In the 1940s members of the travelling community would come around to different villages and people would give them a biscuit box. It would be about 1 foot square. They would then sit under the hedge and make a saucepan out of it for milking the cows. They were very good at it. In exchange for this can they would ask for either a bag of horse hair or some feathers. They would then sell this on to make clothes and the horse hair to make collars for horses. They made the saucepans because they were used for milking cows so that the milk wouldn't be spilled out of the bucket because the cow could kick it. The travelling community would usually sleep by the side of the road. They usually had horses and carts painted red and/or green. Most travellers died at young ages due to sleeping in non-waterproof shelters by the side of the road. They got diseases like T.B. and pneumonia.

Told by My grandad