

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



The good spell of weather in early April encouraged fourteen Ramblers to turn out for a 5-mile walk at Glenfarg's two disused railway tunnels. Soon after setting out from the Bein Inn we joined the rail track leading to the northern tunnel. Torches at the ready as we entered, we could barely see daylight at the far end some 500 metres ahead. We covered the ground at a gentle pace and emerged into the sunshine again, taking a short break for refreshments at the edge of the track with a fine view over the Carse of Gowrie. We then joined a minor road running parallel to the motorway and after almost an hour on this we were glad to leave the noise of traffic behind when we turned onto a farm road at Meikle

Fieldie. Here our next challenge awaited as we had to climb over a double set of locked gates at the entrance to a woodland path. Our efforts (some more elegant than others!) were rewarded with our break for lunch at the far end of this scenic path which led down beside a burn. After lunch we rejoined the rail track near the entrance to the southern tunnel; out came the torches again for another short spell in the dark, though this time we could see light at the end. The exit was very muddy underfoot and we picked our way carefully towards drier ground before returning on the path we had taken at the start of the walk. Back at Bein Inn we enjoyed friendly hospitality with tea and cakes, concluding an interesting day in fine company.



Last Sunday we continued the railway theme with an 8-mile walk along part of the old line between Crail and Kingsbarns, with another good turnout of fifteen walkers and once again in fine weather. Meeting at the Cambo layby we headed for a farm track and then onto an undulating woodland path leading to the gorse-lined rail track towards Kippo. After a stop for drinks we continued to North Quarter and then Kilduncan, passing the remains of the old



airfield buildings. These prompted an outbreak of nostalgia from our Walks Co-ordinator and an undisguised loss of attention on the part of your correspondent. Our lunch venue was a grassy bank at the entrance to Morton of Pitmilley, after which we continued along Station Road into Kingsbarns and down to the beach. There we enjoyed a pleasant stroll along to Cambo and up through the estate towards the main entrance, where we made a brief diversion to see a small siege of herons standing in the field before returning to our cars and making the short journey to the distillery for post-walk refreshments. Another great walk, parts of which were new to most of us and are now added to our catalogue.



Our next walk is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, a 7-mile circuit from Wormit to Balmerino along the coastal path, on good tracks and with some minor road walking. 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](http://www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com)