

## ROBERTS, DAFYDD (1892 - 1965), chairman of Capel Celyn Defence Committee

**Name:** Dafydd Roberts  
**Date of birth:** 1892  
**Date of death:** 1965  
**Spouse:** Nell Roberts  
**Parent:** Margaret Roberts  
**Parent:** John Roberts  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** chairman of Capel Celyn Defence Committee  
**Area of activity:** Politics, Government and Political Movements; Activism  
**Author:** John Lewis Jones

Born 18 August 1892 in Weirglodd-ddu, Capel Celyn, Merionethshire, the youngest child of John and Margaret Roberts. He lived at Weirglodd-ddu for most of his life before moving lower down the valley to farm Cae Fadog. Besides farming he was one of the two postmen who carried the post in the area for more than 40 years. He was an elder in Capel Celyn (Presb.) for many years until the church was disestablished.

When the threat came to drown the valley, he was elected chairman of the Capel Celyn Defence Committee and remained in that position until the final fateful hour arrived. He accompanied [Gwynfor Evans](#), [Elizabeth May Watkin Jones](#) and [Dr. Tudur Jones](#) to London and Liverpool to try to save the valley. He made every effort to prevent Liverpool Corporation destroying his heritage. He had been very active in the district all his life. When it was finally decided that the houses in the valley were to be demolished he moved to live in Bala.

He died 11 October 1965 shortly before the official opening of the reservoir. He was buried in Llanycil church, near Bala, and was survived by Nell, his wife, and their son.

### Author

John Lewis Jones

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