

Coracle Stories

School Days

As a child, Cyril '**Billy Boy**' Owen worked with his grandfather in the Coracles.

In the 1920's when Cyril 'Billy Boy' Owens, was nine years old, he was a pupil at **Pentrepoeth School**, Carmarthen. His close friend, little Lewis 'Yankee' Thomas was in the same class as him.

Their teachers were sympathetic to the little coraclers. When their heads went down and fell asleep their teachers would leave them alone to sleep.



Cyril 'Billy Boy' Brown in 1976



They knew that they had been out three quarters of the night fishing with their dad or grandfather, and that they might not have got home until about five or six o'clock in the morning.

They would have had a wash and an hour or two in the bed before getting up again to go to school.

On the right is Llew '**Yankee**' Thomas as a young boy.