



# Sempervivum 2011

## Still Point in the Turning World

*... we come together to share – share the changing seasons changing lives – we share singing dancing walking swimming – we take time to reflect rekindle regenerate release revive – share thoughts of life death growing and passing...*

**Sempervivum Easter week. What is it? Who's to say! It's who turns up and how we are together.**

Here's how it tends to work: early on we each decide our focus for the week – then meet in morning groups that may focus on creative writing, walking, inner journeying, stand up comedy, photography, deep ecology, whatever folk offer. After delicious lunch we have workshops on anything people choose to make happen.

Alongside this there is a wonderful Kids' Club and structured space for teens. Of an evening there tend to be all-inclusive happenings: dancing, ceilidh, cabaret performances, and a closing ritual that may have emerged out of a group's work but involves us all.

*... the seasons changing the hills changing the river changing – the seasons song the seasons cycle the wheel of the seasons turning – by fire side on lake side in the hills we watch the changing colours from black and white of ice to green of sapling vine and bud ...*

What a place, food and people! (Laurieston emerging from hard working winter hibernation!). If you've been

before, you know how rejuvenating this is, if you haven't: come and find out!

## Laurieston Hall

Laurieston Hall is a co-operative of around 25 people of all ages who live in and around a huge Edwardian main house in Dumfries and Galloway. The community is now well into its fourth decade. Co-operation is their common ideology, and decisions are made by consensus.

Wholesome and delicious vegetarian food includes produce grown on Laurieston's own smallholding. Meals are served communally in the dining room and participants are invited to take part in a cooking rota – but that's all part of the fun! Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

Accommodation is in family rooms, twin rooms and larger dorms, or you can bring your own tent or use one of Laurieston's tents. You could also book into a local B&B and there are reduced rates for these arrangements.

*... we work we listen we play and celebrate each other together at this turning point our turning point so that together we take into another year renewed strength and sense of being ...*

## Children and Young People

Young people have a ball at Sempervivum! There's a creative Kids Club for 3 to 12 year-olds, with games and dressing up, boat trips and den building.

Teenagers have their own facilitators and in past years activities have included drama and music-making, building a raft and a tree-house, and launching a fire-dragon on the pond.