



# Hedbury

## Disused Cliff Quarry

Worked throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century



‘A king-post set in a square hole supported the wooden gibbet-like jib, which had to raise a stone just enough so it could be swung out through 90° and lowered’ (*Dr Peter Stanier*)

The block in the photo was made to replace the original square hole in the cliff which had broken-out. This **top crane** was used to lower the blocks of stone, kerbs, troughs and staddle stones by rope 8 metres over the cliff edge to a lower ledge where a bottom crane continued to the sea. Between 1750-1800 large quantities of cliff-stone were transported by sea from Hedbury and Winspit to Ramsgate for the building of its harbour.





Trev Haysom looking at the archaeological remains at Hedbury.



Waste scars









Trev standing next to the position of the gibbet, used for lowering stone.



The cliff below the position of the gibbet, built up with blocks.

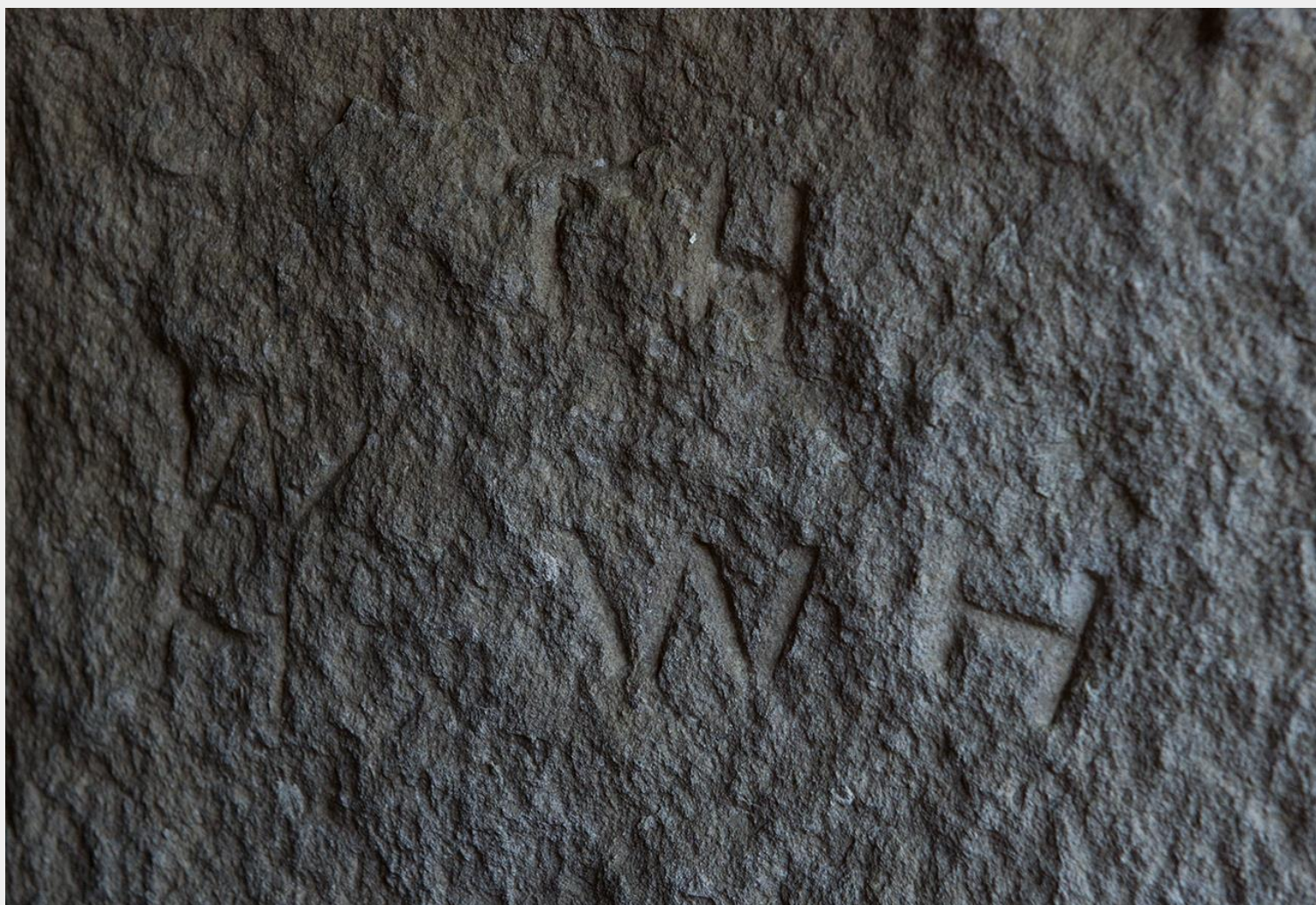


Looking East to Anvil Point.









