## **Coracle Stories**

Any local history book will tell you how, in the 19th century, the coracle community lived in unhygienic conditions along the bank of the River Towy.

The coracle men were known for being aggressive and unruly.

Having to fish for their family's survival - no fish simply meant no food or



You'd be mistaken if you thought these men of the river were anything but intelligent. Apart from making coracles and paddles, they made their own fishing nets.

Amazingly they leaded them using a unique sequence of numbers that were later recognised as being the *Fibonacci number sequence*, when two numbers are added up to make the next.



Who would have thought that these poor, disorderly coracle men would use the same formula to lead their nets as a man described as the **greatest mathematician** of the Middle Ages?