

## Chairman's Report

### Tam McLaren

We continue to have a successful program of walks for members with only one cancellation and one curtailment due to difficult weather conditions. Attendance at the longer walks is slightly down on normal but the Stroller's walks continue to be very well attended. We have lost a number of walk leaders due to natural member turnover and any volunteers to lead walks would be greatly appreciated. Training is available and there is some source material on the main Ramblers web site but our current leaders would be more than happy to help and mentor anyone who has not previously led a walk.

Ramblers provide training on Walk Leadership, First Aid and Navigation Skills (beginner and advanced). If you are interested please contact Tam at [tmclaren39@gmail.com](mailto:tmclaren39@gmail.com).

## Walks Report

### John Duncan

It is good that I can report that we have a full walks programme for this summer, it will be included in the next Area printed programme which will be circulated to everyone by the end of March and is available on our website [glenrothesramblers.co.uk/Pages/Program.aspx](http://glenrothesramblers.co.uk/Pages/Program.aspx).

Walk's programmes are a combined contribution from all the walk leaders who continually come up with an interesting variety of walks, I pass thanks to all leaders for their walk(s) on behalf of all group members.

Often new leaders ask how they can find new walks so that they can put new innovative ideas into the programme and in this respect, we do have some tools available to help:

- There is a large database of past group walks, many with a map of the route attached—available on the “members” section of our website [glenrothesramblers.co.uk/Pages/Login.aspx](http://glenrothesramblers.co.uk/Pages/Login.aspx) (login code available by emailing Chris Barton, see below ).
- The area programme is also a good source, by joining a walk led by another group this will allow you to retrace a walk as well as have opportunity to check out the details with the leader.
- There are some web based sources such as [www.walkhighlands.co.uk/](http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/) and The Courier walks [www.thecourier.co.uk/tag/fife-walks/](http://www.thecourier.co.uk/tag/fife-walks/).
- Other information owned by the group and held by the walks coordinator includes: OS maps, Fife core paths, Fife coastal path and various printed information – which you are welcome to borrow.
- A variation can be to combine a visit to a place of historic or geographic interest into a walk.

The best source of information is from our experienced leaders who are all willing to discuss walks.

Happy walking!

### **Reminder about the weekend away Waverley Castle Hotel – Melrose**

From Friday 28th September to Monday 01st October 2018 (4 days, 3 nights). This is a popular event with currently 50 people signed up to attend. It is to be noted that the balance of payment is due by 31st July 2018 (i.e. £190 for couples or £110.00 for singles).

## Committee and AGM Minutes

The latest minutes are now available to read in the website Members Area. Login details available by emailing:

[chrisbettybarton@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbettybarton@gmail.com)

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