

2011 Programme

2011	Grade	Title and Description
Sunday 2nd January	C	Erskine Bridge Boden Boo, Erskine riverside walk Crossing bridge from Old Kilpatrick, circular walk on Erskine side, return over bridge. Terrain: Mainly tarred surface with short piece of dirt track. Distance: 10 km, duration 3½ hrs, total ascent m to max. ht m. Start point: Mount Pleasant at Old Kilpatrick. Distance from H'burgh: 12 miles OS Map 64 / Explorer 342, grid ref: NS 470728.
Saturday 8th January	C+	Meikle Bin A fine circular walk to the second highest point in the Campsie with good views down the Carron Valley and to the east. Also Glasgow to Edinburgh to the south and the whole front of the Highland boundary to the north on a good day. A section of a crashed aeroplane can be examined on the way up and the return is mainly beside the reservoir. BRING A TORCH WITH YOU JUST IN CASE. Terrain: Forest roads, paths and open grassy slopes. Distance: 14½ km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 370 m to max. ht. 570 m. Start point: Car park at Todholes on B818 Fintry to Carron Bridge road. Distance from H'burgh: 30 miles. OS Map 57 (64) / Explorer 348, grid ref: NS 672859.
Sunday 9th January	B+	Beinn Bhreac, Ben Reoch & Tullich Hill Trackless climb up steep grass slope to highest point then undulating trackless grassy broad ridge to next peak. Option to return by valley or to descend 300m before climbing to final peak and descending to Invergroin. Terrain: Mainly obvious track along high moorland with no rocky sections. All summits are grassy. Distance: 9 km, duration 5½ hrs, total ascent 1020m to max ht. 681m. Start point: The bridge at Invergroin, 3 miles up Glen Douglas from Inverbeg. Distance from H'burgh: 16 miles OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NS 304991.
Saturday 15th January	C	Coffee, Walk and a Meal After coffee in the Oakwood Garden Centre, the walk starts on the West Highland Way and continues to Glengoyne Distillery. From there the return is along a forestry path and across a field to rejoin the WHW to the garden centre and a meal. Terrain: Short sections on tarmac, track and open field. Distance: 9 km, duration 2½ hrs, total ascent 100m to max. ht 110m. Start point: Oakwood Garden Centre car park, Killearn. Distance from H'burgh: 19 miles OS Map 64 / Explorer 348, grid ref: NS 513848.
Sunday 23rd January	B	Dumgoyne A volcanic vent and one of the most prominent of the volcanic hills of the Strathblane Hills. We commence at the Glengoyne Distillery head for Dumgoyne steep climb on paths to the summit from where there are panoramic views. Steep descent to the start point. Terrain: Paths, steep throughout. Distance: 6 km, duration 3½ hrs, total ascent 500m to max. ht 470m. Start point: Glengoyne Distillery on the A81. Distance from H'burgh: 25 miles OS Map 64 / Explorer 348, grid ref: NS 527827.
Saturday 29th January	B+	Beinn Bhreac-liath Through forestry and over open rough ground to Beinn Bheag, down and up to 802m summit and off long nose of Beinn Bhreac-liath to finish at Invergaunan. Terrain: No paths, all rough ground, trackless forest. Distance: 8 km, duration 5 - 6 hrs, total ascent 800m to max. ht 802m. Start point: Two car. Start Sron Gharbh lay by 2km north of Tyndrum on A82. Finish B8074 at Invergaunan. Distance from H'burgh: 40 miles OS Map 50 / Explorer 364, 377 grid ref: NN 329331.

