

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

St Andrews & North East Fife Ramblers held last month's leisurely Wednesday walk of 5 miles at Kennoway Den. Twelve of us set off in bright sunshine from Windygates car park along a pleasant path following the dismantled railway track towards Kennoway. There we



crossed the road and into the den which was still holding on to its glorious autumn colours. Emerging from the shelter of the den we encountered a snell wind as we headed along a field edge towards our lunch stop. This proved to be educational as one of our stalwarts treated a few of us to his extensive, if somewhat idiosyncratic, lexicon on the subject of youthfulness. Sustained and entertained we moved on, passing Newton of Kingsdale and finally rejoining the track back into Kennoway. From there we retraced our steps along the old railway track and back to the car park.

The following Saturday, on a somewhat misty morning 8 members set off from the Tay Bridge car park for a circular walk to Tayport. After crossing the busy B946, it was a short climb up towards the Scotsraig Estate. Here the weather took a turn for the worse and a damp and drizzly walk towards the coffee stop ensued. Luckily, the surrounding trees afforded us some shelter. After this the weather improved a little and although the views to Tayport and the estuary were misty, it was a pleasing view nonetheless. It didn't seem long before we were on the outskirts of Tayport, walking downhill via the minor road. Crossing the road took us alongside a burn and through Tayport towards the coastal path. It was on this section that our Walks Coordinator and our above-mentioned lexicographer confused each other in conversation



about afternoon tea at the plush hotel, Balmullo... or, as it turned out, the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh. Thankfully it was now time for lunch, taken at the harbour while we observed the wildlife – a hopeful seagull chick hanging around for titbits, a cygnet gliding gracefully into the sheltered harbour and an eider. We then continued on the coastal path back to the car park, stopping to view both the east and west lighthouses. Another nice walk, just over 3 hours, taken in good company – here's to the next 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