



## DERBYSHIRE BRANCH NEWSLETTER



The Palace Hotel Ballroom

### 2015 Dinner dance

Tickets are still available for this year's dinner dance being held at The Palace Hotel in Buxton on Friday 13th November. Tickets are £55 each and include a four-course meal and live entertainment including music from both The Midnight Cats and The Gershwin Gang. There will be a raffle and tombola and all monies raised from these will go to 3 very worthwhile charities - Macmillan Cancer Support, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance. If you'd like to book any tickets please contact Becky Slater at [becky.slater@me.com](mailto:becky.slater@me.com) or on 07834 764561.

Health and Safety Conference  
Proact Stadium Chesterfield  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 9am  
Coffee and registration at 8.15

**FULLY BOOKED!**



### Events for your diary 2015

Branch Technical Event  
Waterloo Taddington  
"Drones The Law and the Benefits"  
Wednesday 21st Oct 6pm





**Branch Technical Event**  
**Waterloo Taddington**  
**Quarry water Management**  
**Hafren Water Ltd**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm**



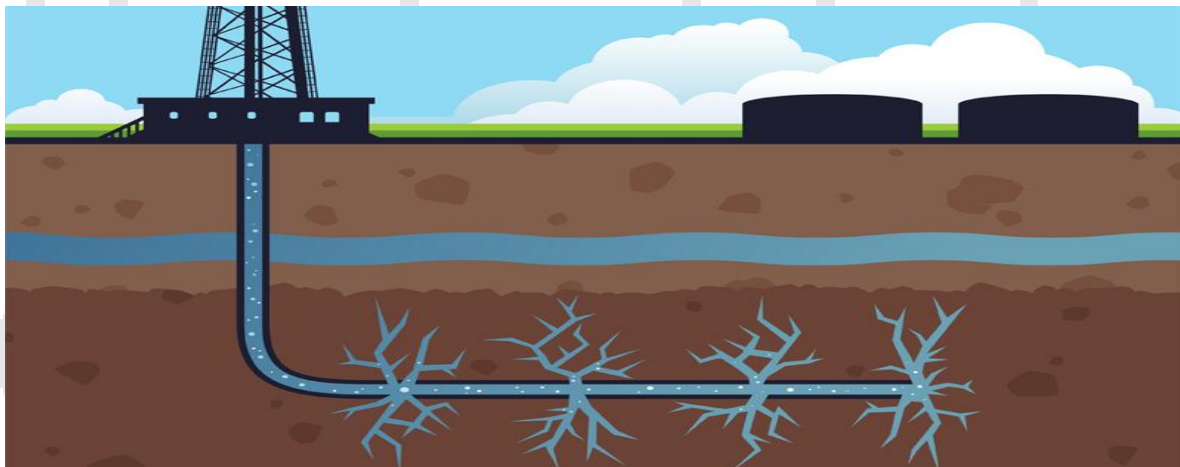
**Branch CPD Event**  
**Derby University Corporate**  
**Respirable Silica**  
**Peter Luxmore Cemex**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec starting with lunch at 12.30**



## PAST EVENTS

### “WHAT THE FRACK IS THAT ALL ABOUT”

ON 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the Derbyshire branch hosted a talk on Shale gas, given by Prof. Peter Styles. The talk outlined the relatively recent supply that shale gas could offer, which exists just below the coal layers that formed between the Cambrian and Carboniferous periods. The main source for the UK is the Bowland deposit at 790m below surface with between 1-15% organic content. Currently 60% of UK gas is imported from Russia, North Africa or the Middle East, making shale gas an attractive source of fuel for the UK in the future.







## Visit to Fauld Mine St Gobain

The visit was led by the mine manager Jim Daykin. Following a presentation on the history of Fauld mine and of course after the very important safety induction we were driven into the mine for approx 5kms to access the working faces. The visit gave an excellent insight into all the aspects of gypsum mining and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Scaling the face  
underground

Below: Drilling





## PHOTOS FROM OUR MEMBERS

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Sand dredging in  
Cheshire:

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The sand beneath is needed

Where was this Hall?

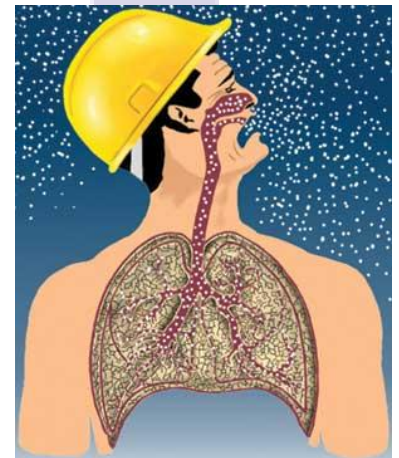
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## FOCUS ON SAFETY



Have you downloaded the new (July 15) HSE guidance on Respirable Silica?

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/healthsurveillance.htm>

### Did You Know?

**"SPONGES HOLD MORE COLD WATER THAN HOT"**