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Saturday 5th February	A	Glen Croe / Coilessan Glen Circular Ardgartan to Lochgoilhead returning via Coilessan Glen. This is a long circular walk. Terrain: Forest track to Lochgoilhead. The route then climbs up through the forest onto open moorland to Coilessan Glen. Return on forest track and small road section (bring a torch). Distance: 25 km, duration 7½ hrs, total ascent 700m to max. ht 500m. Start point: Ardgartan forest car park. Distance from H'burgh: 22 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 269038. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Sunday 6th February	C	Garadhban and Drymen Follow the West Highland Way into Drymen. Then on road, tracks and paths through forest to rejoin the WHW and return to the start. Terrain: Forest track, road and path - can be very wet and boggy. Distance: 12½ km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 140m to max. ht. 150m. Start point: Garadhban Forestry Car Park, north of Drymen. Distance from H'burgh: 17 miles. OS Map 57 / Explorer 347, grid ref: NS 479906.
Sunday 13th February	B	Beinn Dubh and Hill 657 A long gentle climb on grassy track up this prominent and popular hill, continuing along a high level undulating route to Hill 657. Return by outward route to enjoy the splendid views over southern Loch Lomond. Terrain: Mainly grassland and moor with only 50yds of road walking in Luss. Distance: 11 km, duration 5½ hrs, total ascent 720m to max ht. 657m. Start point: Luss Visitors' car park. £1 parking charge. Distance from H'burgh: 9 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NS 359931.
Saturday 19th February	C	Loch Ard Forest Walk An easy walk on forest track around Lime Hill with negligible ascent. Terrain: Mostly forest tracks. Distance: 12 km, duration 4 - 4½ hrs, total ascent negligible to max. ht. 208m. Start point: Car park near Drymen road cottage on the Drymen to Gartmore old road. Distance from H'burgh: 22 miles. OS Map 57 / Explorer 347/348, grid ref: NS 506936.
Sunday 20th February	B+	The Cobbler New path across road from car park, zig-zag up to path, eventually veer off left and scramble to summit. Will be taken slowly. Terrain: Path and track easy scramble. Distance: 9 km, duration 4½ hrs, total ascent 890m to max. ht. 890m. Start point: Succoth car park near Arrochar £1 payment for car park. Distance from H'burgh: 20 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 295048.
Sunday 27th February	B	Black Corries, Rannoch Moor Private Road to Lodge. Climb N.E. over grassy moorland to Stob nan Losgain top. Return by outward route. Terrain: Private road then rough moorland with some boggy patches. Distance: 16 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 500m to max. ht. 629m. Start point: Kingshouse Hotel off A82. Distance from H'burgh: 50 miles. OS Map 41 / Explorer 384, grid ref: NN 260548. 0830 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER

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Sunday 6th March	C	Crianlarich to Drovers Inn, Inverarnan On West Highland Way Terrain: Well defined West Highland Way path through Glen Falloch. Path undulates, with negligible ascent. * Taxi fare of £2.50 approx required to travel from the Drovers Inn Car Park at Inverarnan to Crianlarich and the start of the walk. Contact Kathleen by previous Thursday to book seat. Distance: 10 km, duration 3½ hrs, total ascent negligible to max. ht m. Start point: Drovers Inn car park in Inverarnan, from where we will travel in taxis to Crianlarich and the start of the walk. Distance from H'burgh: 28 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 318184.
Saturday 12th March	C+	Aberfoyle to Loch Ard Start at Woollen Mill along short stretch of road before good forestry tracks to far end of Loch Ard with a chance to visit Lochan Spling on the way. Return route to Milton of Aberfoyle. Terrain: Road and forestry tracks. Distance: 17 km, duration 5½ hrs, total ascent 100 m to max. ht. 140 m. Start point: Woollen Mill car park, Aberfoyle. Distance from H'burgh: 30 miles. OS Map 57 / Explorer 365, grid ref: NN 521009.
Sunday 13th March	B+	Tullich Hill and Ben Reoch From The Ben Lomond car park to Hill 447 then south up Tullich Hill, down to the bealach and up Ben Reoch descending north off nose, back to The Ben Lomond. Terrain: Path to start then on open Hill. Distance: 9 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 1000m to max. ht 661 m. Start point: The Ben Lomond car park off A83 in Tarbet. Distance from H'burgh: 18 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 313044. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 19th March	C	Dalmoak Kipperock Circular Follow the river Leven path towards Renton where the road is taken back to Dalmoak entrance. Then we take farm tracks over the hill to Cardross from where a footpath alongside the A814 leads to Ardoch where the route takes to the beach and joins the Clydeside path into Levensgrove park. By pavement back to Dalreoch station. Terrain: Footpaths, pavements, farm tracks and optional beach (tide permitting). Distance: 14 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 130m to max ht. 104m. Start point: Dalreoch Station lower car park. Distance from Helensburgh: 8 mls OS Map 63 / Explorer 347, grid ref: NS 392757.
Sunday 20th March	A	Binnein an Fhìdhleir (Glen Kinglas) From car park at Butterbridge strike north up faint path on steep slope through rock outcrops to 817m summit. Follow ridge west over Creag Bhrosgan and Binnein an Fhìdhleir and down grassy west ridge towards An t-Sron. At half - height head south east down steep grassy slopes to rejoin the Kinglas road for 2km back to start. Terrain: Steep grassy ascent with no clear path. Grassy ridge with great views, but no obvious paths. Descent on steep grassy slopes. Distance: 10 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 830m to max. ht 817m. Start point: Butterbridge car park on the A83 at the head of Glen Kinglas. Distance from H'burgh: 24 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 234096. 0830 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER

