

# MYTHS, FOLKLORE &

**The Curlew**  
Carmarthen coraclers were brought up in the traditions and beliefs of the forefathers. They were taught to respect the wildlife.

**Curlews** played a big part in the history of the families. Carmarthen coraclers believed that curlews have the power to judge and imprison coraclers.

If they had done anything wrong. They believed that the curlew had the power to make the evil coracler disappear from the river forever.



If a curlew called out while someone was fishing, they believed that the bird was calling the fish to come to the net. Coraclers would carry on fishing when they heard the curlew even if it was the end of the night.

## The Curlew Monster



The curlew, seen as a judge of the river, has the beak of a monster to make it look very sinister.

The reason for the monster was to make sure that none of the coraclers came to any harm.

He was the judge and jury of the river.

If a coracler was judged guilty of doing harm to his fellow coraclers he would be chased from the river and driven down to the underworld.

The coraclers were well behaved!