

We are open every Sunday and some Bank Holidays.

Pints (and mugs) of the celebrated Clarion Tea are on sale as are a variety of other beverages and confectionery.

You can even wash down your own packed lunch with a drink purchased from us.

The “Clarion” is situated in its own grounds, with a magnificent view to the North. We are deep in the heart of “Pendle Witch” country. Roughlee, Barley, Read and the historic towns of Colne, Whalley and Clitheroe are all within walking distance.

We are in the “Hidden Valley” surrounded by a myriad of Public Footpaths and close to both The Pendle Way and The Two Roses Way.

Celebrated Pendle Hill is to the immediate North West and a few miles to the East, Boulsworth Hill towers over the Pennine Way.

Within the grounds children can play under the watchful eye of their parents. There are lawned areas and an adventure playground. Part of the grounds have been set aside for wildlife and a pond has been dug to develop this potential.

Major refurbishment of the building has taken place, made possible with funds raised by our supporters and the labour of volunteers. Further work is also planned.

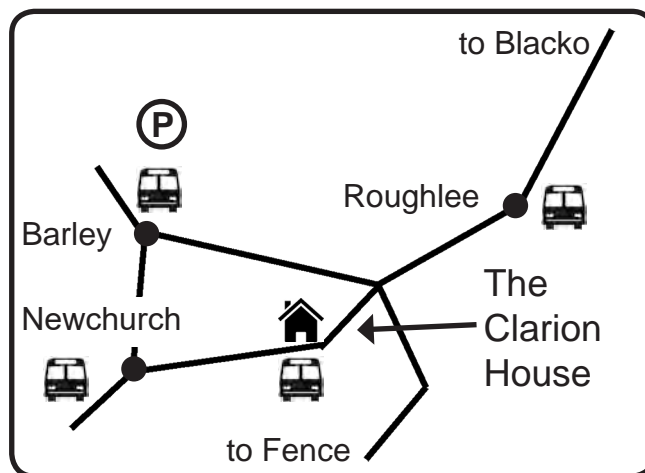
HOW TO FIND US!

Ordnance Survey

LANDRANGER 1:50 000 Series, Sheet 103
OUTDOOR LEISURE 1:25 000 Series, Map 21
National Grid Reference SD 832 396
Post Code & Sat/Nav BB12 9LL

The Clarion House can be reached by easy or moderate walks from the surrounding towns of Nelson, Colne, Burnley & Clitheroe. There is Car Parking at nearby Barley.

The East Lancs Railway Line, lies close by to the east. Navigators of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal will discover the Clarion House to be “nobbut a cockstride away”.



The Nelson ILP Land Society

Clarion House



Drawing by A Holden 1993

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The Early Days of a Better Nation

The Clarion House was built to be a non-profit making co-operative with any excess money to be used in spreading the word of socialism. This was no accident, no coincidence. It was planned in the hope that others would take it as a model of how society as a whole ought to be organised. Visitors could come and witness how people - lots of people - were prepared to devote their lives to the Clarion movement for no personal gain, other than the knowledge that they would leave the world a better place than when they entered it.

The Clarion is a vision of the future a vision of a socialist society, a commonwealth, based on co-operation and fellowship, not conflict and material greed.

Those early socialist pioneers who built the Clarion chose a place of recognised natural beauty in the fervent hope that the rest of the world (for socialism knows no boundaries) would come to resemble it and become a place of beauty. Not only physical beauty - but also a moral and social beauty.

The Clarion (meaning - to proclaim loudly) was to be the instrument by which their message would be spread uniting the world under one banner of socialism, peace and harmony.

The present and last Clarion House is one of several "Clarion Houses" that were used by the Nelson Independent Labour Party. It was built in 1912 (2012 was our centenary year) under the direction of the trustees of the Nelson ILP Land Society. The building project was funded by a loan of £350 from the Nelson Weavers Association.

The size of the loan at that time, says as much about the size and success of the Nelson Weavers Association as it does about the inescapable relationship that existed between the developing Trade Union Movement and the emerging political parties which were forming to represent "labour" independently.

The history of the Clarion House is encapsulated in a Book written by Roger Brown and the late Stan Iveson, titled: "Clarion House - A Monument to a Movement".

This book is currently out of print, however it has been reproduced and is available in PDF format along with a photographic history of the ILP and other items on a CD-ROM, which can be obtained from the Clarion House or via our web site: www.clarionhouse.org.uk

Today the Clarion House is a haven for walkers and cyclists.

The "Hidden Valley" where we are located is truly wonderful and our regulars never tire of the many and varied paths that bring them to the Clarion.

We offer a warm welcome to both seasoned walkers and families out for a Sunday stroll.

Local rambling groups and footpath preservation bodies view the Clarion as a focus for the comradeship and purpose that they share.

The local Ramblers have made a major contribution in ensuring that both the spirit and the fabric of the Clarion House have survived until today.

Cyclists visit in profusion including several Clarion Cycling Clubs. Serious riders from as far away as Keswick, having left before breakfast, refuel and join in the banter with local family groups who have peddled a blissful few miles from one of the nearby towns or villages.

The Clarion is a simple stop off for those who find contentment from their own labours, the great outdoors and friendly company.

We hope to see you soon!

