

**Reforestation Scotland are pleased to announce  
A great celebration of forest culture and  
The launch of a thousand huts  
9.30am – 4.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Reforestation 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 Reforestation 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 forit...**(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**