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Saturday 26th March	C	The Kelly Cut Walk Linear walk on paths and track from the Cornalees Bridge Visitor Centre to the Kelly Reservoir above Wemyss Bay. Views overlook the Clyde towards Dunoon, the Argyll hills and the Isles of Bute and Arran. Terrain: Mostly flat with some gentle ripples. Distance: 13 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent negligible to max. ht 200m. Start point: Cornalees Bridge Visitor Centre. Distance from H'burgh: 38 miles. OS Map 63 / Explorer 341, grid ref: NS 247721.
Sunday 27th March	A	Beinn Sgulaire Ascend up track east to first of 3 tops. Traverse along 3 km granite ridge of over 800 m. Final ascent is up narrowing ridge of granite slabs. Views of Loch Creran, Lismore, Mull & Morvern. Terrain: Rough, grassy lower slopes, rocky ridge of granite boulders. Distance: 13 km, duration 7½ hrs, total ascent 1240m to max. ht 937m. Start point: Layby east of Druimavuic, Loch Creran, 4 km from South Creagan off A828. Distance from H'burgh: 80 miles. OS Map 50 / Explorer 384, grid ref: NN 008451. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 2nd April	C+	Glen Lochay A short glen in old hunting forest. An easy walk on riverside and hillside tracks with some burns to cross. Terrain: Tracks all the way. Distance: 12 km, duration 4½ hrs, total ascent 230m to max. ht 400m. Start point: Kenknock. Distance from H'burgh: 62 miles. OS Map 51 / Explorer 378 grid ref: NN 466365.
Sunday 3rd April	A	Stuchd an Lochain (Loch Lyon) Follow a faint path on grassy slopes up Coire Ban and onto the main ridge which leads over Sron Chona Chorein to the main top at 960m. Return east to bealach and descend to Lochan nan Cat, and from there traverse north and east back to the head of the dam. Option to return by the route of ascent if weather is not good. Terrain: Mostly grassy slopes with some reasonable paths. Steep grassy descent to the lochan. Distance: 10 km, duration 7 hrs, total ascent 762m to max. ht. 960m. Start point: Parking at Loch an Daimh Dam 5miles west of Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon. Distance from H'burgh: 70 miles. OS Map 51 / Explorer 378, grid ref: NN 511464. 0830 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Sunday 10th April	B+	Ben Donich and East Ridge Follow normal ascent path from the Rest and be Thankful car park. From summit descend by the east ridge to the bealach at the head of Coire Odhair. Then descend by a steep path north east into the forest, returning by forest track to the start. Terrain: Good path on ascent but descent over rough grass avoiding rock outcrops. Steep path down to forest track. Distance: 9 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent approx 720m to max ht. 847m. Start point: Rest and be Thankful car park. Distance from H'burgh: 21 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NN 229074.

