

# SWARTHMOOR HALL

## 2024

### Programme Guide



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## Welcome

We are delighted that Swarthmoor Hall will reopen in Spring 2024 and look forward to welcoming visitors back to this special place. The historic, peaceful setting of Swarthmoor Hall provides a unique environment for retreats and special events. With a residential and non-residential programme running throughout the year, we hope there is something for everyone.

**Robert Blincow**  
Manager, Swarthmoor Hall.

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## Spring bulbs at Swarthmoor Hall. National Garden Scheme open day Friday 1 March

Our gardens will awaken in early spring with a lovely display of snowdrops and our beautiful crocus meadow will be in full bloom. There is a quiet garden dedicated to peaceful contemplation and ornamental vegetable garden.

All proceeds will go to National Garden Scheme and their associated charities.

*Entry: £2.50 per person*



View to Piel Island | Kelly Stewart

## The Printfest collection exhibition 2024 From Friday 3 May

Printfest is a printmaking festival dedicated to the exhibition and sale of contemporary hand-made prints. The event takes place annually over the course of the early May bank holiday at the Coro in Ulverston town centre. The event has been quoted as one of the most important print fairs in the national calendar.

Each year, the Printmaker of the year is commissioned to produce an artwork which will form part of the Printfest collection. This important collection now has over 15 works of art which will be on display at Swarthmoor Hall from 3 May 2024.

*Donations welcome*



Photo | Sarah Wijzenbee

## Ulverston International Music Festival Arethusa Quartet: Intimate Letters Monday 3 June, 7.30pm

### Arethusa Quartet

Daniel Rowland, violin  
Floor Le Coultre, violin  
Dana Zemtsov, viola  
Maja Bogdanović, cello

### Programme

Damstrom Letters, String Quartet No.1  
Janáček String Quartet No.2 "Intimate Letters" JW 7/13  
Žebeljan An intimate letter from the Judean desert  
Bartók String Quartet No.1, Op.7



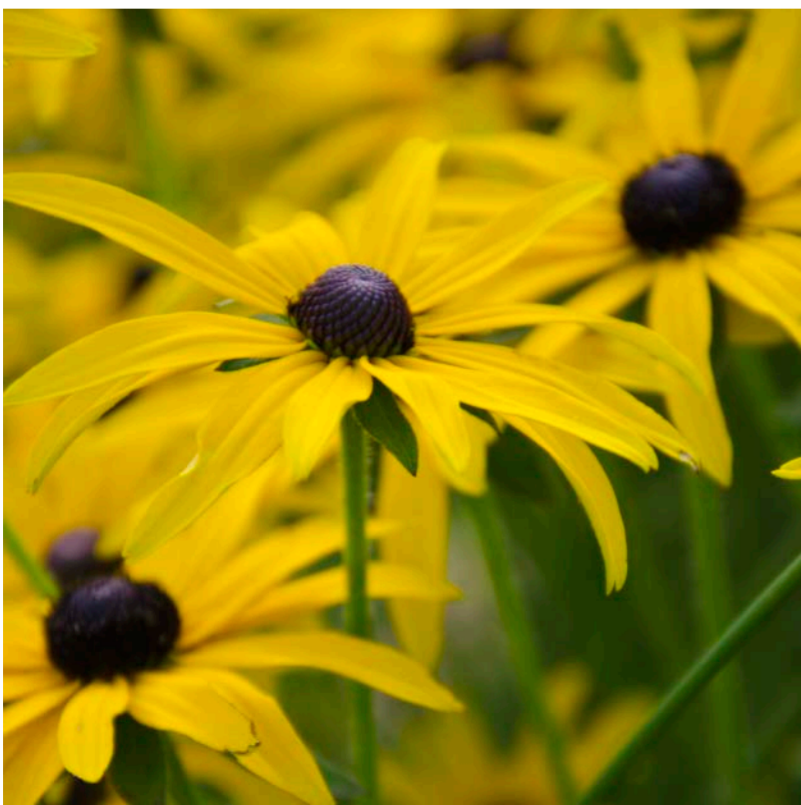
Photo | Stefan Brämer

In its 20th anniversary year, Ulverston International Music Festival comes to Swarthmoor Hall, presenting a concert by one of its 2024 resident ensembles, the Arethusa Quartet. *Intimate Letters* centres around the expression of romantic love through music and letters. Duration approx. 2 hours including interval.

Pre-performance drinks will be available to purchase at Swarthmoor Hall.

