On Friday 4th August, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice is hosting a Legacy Luncheon at Highbury Hall and you're very welcome to go along and take a step back in time...

Once home to Joseph Chamberlain, it's an opportunity to learn about his legacy, exploring some of the great achievements that have helped shape our wonderful city, making it what it is today. You'll also be able to find out how legacies are driving an ambitious plan to transform end of life care.

Situated in the leafy suburb of Moseley, Highbury Hall is a grade 11 listed building, which was commissioned by Joseph Chamberlain in 1878 and was named after the Highbury area of London, where he lived as a child. But it was here in Birmingham that Joseph Chamberlain made his career, first as a manufacturer and then notably as Mayor, which saw him promote many civic improvements, promising the city would be *'parked, paved, assized, marketed, gas and watered, and improved.'* A man that would take action, in 1876 Joseph Chamberlain forcibly purchased Birmingham's waterworks, creating Birmingham Corporation Water Department, showing great concern for the comfort and health of the city's inhabitants.

Ian Cawood from Newman University will be your guide through the Victorian streets of Birmingham, as he delves deeper into Joseph Chamberlain's life and celebrates a remarkable legacy. That will then lead us on to Birmingham St Mary's own contribution to the city and a talk from Hospice Chief Executive, Tina Swani. Here you can find out more about their vision to deliver 'Hospice care for all' and how legacy gifts are a driving force behind this.

If you would like to be a part of this special day then please email Derek Spinks, Legacy Manager at derek.spinks@birminghamhospice.org.uk. This free to attend event is from 12pm – 3pm and includes welcome drinks and the opportunity to stroll around the wonderful grounds, before you sit down to enjoy your lunch and hear from the guest speakers.