

## ELLIS, RICHARD (1775 - 1855), musician

**Name:** Richard Ellis  
**Date of birth:** 1775  
**Date of death:** 1855  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** musician  
**Area of activity:** Music; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Dolgelley. He was a shoemaker by trade. He was taught the elements of music by [John Williams](#) (Ioan Rhagfyr, 1740 - 1821); when the latter died Richard Ellis succeeded him as precentor at S. Mary's church, Dolgelley. He is said to have collected psalm-tunes and published them in a small volume. He composed several hymn-tunes and anthems. Few collections of hymn-tunes omit the hymn-tune 'Hyder,' 8.7.4, composed by Ellis in 1824. He died 11 February 1855 and was buried in the old churchyard, Dolgelley.

### Author

**Robert David Griffith**, (1877 - 1958)

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