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

**October 2014**

Sixteen members met at Balmalcolm on Saturday 11th for an 8 mile walk to Ceres. The weather was very mild, although overcast and dry. We started by climbing up through Balmalcolm Den to Kettlehills, past the Putting Green and on past Newhall to Downfield Farm. At this height we enjoyed expansive views over the Howe of Fife during a coffee stop. At Clatto Farm we joined an ancient track known as the Waterless Road, which took us past Clatto Reservoir and Muirhead Farm. We sat in breezy Autumn sunshine for lunch overlooking the remains of Struthers Castle, then crossed the A916, again following the Waterless Road on the ridge into Ceres. With a lengthy stop at the Folk Museum for Coffees, we were suitably refreshed for the final leg of the walk into Cupar.

Sunday 26th was a more typical type of Scottish Autumn day, when 7 members made the journey to Enochdu, near Kirkmichael in Perthshire. Although they enjoyed the fabulous Autumn colours on the journey north, they were buffeted and battered by the wind once they arrived. Shadowed by a herd of cattle for some of the way, they also saw plenty of Red Deer and heard the eerie sound of the Stags bellowing on the hills. At the top of the Coll, the wind was very strong, but there was little rain so the visibility was good, they enjoyed fabulous views and the wind was behind them on the descent. They made use of a walkers hut for lunch, enjoying the shelter from the wind.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**The AGM will be on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in Cupar ‘Y’, and all members are encouraged to attend.**

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

Saturday 8th Bishop Hill Circular. 7.5 miles. For Details: Tel. 01337 831113.

Saturday 22nd.Balcaskie, Kellie and Gillingshill Circular. 8 miles. For Details: Tel. 01334 839117.