



Lodge Farm from the south

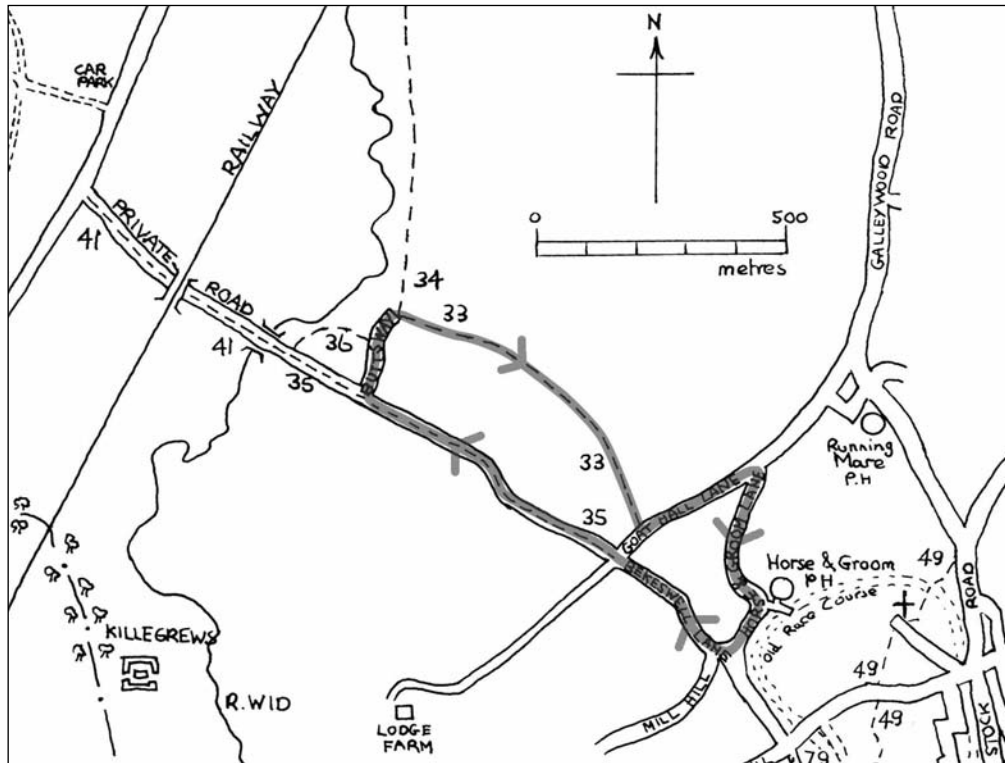
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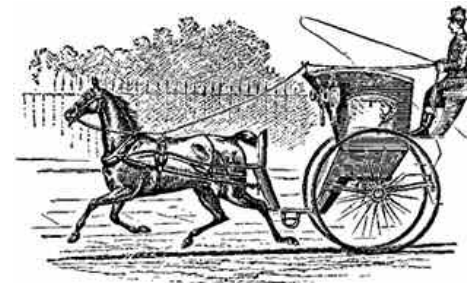
Map based on Galleywood Parish Footpath map

A Carriageway to Heaven (or Purgatory)

2.5km – 1¼ hours for a gentle stroll.

Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Mapping: Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map, OS Explorer™ 183, OS Landranger™ 167.



Start from The Horse and Groom Public House on Galleywood Common (OS Ref TL701030).

Walk from The Horse and Groom south-west for 100m to the top of Bokeswell Lane where you join Chelmsford Centenary Circle walk **(FP35)**. Turn right into Bokeswell Lane and proceed north-west crossing Goat Hall Lane.

pur-ga-to-ry n. pl. *pur-ga-to-ries*

Roman Catholic Church. A state in which the souls of those who have died in grace must expiate their sins.

A place or condition of suffering, expiation, or remorse: a purgatory of drug abuse.

adj. Tending to cleanse or purge.

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Lodge Farm – A Medieval Hunting Lodge

At the junction of Bekeswell Lane, Private Road and Goat Hall Lane the farm track going along the ridge in a south-westerly direction leads to Lodge Farm, a late 13th century Grade II listed building. It was built over 700 years ago as a hunting lodge within the manor of Moulsham.

Where you are standing at this junction was heavily wooded providing shelter for the deer. On hunt days the deer were driven out of the woods down to the River Wid then up to the hunting lodge where they were met by the hunters, demonstrating their hunting skills with bows and arrows.

Some 400 years ago the hunting lodge was turned into a farm. The field on the south-west side of Private Road was, until the end of the 20th century, a large orchard.

Continuing down Private Road, for 600 metres, as far as Butts Way.



Private Road from A414

Private Road

Private Road was originally a track leading from Goat Hall Lane down to a nursery, gravel pit and Chandlers Water Mill on the River Wid. When Arthur Pryor of Hylands House built the church high on Galleywood Common in 1873 he made a drive from Hylands House up to St Michael & All Angels for his horse-drawn carriage.

Strangely the Pryor family only attended service once on the very first Sunday when Mr Pryor, a strict Anglican, was offended by the visiting clergyman's alleged mild endorsement of purgatory.

Turn right into Butts Way and walk to the north end where you turn right and join Chelmsford **FP33** which takes you up the hill in a south-westerly direction to Goat Hall Lane.

At Goat Hall Lane turn left and after 250 metres turn right into Horse and Groom Lane which takes you back to your starting point, The Horse and Groom public house.



*St. Michael and All Angels,
the church on the common*