

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

On a cool, cloudy morning, 11 members and two guests gathered in the car park at Falkland prior to our walk to the Tyndall Bruce monument and The Temple of Decision. The walk leader gave a brief but detailed history of Tyndall Bruce and the Falkland Estate



before we set off, notably minus one convenor, who has been sent on a refresher course in calendar management... After a short while, we headed through towards a part of Maspie Den (some of which had been fenced off) and out into a clearing where we were able to stop for a short drinks break. The sun was just starting to break through at this point so several walkers took the opportunity to divest themselves of some outer garments, as the day was only going to get warmer. We now had a bit of an uphill climb to the monument, the sky now clear blue,

and we could admire the fine views overlooking the Howe of Fife. Several other walkers were also taking advantage of the fine day. From there, it was up to the ruins of the Temple of Decision. Lunch was taken here as there was ample seating and again, pleasant views. It was then, to some members' relief, mostly downhill in the welcome cool shade of the woods towards Falkland. On leaving the woods we emerged near the cricket ground where there was a game in progress, and a sizeable number of cars parked nearby. At the stables of the Falkland Estate a wedding was taking place, one of the vintage bridal cars having a very modern Satnav on the dashboard! We completed



the last stretch into Falkland and past a very busy Stag Inn where, if we had the chance, one or two of the members would have been more than willing to stop for a final refreshment. Back at the car park we bade our farewells after a thoroughly enjoyable walk, not too strenuous or long, and done in very good company.



For the time being we are still keeping our walks local to Fife, with a maximum of 15 people on each walk. Details of our walks – which are open to guests as well as members of Ramblers – can be found on our website [www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com](http://www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com)