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Denise Gray, member of St James' Church Finchampstead



Tom Arlon with torchbearer Denise Gray

Olympic Torch lights up Finchampstead fete

The rain came down but spirits were up at Finchampstead fete as villagers battled the weather to make sure the show went on.

Organisers moved the car boot sale and other stalls inside both the Memorial Hall and the sports centre after heavy rain on Saturday.

Fete organiser Bev Kemp said: "We had an excellent turnout considering the weather and we're still counting the money.

"Because it was indoors people met more people than they would do if it was spread out outside and there was more of a community spirit."

An added attraction this year was a genuine Olympic torch, brought to the fete by torchbearer Denise Gray, who ran in Reading.

Mrs Gray charged visitors £3 to have their photograph taken with the torch to raise funds for the fete, which supports the Friends of Finchampstead School Association and the Finchampstead Park Management Committee.

The Olympic theme continued with an exhibition of medals created on paper plates by schoolchildren.

The dog agility demo, run by Sue Napper from the Camberley branch of the British Association of German Shepherd Dogs, did go ahead outdoors and the ice cream van was still popular despite the rain