



*William Heald  
Ludlow-Bruges  
MP for Devizes*

*Seend*

At a Charter Council held at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Friday last, Mr C Coward was elected mayor for the ensuing year.....

(In consequence of the resignation of Mr Eastcourt MP) William Heald Ludlow, Esq, of Seend, Green House was duly elected Recorder of that ancient and loyal Borough, in the room of the Hon Member for the University of Oxford. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 13 June 1833**

The London Gazette announces, that William Heald Ludlow, Esq, of Seend, has, in conformity with the will of his maternal great uncle, Thomas Bruges, Esq, of Seend, been allowed to use the surname of Bruges in addition to that of Ludlow, and also to bear the arms of Bruges. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 13 April 1835**

To the Electors of the Borough of Devizes.

Gentlemen,

You have this day done me the honour of electing me again as one of your Representatives in Parliament, for which I beg to return you my most grateful acknowledgments.

To those Gentlemen who conducted the canvass for me, and to that large portion of the Constituency who promised me their support, I feel that my thanks are especially due.

I am deeply sensible of the responsibilities of the station in which, by your kindness, I am placed; and be assured that it will ever be my most anxious desire to merit this renewal of you confidence, by a faithful and zealous discharge of my duty to you and the country.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obliged and very obedient Servant,

W H Ludlow Bruges.

Seend, July 27th 1847.

**Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 5 August 1847**

Mr Ludlow Bruges returned to his residence at Seend last week. His health, although not completely restored is (our readers will be pleased to hear) considerably improved. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 10 August 1848**

Letter to the Wiltshire Quarter Sessions.

Seend Dec 23 1848

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I regret that my health is not sufficiently restored to admit of my undertaking the duties of the chair at the approaching Quarter Sessions, and having during the last fifteen months been prevented by the same cause from taking the chair at the Sessions, I shall best consult your convenience, as well as my own feelings, by resigning the office. I should have taken this step at an earlier period, had I not been assured that my illness would be but temporary, and that relaxation from public business would in a short time restore me to health.

In retiring from the chair I beg to acknowledge most gratefully my obligations to you for the confidence so long reposed in me, and for the support and assistance I have always received from you.

To the gentlemen of the bar, also, I am deeply indebted for their courtesy at all times, and for the assistance they so often afforded me in discharging the duties of the chair.

I have the honour to be, my Lords and Gentlemen

Your very faithful and obedient servant.

W H Ludlow Bruges.

**Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 11 January 1849**

Died Sep 25 at his residence, Seend, Wilts, aged 58, William Heald Ludlow Bruges, Esq, formerly a Representative in Parliament of the City of Bath and of Devizes, and many years Chairman of the Wilts Quarter Sessions. **Oxford Journal Saturday 6 October 1855**

All persons to whom the late Wm Heald Ludlow Bruges, esq, was indebted are requested to send the particulars of their demands to Mrs Ludlow Bruges, at Seend; and all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to Mr Ludlow Bruges without delay. Alex Meek, Solicitor to the Executors **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 17 January 1856**

The discoveries of iron in the neighbourhood of Seend, Wiltshire, go on, and several furnaces are about to be erected at once. Various persons are testifying their belief in the value of these discoveries by offering fabulous prices for land at Seend and the neighbourhood. The Duke of Somerset and the trustees of the late Mr Ludlow Bruges own about half the land at Seend where the richest ore is found.

**Berkshire Chronicle Saturday 31 January 1857**

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