

# BLANC CHEQUE

## Trefor's climb raises £2k for hospice



■ ON THE UP: Trefor and Will with their Swiss guide in front of Mont Blanc and, below, all smiles on the summit

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**A MAN has conquered Western Europe's highest mountain to raise money for the hospice which cared for his father.**

Trefor Evans started his climb of Mont Blanc on his 33rd birthday, September 21.

And he was on the summit at 6.50am the following day to see the sun rise over the French Alps.

Trefor raised £2,250 for St Richard's Hospice in Chichester where his father Michael died three years ago.

His sponsorship for the climb included £1,000 from his director brother Mark's telecommunications company Golcar-based ME Consultancy.

The company provides telecoms services and support across Yorkshire.

Trefor, who has lived in Chamonix in the French Alps for the past two years, but visits Huddersfield regularly said: "I can see the peak of Mont Blanc each morning from my bed so it seemed only appropriate that I attempt to climb it!"

"Bearing in mind that only 50% of all attempts are successful and that there are more fatalities each year in the Mont-Blanc range than in any decade of



Alaskan mountaineering I thought I'd best get some training in!

"I started with a team of five in total, but only myself and a colleague Will Corder finally reached the summit. It was an amazing experience."

Michael Evans, took early retirement several years ago to tour the country with his wife Barbara, known as Bob, in their mobile home.

The couple were staying with Bob's

sister in Chichester when he became seriously ill and was diagnosed as suffering from with non Hodgkins Lymphoma.

He was cared for there until his death and since then Bob and her family have been helping to raise the £3m needed to build a new cancer day care unit at St Richards.

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