Reforesting Scotland are pleased to announce
A great celebration of forest culture and
The launch of a thousand huts
9.30am – 4.30pm on 15th June 2011
Greyfriars Kirk
Edinburgh

Purpose of the day

1. To celebrate the International Year of the Forest with an event to remember
2. To consider the past, present and future of forest culture in Scotland
3. To launch the vision of a thousand huts

Programme

0915 Registration – Tea/coffee

Leukin back (Chaired by Ninian Stuart, Reforesting Scotland director)

0945 Welcome and overview:
0950 Forest Culture: Prof Christopher Smout (Royal Historiographer and author, 2003)
1010 Scottish huts, a lost heritage? Ranald McInnes and Dawn McDowell (Historic Scotland)
1040 A cultural history of hutters in Scotland: Fi Martynoga (“the History Woman”)
1100 Questions
1115 Short break

Taking Stock (Chaired by Reforesting Scotland director, Donald McPhillimy)

1135 The state of our forest culture: Gordon Gray Stephens, Scottish Native Woods
1150 Living in a forest: Mandy Haggith, forest dweller and author
1205 Timber-building in Scotland today: Bernard Planterose, founder of RS and builder
1220 Hutting Communities: Carbeth - Gerry Loose, hutter and poet
1250 Questions

1300 Lunch – Bring your own sandwiches or buy local. Tea and coffee in the church.
1340 Bothy ballads and singing (as if in a hut by a fire on a winter night) with Eva Schonveld

Goin fortit...(Chaired by Gerry Loose, Carbeth hutter)

1400 Hutting lessons from Norway & Scotland: Lesley Riddoch, broadcaster & Jim Rowling, ex-Barry hutter
1430 Building huts and community at Hill Holt Wood and Forest of Falkland, Nigel Lowthrop
1445 A thousand huts: Andy Wightman: land reform campaigner and hut builder
1500 Small group sessions on key aspects of woodland culture and huts
1600 Fast thoughts from the floor and reflections from three people who have simply listened
1630 Away to our hills, our woods and our huts...

For those who want to go on and on and on about forests and huts, there is a chance to continue at the Forest Café nearby where there may just be something of a Mad Hutters Tea-party