

Ricard Johns

Low Water Dick. Ricard AKA “Dickie” Johns lived and worked in our villages of Instow and Appledore around the turn of the 20th Century. He earned his living by ferrying both passengers and goods across the estuary, many of them arriving by train at what is now the NDYC. His nickname was given as it was said he could navigate the river at any state of tide! Our mission at Johns’ is to keep his story and tails alive firstly through this delicate infused gin. Locally foraged Sea Purslane Botanicals and a hint of spice and grapefruit combine to create this unique, fresh tittle that truly brings the sea and this amazing character’s story to life through Johns, a 4th generation award winning delicatessen since 1926.

Why?

Johns of Instow has been a family business since 1926, and with that comes lots of stories to tell & share! Ricard Johns is a huge part of our heritage, and we want to be able to share all the tales about our past ancestors of whom we are so proud of! Using Local ingredients that capture the natural wonders of our coastline we want to be able to transport you back in time to see Low Water Dick ferrying passengers & good across the estuary. So why not take a stroll to the beach with our brand-new gin, relax, enjoy, and let your imagination take over!

We have lots more stories, tales & ancestors to share with you, so keep your eyes peeled, as you won’t want to miss out!



The Original photo of Low Water Dick, crossing the estuary! The whole inspiration to our Low Water Dick Gin!



Our final artwork for the Gin!