

## MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2011

- 1. GUILDHALL** - It was agreed that we should now take the initiative and endeavour to find a way of sharing ownership with the City.
- 2. PATHFIELDS POND** - A meeting took place to discuss the way forward. It was agreed that the pond should be drained and some of the puddling clay extracted. While the pond refills naturally it will be necessary to fence off the site to allow this to happen and allow turf to establish. It is hoped to start this work in November.
- 3. PLAY AREA** - A meeting took place with Councillors and City Parks Officers. There was a positive reaction to our proposal that we would be prepared to fund the capital expenditure of equipment, including replacing the swings on the Castle Green, if the City accepted responsibility for maintenance and insurance. Parks Department will be looking at this proposal and we await their response.
- 4. MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL** - It was agreed that this had been a great success. St. Maurice Church hosted the Joshua Reynolds Choir concert, which was very well attended and enjoyed. Sara, Vicky and Bob Gibbons with their team made sure the evening was a success, including refreshments and donations went to the Childrens' Hospice and the Air Ambulance. The Lamb Feast, in spite of the inclement weather, was a success - special thanks are due to Duncan Bray, Lee Everett and their hard working committee. Freddie Mills and David Luscombe organised Hidden Gardens and wish to thank all those who were generous in opening their gardens, which again was hugely popular with visitors. To complete the weekend, the arrival of the Gardeners' Question Time team, gave a unique opportunity for the gardeners amongst us to ask questions of the experts. This event would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of Charmian Evans to get Radio 4's agreement to give us this slot to coincide with the Festival. It is, of course, recognised that without the community's involvement, support and commitment the Festival would not happen and the Association is grateful to all those who took part in helping to make a very enjoyable weekend.