

# Water Safety

## Cromwell Davies

Cromwell Davies was born on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1904 in Merthyr Vale. During January 1908, Cromwell was three & a half years old, he was out playing with his toy train with his best friend. When he was called in for his supper, no-one could find the little boy.

The Towy coracle men volunteered their help with '**The Tragedy in the Taff**', assisting locals searching for the young child. They recovered the body three weeks later.

The postcard shows the Carmarthen coracle men on the Taff.

The men used the poles grappling irons to probe the deep pools.

You will notice holes in the coracle, 2nd from the left, the material would have been cut out of the highest point of the coracle to cover a puncture in its floor and wax from a lit candle or lard was used to seal the hole.



From: L-R: William Rees, William Elias (also known locally as 'Wil The Taylor'), John Owen, Edward Elias (brother to William) & possibly Dai Y Bont, who went with the men from Carmarthen as a helper.