

Visit to Balgonie Castle

On Sunday 25th September 2011 the ENFPS visited Balgonie Castle near Markinch by kind permission of the Laird, Lady and Younger of Balgonie. Members were given a guided tour by the Laird. The visit was arranged by John Beaton.

Balgonie Castle includes the oldest tower house in Fife and was built in the 14th century by Sir Thomas Sibbald of Balgonie. Since 1970 it has been the family home of the Morris family. They have been carrying out an on-going restoration programme on the rest of the castle which includes a chapel. The castle is a popular venue for weddings.

Past visitors to the castle include King James IV, Mary Queen of Scots, Daniel Defoe and Boswell and Johnson.



Members by the well in the courtyard.



A corner of the Courtyard



The Great Hall awaiting restoration.



On-going restoration



The tower house.



Entrance to the tower house.



Vaulted ceiling with flags.



Reception hall in the tower house.



View from the window.



John Beaton and the Laird
