

EDWARDS, JOHN (1799 - 1873?), musician

Name: John Edwards
Date of birth: 1799
Date of death: 1873?
Gender: Male
Occupation: musician
Area of activity: Education; Music; Performing Arts
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Born at Cwmbran-fach in the parish of Llansadwrn, Carmarthenshire. A shoemaker by trade, he spent his life in Llangadock, Carmarthenshire. Taught the elements of music by **Dafydd Siencyn Morgan**, he was precentor at the local Methodist chapel for many years, during ten years of which he acted also as parish clerk. He conducted classes in music almost every evening in some village or other; he was also regarded as a good player on the clarinet. A hymn-tune which he composed earned for him a prize awarded by the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion. His first tune, 'Grongar,' appeared in *Seren Gomer*, 1824, other hymn-tunes by him being published in *Haleliwïa*, *Haleliwïa Drachefn*, *Telyn Seion* (**Rosser Beynon**), and *Caniadau Seion* (**R. Mills**); he also composed some anthems. He reviewed *Gramadeg* (**John Mills**) and *Caniadau Seion* in *Yr Haul*, 1839. He died c. 1873 and was buried in Llangadock parish churchyard.

Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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