

BOOKING CLAVERHAM

Claverham can be booked for retreats, respite holidays, day workshops or residential courses.

CHARGES:

Residential accommodation:
£10 p/person per night (waged)
£5 p/person per night (unwaged)
Or £35 per night for the cottage
(for four persons or more)
Meeting house (resident's use)
£10 per day
Meeting house (non-residential)
£25 whole day, £15 half day
Barn £10 per day extra
For details of conditions and availability, contact

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Arrival arrangements:

Warden:

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REACHING CLAVERHAM

By rail:

Yatton station (2 miles)

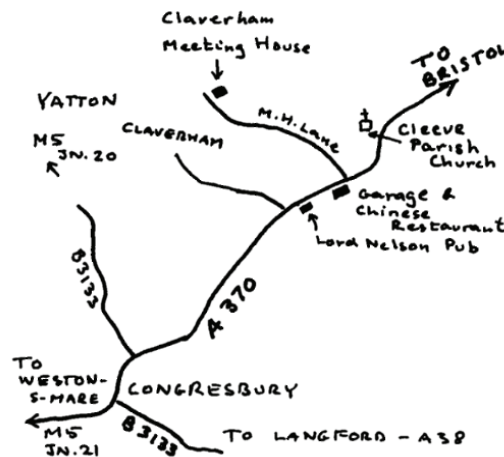
Taxi: 8351199, 835291

By bus:

351, 353, X1 from Bristol or Weston-super-Mare, Stop at 'Lord Nelson' pub in Cleeve (3/4 mile walk along Meeting House Lane)

By car:

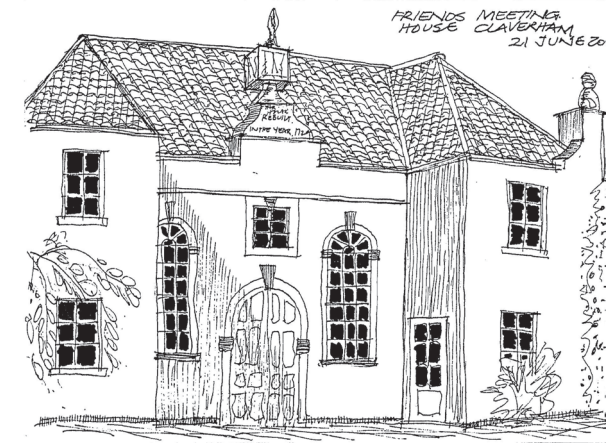
A370, south-west from Bristol;
Nearest motorway junctions:
M5 junction 20 (from north)
then B3133 to Yatton;
M5 junction 21 (from south)
then A370 through Congresbury



For retreats and holidays,
projects, workshops
and worship

CLAVERHAM MEETING HOUSE

Website:
www.claverhamtrust.org.uk



The historic Quaker Meeting
House in North Somerset
with residential accommodation

HISTORY

The first Quaker Meeting House and burial ground at Claverham dates from 1674, one of the oldest in the West Country. Richard Dawson of Yatton gave the plot of land to “the people called Quakers to meet together to worship the Lord their God and for some of their poor Friends to inhabit therein”. The original building was replaced in 1729 by the existing one, a unique construction of a meeting room flanked by two cottages.

The meeting flourished in the days of travel by horse and on foot, but the coming of the railways encouraged Friends to build a meeting house in Yatton in 1868. This was sold in the 1930s. Claverham never became a fully active Quaker meeting again, but meetings for worship were held regularly in the 1960s. After a gap of some 15 years, meetings were started again in the 1988 by Marjorie Mallik, who acted as warden while the Friends Historical Society administered the property. Friends continue to come to worship once a

month from neighbouring meetings and from Bristol. We are often joined by visitors from further afield and by those staying at Claverham for projects and workshops. Many of those who come comment on the special quality of these meetings. Some have described Claverham as ‘a place of healing’.

The Meeting House is a Grade II* listed building. It is owned by an independent trust and administered by the Claverham Management Committee made up of Members of the Society of Friends in the Bristol and Somerset area. Extensive restoration work took place in 1999/2000 including the modernisation of bathroom and toilet facilities and the improvement of disabled access. In 2002, work on the Barn made it available for use for workshops and activities.

Meetings for worship are held on the last Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we have an informal chat over a cup of tea/coffee afterwards.

FACILITIES

The Meeting Room has the original wood panelling and wooden benches. It can accommodate up to 50 for meetings, with access to kitchen and bathroom facilities. The maximum number for a full day conference is 30. The Barn can be used for workshops or other activities when no heat is needed.

One cottage is self contained and is let. The other accommodation adjoining the Meeting Room can be booked for short stays. The two bedrooms provide basic accommodation for up to seven people (two bunk beds and a single bed in one room, two beds in the other). Blankets, pillows and linnen are provided. There is a small lounge and a kitchen with cutlery and crockery, cooker and fridge. All residents are self-catering. Camping is possible on the grounds.

The meeting house is set in open country with hills and woods nearby, offering opportunities for wonderful walks. The seaside, Cheddar, Bath and Wells are all within easy reach.