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Summer Symposium, 13th–14th June 2015

Saturday Taunton

11.00 – 12.30 Visit the new Somerset Heritage Centre to view mosaic illustration archive of the Somerset Archaeological Society led by Bob Croft – Somerset County Archaeologist.
Meet from 10:30 in main reception area. We will be in a dedicated education room. There is ample free parking at the Centre which is on the outskirts of Taunton. If travelling by train allow 30 minutes for journey to Centre from station. It is too far to walk easily.

12.30 – 14.15 Travel to the Museum of Somerset, Taunton Castle for buffet lunch (included).
A film of the Dinnington Villa Dig in 2002 and 2006 will be played over lunch from 13.30.

14.15 – 17.00 Symposium in Education Room, Museum of Somerset

Speakers:

David Neal	<i>Reflections on Dinnington</i>
Pat Witts	<i>The Dinnington fragments – an intriguing puzzle</i>
Tony Clarke	<i>Dinnington and Yarford – two Somerset villas</i>
Steve Minnitt	<i>The Low Ham Mosaic</i>
Tom Flemons	<i>Recent mosaic conservation projects in UK museums</i>

Free time

18:00 Reception in the Museum of Somerset – no charge

19.00 Dinner at *Ciao Amore* – Italian restaurant. 2 courses from circa £16.00 per person, paid for on the night. **Address: 4 East Gate.**

Sunday Keynsham

11.00 – 1.00 Visit to the Keynsham Civic Centre (One Stop Shop).
Viewing of recently installed mosaic from Durley Hill villa.

Speakers:

Stephen Clews	<i>Mixed fortune – The story of the Keynsham mosaics</i>
Susan Fox	<i>Was it worth it? Calculating cost and value in presenting the Keynsham mosaics</i>

Travel information

Trains to Taunton

There are trains every half hour from Birmingham and Bristol. Some trains from London Paddington take less than 2 hours.

Trains to Keynsham from Taunton

On Sunday morning a train leaves Taunton for Keynsham (change at Westbury) at 9.08 and arrives at 10.31. A pleasant rural journey. Allow 10-15 minutes to walk from Keynsham station. Keynsham is on the west country main line, but is a small station so on leaving you will need to change at Bristol Temple Meads or Bath Spa for a fast long distance train.

Taxis

Are parked outside the Railway station at Taunton, but not at Keynsham.

Buses from Taunton railway station to Somerset Heritage Centre

From Taunton Station, bus services **25** and **25B** run every hour, at 7 minutes past the hour. The bus stop is opposite the railway station, on the other side of the road. It takes about 10 minutes, and the closest stop is opposite the Cross Keys public house, which is on the Minehead road (A358) just past the roundabout at the bottom of Staplegrove Road. Take the footpath leading off the main road to the left; this will bring you to the Langford Mead estate, next to a group of new houses. From there, you will be able to see the Heritage Centre, which is situated between Bookers and West Country Feeds. The walk is about 10 minutes from the bus stop to the Heritage Centre.

Bus service **28** is every 30 minutes at 17 and 47 minutes past the hour. The journey takes about 20 minutes, and the closest stop is opposite the Cross Keys public house. Directions from there as above.

Cars to Taunton

The Somerset Heritage Centre has a large, free, car park with plenty of space and disabled parking bays. There is a multi-storey near the Museum of Somerset. The distance between the two is about 10 minutes by car depending on traffic.

SatNav users

Somerset Heritage Centre postcode is TA2 6SF. It is a new building with a relatively new postcode (2010), and so is not recognised by some older SatNavs. An alternative is to follow directions to TA2 6AB, which will take you to the junction of Silk Mills Road and Bindon Road. Langford Mead is virtually opposite this junction.

Cars to Keynsham

There are several large car parks nearby, underused on Sundays, with inexpensive or free parking. As the building was finished just before Christmas it may not appear on maps and may not be on your SatNav – but you can't miss it.

The Keynsham building

The Keynsham building is a complex of three large brass-coloured buildings. Some construction work relating to these buildings is still in progress. On Google Maps the building you are visiting is called 'Keynsham Library'. On the south wall of the building are the words 'Keynsham Civic Centre'. Above the revolving door public entrance at the west end are the words 'One Stop Shop'.