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

Eight ramblers were not put off by weather warnings of rain and wind, and were rewarded by a lovely 7-mile walk at the beginning of March, with sunshine, minimal wind and no rain until after the walk. After exploring Old Rhynd Churchyard we walked along the Tay, often on top of levee flood protection, enjoying the surprisingly large estuary with the Earn, where we learned about the 3000BC wooden log boat found here some years ago. As we saw Elcho Castle in the distance we could hear shouts from the river which turned out to be a rowing crew practising under instruction from their coach. Our arrival at Elcho Castle was first rewarded by a lovely lunch stop beside a babbling brook, doocot and duck pond. During lunch we explored the grounds of this fine Wemyss family home, built around the 16th century and now in the care of Historic Scotland. We were in agreement that when it opens in April, a longer visit would be justified. On the easy walk back to our cars there was fine farm countryside and views of distant hills to enjoy, as well as a superb overview of the Tay. It was a great relief to see our cars still in good shape, as we had had some manoeuvring with large farm vehicles (albeit with friendly help from local farmers) before starting the walk. On our way home we were very smug as we enjoyed a nice coffee stop whilst the rain lashed down outside.

Our next walk is tomorrow (Saturday) at Rathillet. Grade C, 6.5 miles. This circular walk takes us on farm tracks and end riggs round Torr of Kedlock, Logie, Forret and return. Contact 01382 541267.

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