*Ticket price: Adults £17.00 Under 30's £9.00*

Booking via [ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://ulverstonmusicfestival.co.uk)



## Summer colour, National Gardens Scheme open days Friday 14 – Sunday 16 June

See our beautiful gardens and wildflower meadow in full bloom. Combine your visit with a tour of the historic rooms of the Hall and stay for a cup of tea and slice of cake in our cosy café.

All proceeds will go to National Garden Scheme and their associated charities.

*Entry: £2.50 per person*



## George Fox 400 birthday celebration

Saturday 20 July

July 2024 will see the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox. Quakers are invited to use this anniversary to reach out and invite others into meeting houses, Quaker centres and our Quaker communities. It is also the year when Swarthmoor Hall will reopen, after being closed for over four years.

To celebrate, Swarthmoor Hall is hosting a garden party in their beautiful grounds. Events, tours, talks and entertainment will take place throughout the day and afternoon tea will be served. Booking for afternoon tea is essential; please visit [swarthmoorhall.co.uk](http://swarthmoorhall.co.uk) for further information.

*Ticket price: £25.00 per person*



## Heritage open days

During September 2024

Heritage open days offer free entry to our historic house and beautiful gardens. Come and discover the fascinating history of the old Hall.

Please check [swarthmoorhall.co.uk](http://swarthmoorhall.co.uk) for dates and opening times.

*Entry - free of charge*



## Quaker Week open day

Thursday 3 October

Quaker week open day offers free of charge entry to the historic house and our beautiful gardens. For those who are interested, there will be an opportunity to experience a taster Quaker meeting for worship and to chat to local Friends. Why not stay a little longer to enjoy a cup of tea in the Barn Café?

*Entry - free of charge*



## Experiment with Light retreat, deepening the practice Friday 17 – Monday 19 May

We shall be reflecting on and sharing our experience of an extended Experiment in retreat over the whole weekend. A simple art technique will enable us to physically process both our experience in the Experiment and resonances from Swarthmoor Hall's Quaker heritage and peaceful gardens. We shall then reflect further on the emergence of deeper meanings in the work we produce and share together.

No previous art experience is required: materials, assistance and support will be provided.

### **Facilitators: Helen Meads, Andrea Freeman and Ann Bettys**

Andrea Freeman has been practising Experiment with Light since 2002, facilitating introductory Light workshops since 2008 and retreats since 2006.

Helen Meads has practised Experiment with Light since 2000, facilitated Experiment with Light workshops and retreats since 2007 and studied the Experiment for her PhD.

Ann Bettys has practised Experiment with Light since 2016 and has been Accompanying Friend acting as elder both on introductory workshops and retreats.

*£380 residential £265 non-residential*





Photo | Sasha Bosbeer

## 1652 Quaker pilgrimages

### Swarthmoor Hall's 'In Fox's footsteps 1652 Quaker pilgrimage'

Sunday 23 – Thursday 27 June

Swarthmoor Hall organises two, 5-day pilgrimages every year in summer and autumn, which are open to individuals, couples or groups of Friends. The pilgrimages visit most of the early Quaker sites and are perfect for anyone who wants to learn about the early history of Quakerism and how it relates to our faith today. A minibuss or small coach is used to travel to the different sites.

An introductory talk will give a background to the happenings of 1652. There will be an opportunity to climb Pendle Hill and experience a meeting for worship at the top. The pilgrimage will include a visit to Brigflatts, Firbank fell, the Quaker Tapestry Museum, Sunbrick burial ground and Swarthmoor Meeting House. A tour of Swarthmoor Hall itself will take place during the pilgrimage.

Each pilgrimage has an experienced Pilgrimage Guide. These pilgrimages provide bed and breakfast in ensuite accommodation.

#### Leader: Wendy Hampton

*£650 ensuite | £580 per person for two people sharing a room | £325 non-residential*



Photo | Sasha Bosbeer

## Planning your own pilgrimage

Many meetings and small groups choose to arrange their own pilgrimage with the support of the pilgrimage coordination provided by Swarthmoor Hall, on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting.

For more information please contact us on **01229 583204** or email [info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk](mailto:info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk)



## 'In den Fußstapfen des George Fox' Eine Pilgerreise zu den Anfängen der Quäker im 17. Jahrhundert

Montag 16 September – Freitag 20 September 2024

Swarthmoor Hall, damals das Haus der Familie Fell am Rand der Kleinstadt Ulverston im Nordwesten Englands, dient heute als Ausgangspunkt für Besuche bei historischen Stätten, wo im Jahr 1652 George Fox anfang, die Quäker-Bewegung aufzubauen. Eine solche Besuchsreise kann als spirituelle Reise, als Pilgerweg, erlebt werden, wodurch wir die Kraft des Lichts bzw. die Heilige Geistkraft in unserem eigenen Leben entdecken können.

