

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

Despite the forecast of rain, thunder and lightning eight optimistic walkers departed from Cupar last Saturday on an outing to Amulree and Loch Freuchie in Perthshire. We were pleased to welcome, for the final time this year at least, one of our two American friends who have enjoyed walking with us over the past few weeks. This 8-mile walk was new to most of the group although, as it turned out, not your correspondent who had insisted during the journey via the Sma' Glen that she did not know the route, only to recognise the car park immediately



on arriving at Amulree village hall. We set out along the minor road which forms part of the Rob Roy Way towards Loch Freuchie and Glen Quaich, diverting into a wooded area for our drinks break while sheltering from a passing shower of light rain. Continuing for another mile or so to the western end of the loch we turned onto the track to Turrerich Farm, rejoining the Rob Roy Way and crossing the bridge over the River Quaich. The ruins of old buildings provided convenient seating for our lunch stop from where we could see dark clouds approaching from further down the



loch. As we returned on the loch's northern side we saw various birds on and around the water and regretted that no one had brought a pair of binoculars. With only fifteen minutes to go the rain finally arrived but fortunately we reached the car park before any of the heavy bursts that followed soon afterwards. Our optimism vindicated we completed our homeward journey in good spirits via Dunkeld, with a stop at our usual café in Bankfoot for tea and excellent scones. It was only on our approach to Cupar that we encountered seriously heavy rain, accompanied by hailstones – thankfully avoided earlier on our delightful countryside walk.



Our next walk is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, a 6.5-mile walk at Hill of Alyth with fine 360 degree views over the surrounding countryside, and returning via Alyth Den. 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.standrewsnefiferablers.com](http://www.standrewsnefiferablers.com)