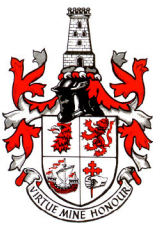


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Monday, February 20, 2012

12:30 – 1:30 pm

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