

CORACLES FAMILIES - BILLY

Billy Boy

When the mother of a young William Owen shouted, '**Billy, Billy boy - come downstairs**' - the name stayed with him.

In 1883, when William lived at number 30 Priory Street and was allocated the coracle licence D12 to fish the Towy, his river name was '**Billy Bov**'



Cyril 'Billy Boy' with D12

Coraclemen in the 1890's



Coracles stayed in Billy Boys family as William's brothers '**Freddie and John Billy Boy**' took over the paddle, along with William's sons '**Cyril Billy Boy**', '**Gwyn Billy Boy**' and '**Davey Billy Boy**'.

Carmarthen 1898

L-R:

Dai Lewis, Spring Gardens;
Dai 'Bigun' Thomas, Priory Street; 'Browney Billy Boy' Owens;
Jack Williams, 40 Mill Street;
Griffith Lewis, Towyside;
Harry 'Ship' Evans (the Ship Inn, Blue Street).