

DAFYDD LLWYD MATHAU, MATHE, or MATHEW (fl. 1601-1629), poet and strolling minstrel


Name: Dafydd Llwyd Mathau, Mathe, Or Mathew

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet and strolling minstrel

Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts; Poetry

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A native, according to [J. H. Davies](#), of Cilpyll, Llangeitho. Poems attributed to him include some in honour of the families of Morfa Mawr in Anglesey (1601) and [Llewenni](#) in Denbighshire (1602). In Glamorganshire, the [Mansells](#) of Margam, the Powells of Llandow, and the Phillipses of Gelli'r-fid, Llandyfodwg, were similarly honoured so, too, in Pembrokeshire, Thomas ap Richard of Marloes and the families of [Henllys](#) (1603, 1606, 1611), Tre Wern, Pont Gynon (1615), and [Pen-y-benglog](#) (1629). He also wrote love lyrics and, moreover, in 1611, composed an *awdl* in the twenty-four regular metres and others devised by himself. There is one *cywydd* written in his own hand in [Llanstephan MS 38](#) .

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