

Terms and Occupations

Term Used in Years Gone By	Modern Day Equivalent
Jack and his team	The Great Bear/The Plough (Star Constellations)
Jack-ketch	Public Hangman
Jack-smith	One who makes kjacks for chimneys
Jack-tar	Sailor
Jagger	Intinerant fish pedlar; hawkker; carter (Yorshire); carrier or carter of salt or other goods; man who carried ore on packhorses from mines to be smelted; boy in charge of train of trucks in coal mine
Japanner	Shoe blacker; one who varnishes in manner of Japanese (allied to Papier-ache manufacture)
Jarl	Quarrel
Javel	Vagabond
Jaw-bit	Labourer's elevensees; Nammet
Jerquer	Customs house searcher
Jibbets	Small bits and pieces
Jigger	Miner who cleans ores in a sieve
Jiggerer	One who works with a jigger as in leather binding
Jobber	One who lets out carriages or horses; Job master
Jobbet	Small load
Joiner	Upholsterer; Carpenter
Jollacks	Clergyman (Suffolk)
Jonnick	Honest or fair
Journeyman	One who has completed his apprenticeship and is hired by the day. One who travels from parish to parish practising his trade
Jouster	Retailer of fish (Cornwall); Mediaeval knight who fought with a lance for entertainment or for political gains
Jowter	Fish hawkker
Judge	Court Official with powers to hand down sentence is a court of law; Referee; one who chose winners at fairs and shows (agricultural)
Junk	A solid piece eg. Hunk of bread and cheese, a lump of coal etc..
Junket	Treat; Outing; Spree
Jurat	Alderman or assistant to a bailiff
Jurist	Once versed in civil law; person chosen to sit on a jury to decide on an accused guilt or innocense.
Jury Foreman	One elected as spokesperson for a chosen jury.
Justmen-holders	Freeholders (Devon)