

# Blue Plaque Scheme



The Blue Plaques have been provided by Galleywood Parish Council. There are 5 plaques in locations which are recognised as being important to the history and development of Galleywood.



## Locations:

### 1. MEMBERS GRANDSTAND

Galleywood Heritage Centre,  
The Common, Margaretting Road  
CM2 8TR

### 2. THE ADMIRAL ROUS INN

Rous Cottage  
The Common CM2 8TR

### 3. THE KEENE HALL

Watchouse Road, CM2 8PT

### 4. THE OLD SCHOOL/CHAPEL OF EASE

Essex Youth Centre  
4 Watchouse Road CM2 8PT

### 5. CHELMSFORD GOLF CLUB

The Horse & Groom PH  
Horse and Groom Lane CM2 8PL

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MEMBERS  
GRANDSTAND  
C1920  
HORSE RACING ON  
GALLEYWOOD COMMON  
1795 - 1935  
ROYAL PATRONAGE  
GEORGE III  
1770



### Galleywood Heritage Centre, The Common The Race Course Grandstand on The Common

The present Heritage Centre was originally the second and northern grandstand to be built on the Common in the 1920s, before the Chelmsford Racing Company sold it and the land to The Chelmsford Rural District Council in 1939. It was then altered to become a depot for Chelmsford City Council maintenance and in 2008 Galleywood parishioners voted to save the Grandstand and use it for village amenity. The newly named Heritage Centre is leased from Chelmsford City Council and is used by many for functions and by a variety of groups. The Heritage Room is open weekly for people to investigate ancestry or an area of the village from local archives and holds monthly talks usually based on local history. There are many photos of the grandstand in use or in the background of local activities. The Common is in regular use by villagers and passers-by and the Heritage Centre is used as a base for local walks.

### Rous Cottage, The Common The Admiral Rous Inn.

The Inn was possibly on the site of a betting stand/small beer house in 1838 and was named after Admiral Rous in 1860. The Admiral joined the navy aged 13 and worked his way up until retirement. Henry Rous was also a Senior Steward and probably stood by the betting stand to check on the races. Henry lived from 1795 to 1877. The inn made national news in 1899 when the new landlord, Samuel Crozier apparently pushed his new wife, Cecilia down the spiral staircase. The locals testified that Samuel used to ill treat his wife. He was tried and found guilty and was the last person to be publicly hanged in Chelmsford on 5 December 1899.

### The Horse and Groom Public House, Horse and Groom Lane Chelmsford Golf Club

Chelmsford Golf Club began in 1893 as a 9-hole course on Galleywood Common, with the first tee and the last hole situated on the green in front of the Horse & Groom public house. A lean-to building to the left of the public house was added to serve as a clubhouse. The first President of the Golf Club was Lord Rayleigh and the Vice President was Arthur Balfour M.P. who later served as Prime Minister from 1902 to 1905. Walter Maximilian de Zoete was a founder member of the club and he was the first Chairman of the newly formed Great Baddow Parish Council in 1894. The Club still awards the de Zoete Cup each year. The Club moved to Widford in 1912. One of the original golf clubs is on display in the bar.



### CHELMSFORD GOLF CLUB

Original Club House 1893 - 1910  
FOUNDER MEMBER  
WALTER MAXIMILLAN DE ZOETE  
PRESIDENT  
LORD RAYLEIGH  
VICE PRESIDENT  
ARTHUR BALFOUR M.P.  
PRIME MINISTER  
1902 - 1905



THE OLD SCHOOL  
1838 - 1966  
ALSO CHAPEL OF  
EASE  
ON SUNDAYS  
1838 - 1873

### Essex Youth Centre, Watchouse Road The Old School/Chapel of Ease

The Chapel was built in 1837 as there was no church in the village. The school was in use until 1966/7 when the new Infant and Junior Schools were built in Barnard Road.



THE  
ADMIRAL ROUS INN  
ADMIRAL HENRY JOHN  
ROUS  
1795 - 1877  
SENIOR STEWARD OF  
THE JOCKEY CLUB  
OFFICIATED  
REGULARLY AT  
GALLEYWOOD RACES

**The Keene Hall,** Watchouse Road  
Lavinia Clarissa Stevens was born in Mile End in 1864 and in 1888 she married John Henry Keene. They lived in Leyton and then Carlton House, Galleywood. John died in Carlton House on 20 September 1931 and after his death, Lavinia erected numerous buildings in his memory including Keene homes in Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, for elderly people with housing need. The Village Hall in Galleywood is called Keene Hall in her memory. There is also a Keene Way in Galleywood.

THE  
KEENE HALL  
PROVIDED BY  
MRS LAVINIA KEENE  
2 OCTOBER 1937  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
THE PARISHIONERS

