

TRELEVEN HAYSOM

Pro-Chancellor,

Treleven Haysom is an authority on Purbeck stone and especially its marble, and is distinguished in the world of historic building restoration. Universally known as Trev, he was born at Langton Matravers, where he still lives, and went to Swanage Grammar School. He trained as a stonemason at Weymouth College and was apprenticed to his father and with the leading firm of Benfield and Locksley at Chichester and Oxford. His gifts and skills were recognised early in his career when he received the City and Guilds Silver Medal.

Trev now manages and owns the family stone and quarry business W J Haysom and Son. The company was based originally at the St Aldhelms Quarry but over the years it has expanded and now has several quarry sites in Purbeck. The Haysom quarries supply a full range of stone products, but they specialise in restoration and conservation products requiring skilled craftsmanship and access to the widest source of stone beds and understanding of the form and structure of the material.

Trev advises conservators, architects, academics, students and others on all aspects of Purbeck stone and marble and their uses in new construction and in the restoration of historic buildings. He has given lectures including the annual Donovan Purcell memorial lecture and briefly taught at Oxford Brookes University when it was a polytechnic. He has advised the authorities of Westminster Abbey and other cathedrals on their legacy of stone and marble, and their restoration projects. Indeed, in some cases he has done much of the restoration work himself, and has acquired a well-deserved personal reputation as an artist in stonework. In addition to Westminster, his work can be seen in Chichester Cathedral and (locally) in the Studland Church cross.

Trev has always been very willing to share his immense knowledge and the results of his acute observations and his deep scholarship. He is currently writing a history of the Purbeck marble industry and its tightly knit, family-based structure and culture. He is a frequently cited authority on the marble beds and the fossil record within them. This geological interest led to a cretaceous mammal being called *Dorsetodon Haysomi*. His personal museum collection contains a unique archaeological record of medieval marble working: a series of roughed-out grave covers, and another incompletely cut stone, all left by an unknown marbler who had been unable to finish his work, perhaps because of injury, death, or plague.

By way of contrast, Trev is also a recognised expert on the ornithology of Purbeck, and particularly its seabirds. He has compiled a number of seabird surveys published in the Proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeology Society, which greatly contribute to the study of their populations.

Trev is characteristically humble and retiring, and often refers to his work as 'a privilege'. But today the privilege is ours, as Bournemouth University celebrates and honours him as a quarryman, master mason, artist, technologist and scholar – and also as an exceptionally wise man and a true man of Purbeck.

Pro-Chancellor, I have the honour to present Treleven Haysom, and I ask you to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Technology, *honoris causa*.