

LLYWELYN GOCH Y DANT (fl. 1470-1471), a bard closely associated with Glamorgan.

Name: Llywelyn Goch Y Dant

Gender: Male

Occupation: bard

Area of activity: Poetry

Author: Evan David Jones

He took the part of the Tir Iarll bards in the controversy which followed [Hywel ap Dafydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys](#)'s elegy upon the death of [Hywel Swrdwal](#) about 1470 and in his contribution to this contention he names eight contemporary Glamorgan bards, including himself. He eulogised [Sir Roger Vaughan](#) of Tretower at the height of his power, and wrote his elegy when he was beheaded by [Jasper Tudor](#), earl of Pembroke, at Chepstow, in 1471 - this elegy contains a violent attack upon [Jasper Tudor](#). He also wrote an *awdl*, in unusual metres, upon the abbey of Neath. And that is all that survives of his compositions. [Ieuan Du'r Bilwg](#) describes him in a *cywydd* as a chief-of-song and an outstanding composer of poems in praise of men. [Lewis Glyn Cothi](#) suggests, in a poem to John ap David (*Works*, 108), that he spent much of his time at Kilvey.

Author

Evan David Jones, (1903 - 1987)

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