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**A MOTHER** watched her husband and son cross the line in the world's most famous marathon.

John Dill, 49, and Simon Dill, 19, from Lawns, finished last Sunday's Flora London Marathon in times of four hours, two minutes and four hours, 21 minutes respectively.

The pair who both run with the Swindon Harriers club had stepped up their training at Christmas.

John's wife Sue, 47, said she was very proud of her son and husband's achievements and had spent the day in London hopping from tube station to tube station to keep up with the race.

"It's a good time - the heat had affected both of them because my husband was trying to get under four hours," she said. "Simon was quite happy with his time because he was reckoning on four and a half hours.

Sue said she had watched her husband complete the marathon in 2003.

John entered the marathon through the ballot system, but Simon managed to raise £1,787 for the Life Education Centre.

"I'm so proud of them - to have both of them running was something else," said Sue.

"I just kept telling everybody 'that's my husband, that's my son'."

The family also thanked all those who donated.

Swindon resident Carrie Bone, 27, completed the 26-mile run in five hours on behalf of Leonard Cheshire Disability.

Jocelyn Herridge, events officer at Leonard Cheshire Disability, said: "We are very proud of Carrie who helped Leonard Cheshire Disability to raise well over £100,000.

"This is a fantastic achievement and it couldn't

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have been done without her support."

Elsewhere, Swindon Academy headteacher Jan Shadick went round London in four hours, 48 minutes.

Jan who came in 5,700th out of 35,000 runners was joined by science teacher Didi Simpson.

Jan said: "It was hard work and very hot but well worth taking part in at least once in your life."

She raised £2640 for disability charity PHAB while Didi raised money for the National Deaf Children's Society - NDCS.

Didi said: "it was an amazing experience, there were so many supporters along the whole length of the course cheering you along. I really enjoyed it and would definitely like to do it again."

Debbie Williams, a teaching assistant at the academy, made a cake to commemorate the occasion.



**WELL DONE** Jan Shadick and Didi Simpson celebrate with Swindon Academy pupils