

JENKINS, DANIEL (1856 - 1946), schoolmaster and devotee of Welsh literature and music

Name: Daniel Jenkins
Date of birth: 1856
Date of death: 1946
Spouse: Elizabeth Jenkins (née Williams)
Parent: Catherine Jenkins
Parent: Griffith Jenkins
Gender: Male
Occupation: schoolmaster and devotee of Welsh literature and music
Area of activity: Education; Literature and Writing; Music
Author: Ivor Gwynfil Rees

Born 7 November 1856, son of Griffith and Catherine Jenkins, Pentrefelin, Nancwnlle, Cardiganshire. He was educated at Bwlch-y-lan primary school, Holt Academy, and Bangor Normal College. He was appointed headmaster of Cilcennin school in 1877, and Llanfair Clydogau in 1878, both in Cardiganshire, and Llan-y-crwys school, Carmarthenshire, in 1897 where he remained until his retirement in 1920. In 1898 he was elected to the Cardiganshire county council and became first secretary of the Vale of Aeron Bull Club in the same year. He was chairman of the Cardiganshire Beekeepers Association, and a member of the Welsh Cob Society from 1903, the Welsh Folk Song Society, the Gorsedd of Bards, etc. He was a prominent figure on the national eisteddfod field and was universally known as the ' Archdruid of the field '.

He came from a noted family of local poets. With [David Lewis](#) he edited the works of one of them, *Cerddi Cerngoch*, 1904. He also published *Cerddi Ysgol Llanycrwys* in 1934. This consisted of a collection of poems made year by year by well-known poets for the celebration of St. David's Day at Llan-y-crwys from 1901 to 1920, with a short history of the parish. He married in 1886, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Ann Williams of Llanfair Clydogau. He died at Pentrefelin, the farmhouse where he was born, 18 November 1946.

Author

Ivor Gwynfil Rees, (1909 - 1989)

Sources

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