The pilot helps comedian Reg Quartley from the helicopter which took him to the Connell's Point school fete on Saturday.

'Copter helps to raise £700 for school hall

A helicopter landing at Connell's Point school fete last Saturday helped to raise £700 towards the cost of an assembly hall at the school.

The helicopter, which drew more than 2000 people to the fete, brought TV personality Reg Quartley to the school to meet the children.

Four policemen held back the cheering crowd of youngsters as comedian Quartley stepped from the helicopter.

The school publicity officer (Mrs. R. Saunders) said the fete was an outstanding success, in spite of heavy rain and the coldest August day for 57 years. Mrs. Saunders said the £700 raised on Saturday from stalls and sideshows at the fete brought the assembly hall fund to £3138.

Only another £100 was needed to build the hall. "The Education Department is granting us a £6000 subsidy," Mrs. Saunders said. "We expect to be able to build a hall big enough to accommodate 600."