

BLEDDYN FARD (fl. 1268-1283), one of the bards of the independent Welsh princes

Name: Bleddyn Fardd
Gender: Male
Occupation: one of the bards of the independent Welsh princes
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Evan David Jones

Thirteen of his odes are preserved in the [NLW MS 6680B: Hendregadredd Manuscript](#) .

He sang chiefly to the sons of [Gruffydd ap Llywelyn ap Iorwerth](#) and to the chieftains of Gwynedd, but he has one ode to Rhys ap Maredudd ap Rhys of South Wales. His entire work consists of eulogies and elegies, with the exception of his 'Marwysgafn' or last confession. The earliest ode by him which can be dated is his elegy upon the death of [Goronwy ab Ednyfed](#) (died 1268), and the latest is his ode to the three sons of [Gruffydd ap Llywelyn](#), after the execution of [prince David](#) in 1283.

The Bleddyn Fardd whose elegy was composed by [Cynddelw Brydydd Mawr](#) was a different person.

Author

Evan David Jones, (1903 - 1987)

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