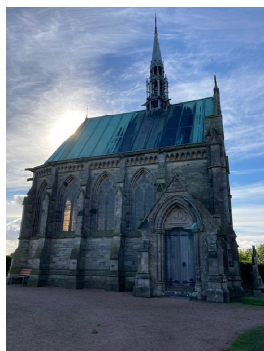


The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group



On a fine autumn morning last weekend eight members of St Andrews and North East Fife Ramblers set out on a scenic circular walk of just over 8 miles, from Drumoig to Morton Lochs. We headed along the edge of the driving range towards Vicarsford cemetery, with a suggestion from our walk leader that we would visit the chapel on our return journey. A gentle ascent along paths and field edges took us to Causewayhead, where we enjoyed a break in the sunshine with fine views over Tayport, Tentsmuir

and out to sea beyond the Eden Estuary. Continuing into Scotsraig estate we stopped to admire first a lively red squirrel overhead, and then the remains of the old walled gardens near Scotsraig Mains, before beginning a gradual descent towards the A914. Crossing the road, we made our way towards the woodland tracks which, after a stop for lunch, would bring us to Morton Lochs. To our disappointment there were no red squirrels in evidence at the hide, but we did spot a couple of herons before continuing our walk. We



followed the minor road towards Kirkton, stopping to explore the ruins of the old Forgan church and several interesting headstones depicting the former occupations of those interred. Continuing along the road (and narrowly avoiding being run over by a less than helpful cyclist with no bell) we arrived back at Vicarsford for our promised visit to the imposing A-listed Gothic chapel. We then completed the short stretch to our starting point, accompanied by the slightly disconcerting thwack of golf balls from the nearby driving range. Safely back at the car park, we adjourned to one of our regular haunts for well-earned refreshments before making our

way home.

Our next walk is on Wednesday 19th October, 5 miles from Kemback to Blebo Craigs. This is a gentle, circular walk, uphill at the start, through woodland then the minor road to Blebo. All of our walks are open to guests who would like to try out The Ramblers, and full details can be found on our website www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com