



# *Obituaries*

## *Leigh*

### **Charles Howse**

Mr Charles Howse, a well known character in North Wilts, died suddenly at his residence at Ashton Keynes, on Saturday last, passing away in his sleep at his home in the somewhat obscure North Wilts village, thus ending a stormy life peacefully.

The deceased who was 49 years of age, and leaves a widow and family, was a well known character throughout North Wiltshire and East Gloucestershire. He was born at Oaksey, and early in life went to live at the Leigh, Cricklade.

In later years he resided alternately at Box, Chippenham, Swindon, Cricklade and Ashton Keynes, carrying on various businesses, being at one time an auctioneer, at another an hotel keeper, and the a solicitor's clerk.

In the latter occupation, he will probably be well remembered as clerk to a Mr Hazeldine, a solicitor, who had offices for some time in New Swindon.

Deceased had gained considerable notoriety for his fondness for litigation and dabbling in legal matters. He was in fact engaged in litigation right up to the date of his death.

He attended the sale of the Swindon and North Wilts Breweries Estate at the Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon, with the avowed intention of creating some excitement by protesting against the sale of the White Horse Hotel, Cricklade, where had at one time resided and which house, he was labouring under a misapprehension, belonged to him. His excitement on this occasion resulted in his having a fit before the sale.

He was also very excited and had to be removed from the sale room. He continued in an excited state, and was conveyed home to Ashton Keynes late on Thursday night.

He was put to bed, and remained there till his demise on Saturday.

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