



● On top of the world – Andrea Davey on Mount Kilimanjaro. Below: Pete Davey.

Andrea makes it to top – for dad

A CARDIAC physiologist has raised more than £4,500 for charity by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Andrea Davey, 27, completed the 5,895-metre climb up Tanzania's infamous mountain for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Miss Davey, of Wrights Avenue, Cressing, took up the challenge in memory of her

father, Pete Davey, who died from malignant melanoma in October 2008.

Mr Davey, 52, was a fireman for the London fire brigade and received care from the charity during his illness.

Poignantly, his daughter reached the summit of Kilimanjaro on the first anniversary of his death.

She said: "It was a really difficult climb, both mentally and

physically. Weather conditions were -14C and it was blustery.

"I found the altitude sickness difficult, but with such a supportive team on the trek, it was great.

"It's really touching when you arrive at the bottom to start your trek, as there are lots of men hoping to carry your tent up for you as a porter. It's a job for them and they seem to thrive on it."

Miss Davey, who works in Basildon, said the five-day trek was exhausting but worthwhile.

She now plans to do the London Marathon next year and possibly a skydive, both for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

Her mother, Liz Davey, said: "All of the family and I are so proud of her and we know her dad would be too.

"I would like to say a big thank you to all my colleagues and friends who sponsored her."