Während mehreren Ausflügen von Swarthmoor Hall aus besuchen wir nicht nur Orte wie Pendle Hill, Brigflatts, Firbank Fell und Marsh Grange (wo Margaret Fell, „die Mutter des Quäkerismus“, aufgewachsen ist), sondern auch Orte, die für uns heute bedeutungsvoll sind, wie das Quaker Tapestry in Kendal und das Meeting House in Clitheroe. Abends gibt es dann Gelegenheiten, sich mit anderen „Pilgern“ auszutauschen, beispielsweise über unseren Erfahrungen mit dem „Inneren Licht“. 2024 bietet Swarthmoor Hall zum zweiten Mal einen deutschsprachigen „Pilgerweg“ an. Englischkenntnisse sind wünschenswert aber nicht unbedingt erforderlich.

Die Pilgerreise wird auch diesmal wieder durch Gordon Matthews begleitet, einen britisch-deutschen Quäker, der seit seiner Jugend in der christlichen Friedensbewegung aktiv ist.

Mittagessen und Abendessen werden in der Regel vor Ort selbst bezahlt. Hin- und Rückreise nach Ulverston werden von den Teilnehmenden selbst organisiert.

**Leader: Gordon Matthews**

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*Kosten Unterkunft (4 Nächte en-suite mit Frühstück) und Fahrten im Kleinbus: £650 (ca. 750 - Euro im Marsch 2024)*





Photo | Sasha Bosbeer

Swarthmoor Hall provides regular opportunities for worship, exploration and study.

### Meetings for worship

Every Thursday 12:30pm – 1:00pm.

These meetings are followed by a cup of coffee, or tea.

### Extended meeting for worship

Last Thursday of month 11:00am – 1:00pm

Friends are welcome to come for as much or as little of the time as they wish.

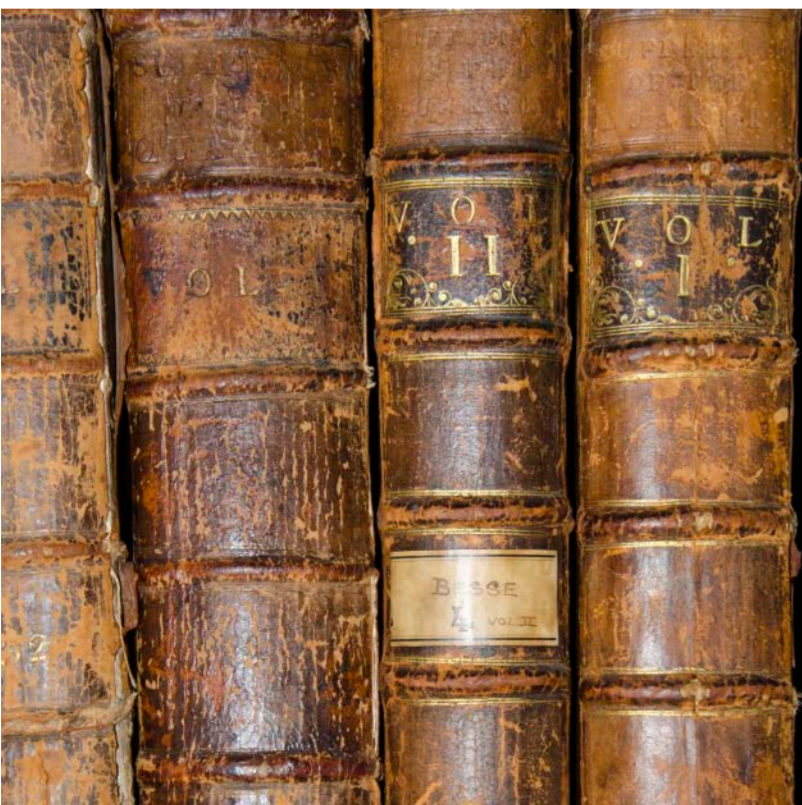


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### Visit, or stay

Swarthmoor Hall welcomes Friends, local, area and general meetings to use its facilities and benefit from its peaceful and beautiful environment.

Why not come as a meeting for a day and do a tour of the Hall? Or book to stay, to deepen your knowledge of one another spiritually and your sense of community?



### Library & books

Swarthmoor Hall has a modest collection of books, which can be borrowed by guests staying at or visiting Swarthmoor Hall. It also has a small selection of Quaker and other thought-provoking books in its shop.

## How to book

Courses and events can be booked via Swarthmoor Hall's website.  
Alternatively please contact Swarthmoor Hall on **01229 583204** or **info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk**  
for a printed booking form, or to book over the phone.  
Thank you.



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