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Archaeological Weekend Over the weekend of 23rd – 24th July an important archaeological event is taking place within the Moor Pond Woods / Dam Banks Woods areas. The event is part of a national program being organised by members of the Nottinghamshire County Council Environment Department, who will be on site over the weekend. A marquee will be erected on the field during the event and people are invited to come along and be involved.

For more information please see the leaflet accompanying this Newsletter.

A considerable amount of work has taken place recently on the stonework on the edge of the pond and on the sluices and leets by the footbridge. The whole site is gaining wider recognition for its uniqueness as an important example of early industrial use of watercourses for powering the many mills that existed along the Leen Valley. Regular workdays take place, normally on the second Sunday of each month.

Anyone who would like to join the Friends group are asked to contact the secretary Maureen Barker on 963 2057, or Chairman Stephen Walker on 963 0808.

On the subject of the Playing Field, an existing seat has been removed to a different position and replaced by a futuristic "hang out shelter" for children. **The Papplewick & Linby Leisure Enterprise Group** jointly funded this for £1000 together with a grant from our County Councillor Joe Lonergan of £2000. We are grateful for Joe choosing Papplewick to receive some of his allocation of funds for the community this year. Thanks to Enterprise Group and Parish Council members for time spent installing it and to A1 Readymix for delivering the concrete. The Parish Council has agreed the purchase of two picnic tables to be installed on the playing field to further improve the facilities. As you can see, playground equipment is very expensive to purchase and maintain, so it is disappointing that we have again suffered vandalism on the field. This time a barbeque was used on the artificial "astro- turf" grass area and a hole burnt through it, only 5 metres from the part of the field used for the Annual Bonfire!

Open Gardens Day. The Enterprise Group recently organised a very successful open garden day, this time in Linby. Thanks to all who helped make this a great day, with $\pounds 1400$ being raised towards the playing field equipment fund. Next year the open gardens will be in Papplewick again, our next fundraiser will be the Village Bonfire and Fireworks on Friday 4th November.

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