


## BEDO HAFESP (fl. 1568-1585), poet of Montgomeryshire

**Name:** Bedo Hafesp  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet of Montgomeryshire  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Norma Gwyneth Hughes

He graduated as a ' Disgybl Pencerddaid ' at the second Caerwys eisteddfod in 1568. It appears from the satirical exchange of compositions which passed between him and [Ifan Tew \(Ieuan Tew II\)](#) that he was at one time a sergeant at Newtown in Cedewen (Cardiff MS. 65, f. 112). Fourteen of his poems are extant, mainly addressed to members of important families in the county. [Edmund Prys](#) judged that his skill was equal to that of poets like [Owain Gwynedd](#), [Siôn Tudur](#), [Ifan Tew](#), [Rhys Cain](#), etc. ([Llanstephan MS 43](#)  (22)). The last date appertaining to him is 1585, when he wrote a poem on the death of Siôn Gruffydd of Ll n.

### Author

Norma Gwyneth Hughes

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