



PRESS RELEASE

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Mayor's Gala Dinner in aid of Prospect Hospice

Dear Editor

This is to let you and your readers know that our Mayor, Councillor Emily Trow, is hosting a gala dinner at the Town Hall on Friday, 20 March in aid of Prospect Hospice.

Emily was made Mayor in June 2025 for a one year term. In her acceptance speech she named two charities that she would support: the Marlborough Area Youth Forum and Prospect Hospice.

Although family members were present at the Mayoral robing event¹ she regretted that her husband, Chris, couldn't be there: he had passed away in 2024 following a battle with cancer. She later wrote in her blog:

"Prospect Hospice holds a particularly poignant place in my heart. When my husband was admitted to hospital for the final time in September 2024 and referred to the palliative care team we knew his time with us here was short. I had made him only one promise: that I wouldn't allow him to breathe his last breath in hospital. We knew we needed to find him a place to spend his final days but sadly for the palliative care team and the family, despite tremendous efforts Prospect were unable to take him. Frustratingly, they had the free beds but, due to a cut in government funding, they did not have the staff or means to give Chris the care he needed. Luckily, he was transferred to Brendon Care in Froxfield where, some 24 hours later, he passed away peacefully.

My thought process really is this: I never want to hear that our local hospices can't accept patients due to a funding crisis.

It is as disappointing for Prospect as it is for any family in this position."

¹ <https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/mayor-robing-gallery-2025>

To fulfil her promise and before her Mayoral year comes to a close, Emily is hosting a dinner at the Town Hall to raise much needed funds for Prospect Hospice.

The ticket price of £50 per person includes a welcome drink, two course meal and live music, and it promises to be a glamorous and fun evening. There will be a raffle and auction on the night too, and the Chief Executive of Prospect, Jeremy Lune, will deliver the after dinner speech. The live music comes courtesy of duo The Memoirs, aka Sean Moir and daughter Lily. Sean is a seasoned musician (and Monkeydolls band member) and daughter Lily adds beautiful vocals.

To quote the Mayor again:

"If only our fundraising could help just one family (or lots – you generous lot!) it would mean that they wouldn't experience the heart stopping and discouraging moments we all experienced."

Any enquiries about this event, including requests for tickets, should be directed to Andrea Millar via civic@marlborough-tc.gov.uk or call 01672 512487.

Richard Spencer-Williams

Richard Spencer Williams, PSLCC
Town Clerk

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<https://www.prospect-hospice.net/>

<https://marlboroughyouthforum.co.uk/>



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INVITES YOU TO A

Gala DINNER

FRIDAY

MARCH

20

7:00 PM

MARLBOROUGH TOWN HALL

IN AID OF

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TWO COURSE DINNER, WELCOME DRINK,
RAFFLE, AUCTION AND LIVE MUSIC

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