

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

There was another good turnout of fifteen last weekend for our 7-mile walk at Burntisland, including the two delightful visiting Americans who had joined us on our previous walk at St Monans. This was a reprise of a walk we had here in early 2024, but in the opposite direction, and once again the weather gods were in our favour as we avoided the heavy showers which had been forecast. Our leader skillfully herded those travelling by train from Leuchars to our meeting point at Links Place car park, from where we set off through the town towards the steep woodland path leading



up to The Binn, the hill which towers above the town. Passing Binn Pond we continued our steep ascent over open grassland to reach the escarpment and take in the expansive views over Burntisland and the Forth, sparkling in the sunshine. After a stop for refreshments and the first round of our walks coordinator's 'backwards' quiz (where he provided the answers and we had to figure out the questions) we began our descent towards the remains of High Binn village, built in the 1880's to house miners and other workers in the oil shale industry. Our route continued towards Kinghorn Loch



where we encountered an assortment of fishermen, model boat enthusiasts and paddle-boarders as well as nesting swans and sunbathing ducks at the water's edge. Lunch



followed in the garden area of the Ecology centre where your correspondent, taking a seat at a picnic bench, almost upended our coordinator – to which he retaliated swiftly with another quiz round. As we moved on from the loch we spotted a couple of grebes before taking Burnside Path into Kinghorn. There we skirted the golf course and joined the footpath beside the A921 to return to Burntisland, diverting to the seafront for the final stretch to the car park. To

conclude a lovely day we revisited the same café from our previous walk here and were not disappointed.

Our next walk is tomorrow, Saturday 7th June, an 8-mile walk at Amulree and Loch Freuchie in Perthshire. 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