Engravings within the quarry.





19<sup>th</sup> century sloop cut into the quarry face.





Sailing vessels engravings.





West Hedbury quarry. Roll stone for small capstan.





Anchor point for breeches-buoy apparatus.





‘The lower rock where successive cranes were set up. The stone was picked up again to be swung into the boat’. TH



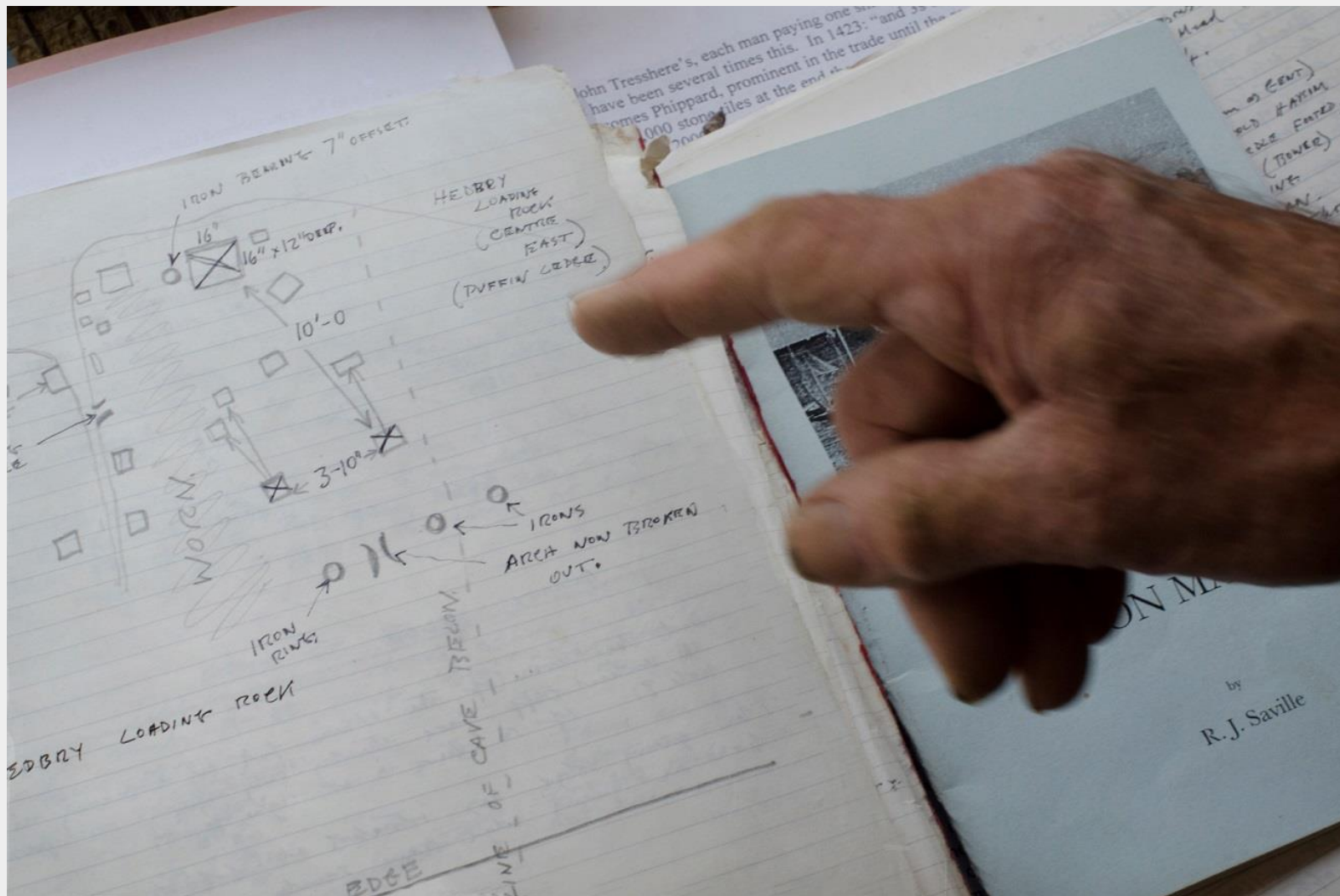


Rusted gudgeon pin belonging to the gibbet used to lower the stone to the lower loading rock.  
On a slab of Blue Bit thought for strengthening.









Trev's sketches of the lower loading rock. 'Generations of cranes may have been set up in the same holes' TH





Trev watching a Peregrine Falcon fly past.