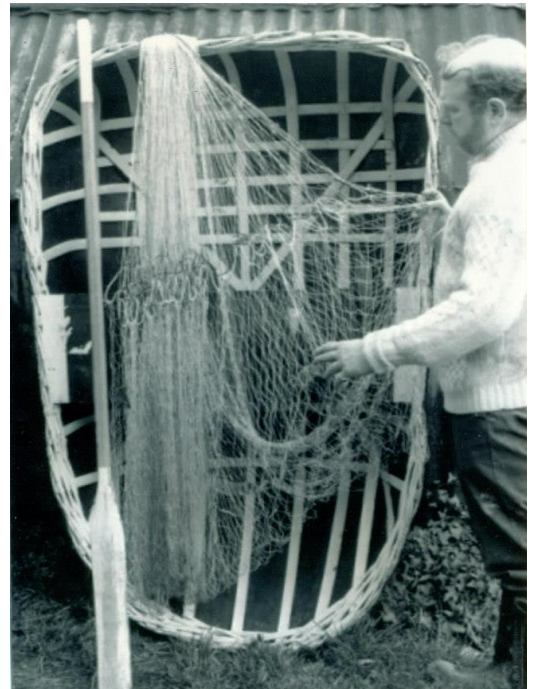


# THE CARMARTHEN CORACLE

Coracle fishing is a **highly skilled** and ancient Welsh traditional method of fishing. The small oval boats are shaped like baskets and made by skilled fishermen using ash and willow.

Two fishermen then work in perfect harmony. Fishing at night to avoid casting shadows on the water, they keep steady and hold a net between them ready to catch the fish.



During the 18th and 19th centuries coracle fishing was the main source of income for poor families living along the banks of the river Towy.

There used to be 200 coracles on the river. During the late 1930's the number of net licenses was restricted to 12.

Coracle fishing has been handed from generation to generation and is still practised on the river.

Coracle fishing has been in Malcolm Rees' family for at least 300 years.

They are a proud group of fishermen who have legally been on the River Towy for over 1000 years value the heritage and tradition created by their forefathers, Coracle fishing is part of Welsh culture.



Malcolm Rees and his great grandfather, William Elias