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

April 2015

It was a sunny, but chilly day on Saturday 11th, when 26 members & visitors met at Monikie Country Park, just 3 miles north of Carnoustie in Angus. After 2 weeks of warmer weather we had to don hats, scarves and gloves again, while we walked round the reservoir and enjoyed views over the Tay Estuary. We then passed the village School and turned up a farm track towards the dis-used railway embankment. After the Farm tracks, there was a short section on quiet roads, followed by another track up to Wilsonhall Farm where we admired a curious young Clydesdale Horse, before turning onto the paths surrounding Crombie Reservoir and Country Park. We found a peaceful picnic area for our lunch-stop, then spent another hour walking round the reservoir in the sunshine. There was a very brief sleety shower at lunchtime but we were very fortunate to miss the passing heavy showers of rain and sleet .

A group of 21 members and visitors met for a 9 mile walk, on Sunday 26th,another sunny day, but with a cold wind. However we soon warmed up as we gradually climbed up, from the Pitcairn Centre in Glenrothes onto the lower slopes of East Lomond. After a coffee stop, we went down to Freuchie Den and through Freuchie, passing the Cricket Ground and across the A92 and then the railway bridge towards Muirhead. As we walked up by the field edges, we could see showers falling across the Howe of Fife and black clouds overhead, but it stayed dry where we were, though cold and windy. We had lunch by the ruins of an ancient Chapel at Kirkforthar, then walked through Lochiemuir woods to Balbirnie, and up the new path past Cluny Reservoir through a brief shower of hailstones, and back to the Pitcairn centre.

You would be welcome to join us for a walk in May.

Saturday 9th. Moncreiffe Hill. 6 miles. For Details: Tel. 01334 474305.

Wednesday 13th. Balmullo Circular. 6.5 miles. For Details: Tel. 01337 831113.

Saturday 23rd. Glenfernate to Loch Loch. 8.5 miles. For Details: Tel. 07936382339.