

# Coracle Stories

## Cook's Bank / Monkey Island

This is a small island where the river Pibwr comes into the Towy. If the tide was out and ships were coming in, they would anchor alongside Cook's Bank. In the past one of the crew had gone onto the island to cook for everyone on board the ship. It became known as '**Cook's Bank**'.

One of the cooks had a pet monkey and when he went to cook on the island he took his monkey with him. He tied a cord to his monkey's neck and tied the other end to the tree. This was a very skilled little monkey.

He pulled one of the knots loose and escaped. The ship had to sail without it.

The monkey enjoyed himself, children fed him from the riverbank all summer.



By September the weather was getting a little colder and the monkey was freezing cold and dirty when he was caught by two coraclers. They took him back to Carmarthen and he was looked after by the Sloop Inn until his ship came to Carmarthen again.

Of course, by then Cook's Bank had made its name to Monkey Island