear. Project manager Kester Young said, "Unfortunately, the demand for our service usually tends to increase after Christmas, so we are

asking people to help those less fortunate than themselves." All volunteers are vetted and receive out-of-pocket expenses, full training and support. For more information, phone Nightstop North East on 0191 253 6161 / 07957165488 or email nightstopne@depauluk.org.

Retired Chilton miner writes book



Chilton miner, Brian Turner has written an industrial and social history of the South West Durham coalfield.

Born and raised in Chilton, Brian Turner spent a number of years working underground as a miner after completing an engineering apprenticeship with the National Coal Board at Randolph Colliery in Evenwood, followed by coal face training at Chilton Colliery. After 35 years spent in mining and other associated industries in various capacities - deputy work underground and a number of engineering positions in the Durham and Staffordshire coalfields - Brian spent the final 12 years of his career as a mechanical engineer for a private mining company in the North East. The end of his career coincided with the demise of the Durham mining industry and Brian retired in 1994 from a small drift mine near Consett.

In his foreword to Brian's book, *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow, An Industrial and Social History of the South West Durham Coalfields*, Dr F W Smith, Consulting Geologist and past President of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, says the coalfield, "has been poorly recorded in the past despite the unusual blend of large and small collieries, drift mines, the remarkable variety of coals and geological conditions and its location in the borderlands between industrial and rural Durham." The book, priced £17.50, was launched by the author at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Thursday 19th March. The book is available from Chilton Post Office, the Chapter office on 01388 775896 and online at amazon.com.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Ferryhill Community Partnership I would like to inform your readers that there are only six seats available on their 21st May coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum.

Anyone who wishes to book a seat should contact Councillor Tom Garrett by telephone on 01740 651 392.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Brian Gibson
Ferryhill Community Partnership Secretary.

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Top honours for Conrad



Conrad Morrison, Ferryhill Indoor Bowling Club's youngest member was rated the top Junior at the County's School of Excellence in January.

Ferryhill Indoor Bowling Club's youngest bowler, 12 year-old Conrad Morrison, recently achieved the title of top junior bowler in the region.

Conrad attended the County School of Excellence in January where he gained top marks.

He then went onto take part in the regional School of Excellence at Darlington Indoor Bowls Club (IBC) on Sunday, 8th March, and after some excellent bowling he emerged as the top Junior.

He will now make the journey to Melton Mowbray to compete in the National finals on 25th October.

Conrad takes part in the bowling leagues at Fer-

ryhill alongside the senior bowlers and is more than capable of holding his own. He is the second successful junior to emerge from Ferryhill IBC following in the footsteps of Noah Cummings who is now a regular county player.

A spokesperson for the club congratulated Conrad on his success while pointing out that the club is keen to have more juniors go along: "We are delighted for Conrad," he said, adding that the club needs more juniors. "Anyone who would like a taster of the game and would like coaching should contact either Colin Larcombe on 01740 651010 or Norman Grimmer 01740 650047."

Meanwhile, the bowls club completed their inter club season's fixtures with an 8-0 home win over Spennymoor in the Durham & District Inter Club Triples and with this result they consolidated their position as league winners.

Spennymoor put up some stubborn resistance and in fact after ten ends only seven shots separated the sides.

However, from there on it went downhill for the visitors as out of the three rinks they managed to score on only one end eventually losing by 27 shots.

Final scores: B Johnstone 25-8 C Bowden; R Jefferson 13-7 G Black; J Gleghorn 16-12 H Hall.

Celtic in seventh heaven

Ferryhill Celtic were on league duty against Lumley at the weekend and it turned out to be an imperious display as their opponents were ruthlessly put to the sword.

Celtic started the game with real intent and opened the scoring after only ten minutes when a Jay White cross found Andrew Agar who rifled an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later the lead was doubled when a John Makepeace cross found the head of Luke Thompson who skilfully controlled the header right into the top corner of the net.

Celtic were now in complete control of the game with Martin Reid pulling the strings, and on the half hour it was three. Again it was Jay White who was the provider and again it was Luke Thompson he played in to slot the ball past the keeper from the edge of the box.

The rampant Celtic rounded off a dominant first half when Shane Todd hit a volley from the edge of the box from a corner kick which flew into the bottom corner of the Lumley net to make the half time score 4-0.

In the second half, Celtic refused to take their foot

off the peddle and the fifth goal duly arrived with 55 minutes on the clock.

Once again it was Jay White, this time from a corner kick, who set up Shane Todd for a close range volley.

With the Celtic now over-running Lumley, a sixth goal was inevitable. It was notched by Connor Pearson when Liam Taylor found the youngster in space in the box and he calmly finished in style to round off fantastic overall display.

The same player added the final flourish when he netted Celtic's seventh from close range.

Celtic now have a mouth watering tie at home with premier league champions Pelton ROAB in the quarter final of the Heart Foundation Cup on Sunday.

A club spokesperson said: "Come down in the morning and give the lads your support in what promises to be a cracking cup tie."

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