

## BRYANT, TOM (1882 - 1946), harpist

**Name:** Tom Bryant  
**Date of birth:** 1882  
**Date of death:** 1946  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** harpist  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born 22 July, 1882, at the Carpenter's Arms, Efailisaf, near Pontypridd, Glamorganshire **John Bryant**, his uncle, taught him to play the harp. He began to compete at eisteddfodau at a young age, winning many prizes. He took the first prize at the National Eisteddfod from 1891 to 1896. With **Watkin Hezekiah Williams**, and **Robert Rees**, the former lecturing on folk-songs and the latter singing to Bryans's accompaniment on the harp, he travelled extensively in south Wales.

He became an A.R.C.M. in 1906, and in the same year received King Edward VII's command to play the harp at the opening of a new dock in Cardiff. With the 'Golden Quartette' he held concerts at the principal towns of Britain. He wrote music for the harp, and composed variations on the tunes 'Merch y Felin' and 'Merch Megan'.

He died 13 January 1946, and was buried in Tabernacl cemetery, Efailisaf.

### Author

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

### Sources

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