



George Robert Charles Herbert,  
13th Earl of Pembroke,  
6th July 1850 - 3rd May 1895

## **Celebrating the Majority of the Earl of Pembroke**

### **Wishford Magna**

#### **Rejoicings on the Earl of Pembroke's Majority.**

On Thursday the inhabitants of this village held a parochial festival in connection with this happy event. A handsome sum had been sent to the rector and churchwardens by Lord Pembroke to provide entertainment for the cottagers and labourers that work on his farms.

The remaining adults of the parish were the guests of the Rector. At half-past two o'clock about 200 sat down to a handsome cold dinner in a spacious barn, kindly lent by Mr. Higgins for the occasion. Ample justice having been done to an excellently cooked repast, the chairman proposed two toasts – that of the Queen, which was most loyally responded to, and the special toast of the day, long life, health, and happiness to the earl of Pembroke.

The latter toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, the cheers being taken again and again, with additional plaudits at the names of Lady Herbert and the rest of the Pembroke family. At five o'clock the company adjourned to the Rectory lawn, where the school children and the entire parish, about 400 in number, were regaled with tea and cake. Dancing and various sports occupied the remainder of the happy day. And it will be long before the parishioners of Wishford Magna forget the coming of age of the thirteenth Earl of Pembroke. The Wishford Band officiated with great spirit and ability throughout the day.

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#### **OPC Note:-**

The word Majority was used when a man reached the age of 21 years of age.