**The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group**

In mid-April nine St Andrews and NE Fife Ramblers were joined by six members from other groups to complete a 10-mile stage of the new Fife Pilgrim Way, from Ceres to St Andrews. Although not yet formally launched, the route is well enough signposted along this section for even your correspondent and novice walk leader to navigate it successfully. Several of our members were already well-acquainted with it having undertaken this walk last year in a blizzard. Fortunately the conditions this time were much more benign, although the stiff breeze still curtailed our coffee stop at the top of the steep track beyond Kinninmonth Farm. We continued smartly along this exposed part of the walk to Ladeddie, and strangely there were no takers for an optional climb up Drumcarrow Craig. Perhaps an excursion for another day in kinder weather. Dropping down to the relative shelter of Denhead we admired the expansive views over the Eden estuary and Tentsmuir to Dundee and beyond. Lunch followed in the civilised surroundings of Craigtoun Park and we were spoiled by having proper picnic tables and toilets – not a common experience on a Ramblers walk! And to top it all the sun emerged from behind the clouds to warm us up. We then made our way through the tranquil den to Lumbo before joining the Lade Braes for the last stage of our walk into St Andrews. We deviated slightly from the signposted path to avoid the thronging crowds watching the Kate Kennedy procession on South Street, although we timed our arrival perfectly to see the last of the colourful characters completing their tour at the cathedral. Destination reached, we adjourned to the far end of town where the group enjoyed welcome refreshments, a fine view and more entertaining banter from the usual suspect.

Our next walk is on Sunday 28th April at Cloan Glen, Auchterarder. Grade C+, 6 miles. This moderate, low-level route with fine views follows paths, tracks and minor roads through farmland and woodland. Contact 01382 542516 or 07593 230299.

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