

PRYS, JOHN (Philomath; 1739? - 1786?), almanac maker

Name: John Prys
Pseudonym: Philomath
Date of birth: 1739?
Date of death: 1786?
Gender: Male
Occupation: almanac maker
Area of activity: History and Culture; Poetry; Scholarship and Languages; Science and Mathematics
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He was a native of Bryneglwys in Yale, and at one time lived at Bryn-y-llwynog, in the parish of Llandysilio, Denbighshire. He published an almanac regularly every year from 1739 to, at least, 1786. Its original name was *Wybrenawl Genadwri*, but in 1747 he changed it to *Dehonglydd y Ser*. Although the standard of the almanacs published by John Prys was beneath that of [Gwilym Howell](#)'s almanacs, they included many original works, both prose and verse, of contemporary writers. He was interested in eisteddfodau, and we hear of him adjudicating at the Glynceiriog eisteddfod, 1743.

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