

## Local Heroes

We all wonder how we would react if we were first at the scene of a road traffic accident. Katrina Dawkes of Carterton (late of Shipton), John Busk of Shipton and Neil Norridge of Swinbrook did not hesitate when they saw the crash at the Charlbury Road /Burford Road crossing in August 2008. A horsebox, driven by a 4x4 had failed to stop at the junction with the A361, and crashed into a car driven by Margaret Slatter and her daughter, Diane.

John managed to drag the passenger door off, while Katrina climbed in to assist Diane; Margaret was already dead. By this time there were flames coming out from beneath the bonnet so they had to get Diane out and away from the car as quickly as possible.

Diane recently met with the people who saved her life at a special ceremony at



John Busk and Neil Norridge

Oxfordshire County Court. High Sheriff Richard Dick and Judge Julian Hall presented the three with the High Sheriff's Merit Award.

This is only the second time in 30 years that this award has been presented to civilians, a mark of just how brave were their actions.

**Christine Halliday**

## Fundraiser Raffles Herself!



When Jan Harvey of Shipton-under-Wychwood decided to take part in the annual **Afghanaid Green Tea Morning** on 9th October she wanted a novel way to raise funds. So, along with a 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition and

'How Many Sweets in the Jar?' she **raffled herself!** Jan, the managing partner of a public relations and marketing business, donated three hours of her time and gave the winner a diverse range of options, which included house-tidying, dog walking, horse-grooming, company on a wet day, a trip to the shops, a poster design and even a personalised cartoon!

The first prize, three hours of Jan's time, was won by Sarah Fitzgerald of Witney. She will be asking for help with promotional material for her new reflexology business, Witney Complementary. Sarah said: 'I'm really pleased. I've never won a person before in fact; I've never won anything before!'

**Jan Harvey**