

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

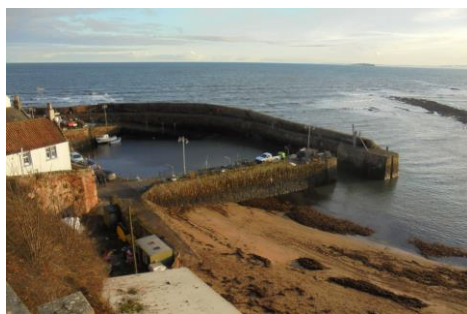
In early December 9 members and 2 guests assembled at Crail to catch the bus to Anstruther for the start of our walk back to Crail. After a brief stop and introductions, we made our way along the harbour side and out towards Cellardyke, along the Coastal Path. At the eastern end of Cellardyke could be seen the open air swimming pool. Alas, none of our company were either brave or daft enough to venture in. There were also some lovely buildings and architecture to admire in and around the Tollbooth in Cellardyke. The weather was especially benign with glorious winter



sunshine and a crisp feel in the air. Passing a small field containing an inordinately large bull, the path became wetter and more slippery. We had a brief lunch stop, when we were able to enjoy the warmish sunshine during which we could see various seabirds going about their business. Some interesting rock formations soon came into view affording some of the group a photo opportunity. Onwards towards Crail and after negotiating a particularly tricky wall, the path again became a bit more undulating, and also wetter. Despite some of the slippery sections everybody safely negotiated the path as it rose from the shoreline inland



towards Crail. It seemed that here some of the Coastal Path had been damaged by the recent storm as there was a notice and a detour required to continue our walk. At Crail we took the path down towards the picturesque harbour and followed the Coastal Path nearly as far as the castle before returning to the car park. Teas, coffees, pancakes and scones were then enjoyed at a nearby establishment. It was exceedingly good value, some members having to ask twice if a mistake had been made in the bill. Suitably refreshed, we made our way back to the cars before going our separate ways, all having decided it was a lovely day for an equally lovely walk.



Our next walk is on Saturday 6th January, a 6.5-mile walk to The Binn, Burntisland on the coastal path, farm tracks, woodland paths and some minor roads. 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