

## HUGHES, JOHN JAMES (Alfardd; 1842 - 1875), journalist

**Name:** John James Hughes  
**Pseudonym:** Alfardd  
**Date of birth:** 1842  
**Date of death:** 1875  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** journalist  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** Edward Morgan Humphreys

Born at Garreg-lefn, Llanbadrig, Anglesey, 1842, he began life as a farm labourer. He went to Bangor, where he found work as a stone mason's labourer and came into contact with *Gweirydd ap Rhys* (R. J. Pryse), who took an interest in him and encouraged his efforts to educate himself. In 1866 he joined the Caernarvonshire police force, but resigned about 1869, on his appointment as sub-editor of *Y Herald Cymraeg* at Caernarvon, where he soon won a reputation as a trenchant writer on the Liberal side. He took a prominent part in the campaign for the appointment of county court judges with a knowledge of Welsh, and worked for the reform of the national eisteddfod and the 'Gorsedd.' He died 8 January 1875, and was buried in Glanadda cemetery, Bangor. Short as his career was, he impressed his contemporaries as a man of unusual ability and energy.

There is a biography, by Owen Jones.

### Author

**Edward Morgan Humphreys**, (1882 - 1955)

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