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

January 2015

The year started with an excellent walk on Saturday 3rd, from Wormit to Dairsie. This was the first leg of a Traverse across Fife, from North to South. A total of 27 members & visitors took advantage of a lovely sunny day to work off some of the excesses of the festive season. Being a linear walk requiring a shuttling of cars to the start at Wormit, and all went well although some arrived at Dairsie wearing Muddy boots, but their shoes were still in Wormit. Conditions underfoot were muddy in places, but not as bad as had been expected given the rain over the previous few days. We were able to enjoy excellent views over the Tay and North Fife countryside, paid homage at the memorial to Jim Clark in Kilmany, and saw a Hang Glider taking advantage of the thermals around Forret Hill.

We were blessed with another great walking day for the 2nd part of the traverse, and 30 people gathered at Dairsie for the walk to Ceres, on Saturday 17th. We set off along quiet roads, crossed the Eden at Dairsie Bridge, and followed a footpath by the river until we reached the point where the Ceres Burn joined the Eden. By the river we watched a Dipper, and silent Heron and we were then able to walk along through Dura Den, with no traffic as the road is shut due to a landslip. Once at Pitscottie, we doubled back and climbed up through a grassy field, then crossed the B940, and disturbed 4 Roe Deer while approaching Cairngreen Wood. We enjoyed lunch in weak sunshine, with extensive views over to the Tay Estuary, before passing Woodlands Farm and Whitehill Farm as we circled Ceres, through Craigrothie up to Denhead Farm and along the Waterless Road into Ceres – just in time to catch a bus into Cupar. This time the boots were mostly clean, as the severe frost had meant the mud was frozen solid.

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

Sunday 1st. Fife North – South Traverse 3: Ceres to Lower Largo. 8miles. For Details: Tel. 01334 470066.

Saturday 14th. Ceres to Scotstarvit – Snowdrop Walk. 6miles. For Details: Tel. 01382 542516.

Saturday 28th. South Queensferry to Cramond Circular. 8miles. For Details: Tel. 01337 857791.