



MOVING IT

Manpower & Horsepower



▲ In these three photographs men are hand loading wagons, which moved along temporarily laid tracks. Men were paid according to how much stone they removed, either by the tonne or wagon load. The wagons were then either pushed by the men or, as seen here, drawn by horses to the sorting and crushing machinery.



◀ Further away from the quarry face more permanent tracks could be laid. This allowed steam locomotives to do most of the hauling. The locomotives here were bought by the quarry company and named Jubilee and Oldbury after the quarries in which they operated.



▲ Work at the quarry continues whatever the weather!

▼ These pictures taken in the late 50s show three race prepped sportscars (including what appear to be a Jaguar D-type, a Triumph TR3 and an MGA) dashing around Mancetter quarry!! Not a common sight in most quarries but seen here because the high quality granite-like stone Diorite quarried at Mancetter is ideal for racetracks. This, together with the fact that the brother of one of the quarry shareholder's ran Silverstone racetrack, meant that speed trials were held here to test the performance of the cars and the surface.