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Saturday 16th April	B	Conic Hill Ridge at easy pace Steep climb from Balmaha Car Park on the West Highland Way to the start of the ridge and another steep climb. Continue along the ridge until it descends to rejoin the WHW. Return along WHW and join the ridge which descends to the edge of Loch Lomond. Once again join the WHW and return to the car park. Terrain: Tracks, open hillside, rough stony track, grassy field and short section on tarmac. Distance: 10 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 550m to max ht. 361m. Start point: Balmaha Car Park. Distance from H'burgh: 20 miles. OS Map 56,57 / Explorer 347, grid ref: NS 421909.
Sunday 24th April	C+	Bochastle Hill / Gorge of Stank Burn / Falls of Leny Circular Walk with views of Ben Ledi, Loch Lubnaig and geology of the area. Terrain: Outward - initial ascent on forest path, then undulating forest tracks. Return by National Cycle Route 7, initial section of which is tarmac. Distance: 10½ km, duration Approx 4 hrs, total ascent 250m to max ht. 300m. Start point: Forestry Commission Bochastle Car Park on west side of A821, 400 metres from Kilmahog junction on A 84. Distance from H'burgh: 38 miles. OS Map 57 / Explorer 365, grid ref: NN 608081.
Saturday 30th April	B	Beinn Bhreac from the South East Largely trackless climb up steep grass slope then across moorland which could be boggy, and between rocky slopes to summit. Return by same route. Terrain: Trackless moorland and rocky slopes. Distance: 6½ km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 550m to max ht. 681m. Start point: Open parking area on left about 750 m up Glen Douglas from Inverbeg. Distance from H'burgh: 12 miles. OS Map 56 / Explorer 364, grid ref: NS 337979.
Saturday 7th May	C+	Craig of Monievreckie, Aberfoyle (Trig point towards southern end of Menteith Hills) From David Marshall Lodge follow forest tracks and paths to Lime Craig. Take the track to Braeval leaving it to follow the hill path to Craig of Monievreckie 400m trig point at NN547020. Retrace steps to the Braeval track and return to the Lodge along the Rob Roy Way. Terrain: Undulating paths and tracks, some steep ascents and rough hillside. Distance: 12 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 460m to max ht. 400m. Start point: David Marshall Lodge, Aberfoyle - parking £3 per day. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 28 miles / 45 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 520014.
Saturday 14th May	C+	Water of Tulla A pleasant walk through varied woods below Beinn Achaladair. Terrain: Grass and woodland paths returning on estate road. Distance: 12 km, duration 4¾ hrs, total ascent 70 m to max. ht. 250 m. Start point: Achallader Farm signed off A82, 2¾ miles north of Bridge of Orchy. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 48½ miles / 60 mins OS Map Landranger 50 / Explorer 377, Grid ref: NN 322442.
Saturday 14th May	A	Beinn a' Chreachain From Achallader Farm, the route follows that of the C+ walk then up to the summit of Beinn a' Chreachain, off the north nose to Gorton Bothy for afternoon tea and out by track, open hill and good path from Gorton back to start point. Terrain: Grass, woodland paths and open hill. Returning on estate road and open hill. Distance: 16 km, duration 8 hrs, total ascent 1081 m to max. ht. 1081 m. Start point: Achallader Farm signed off A82, 2¾ miles north of Bridge of Orchy. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 48½ miles / 60 mins OS Map Landranger 50 / Explorer 377, Grid ref: NN 322442.

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Sunday 15th May	C	Balmaha (St Mary's Place) Millenium Forest Path and Inchcailloch (Island of old women or nuns) After a short ramble along the Balmaha forest path, the ferry will then be taken to Inchcailloch. The island will be explored at a leisurely pace, and we hope the bluebells will be in bloom. Terrain: All track and path with the occasional modest short gradient to climb. Distance: 7 km, duration 3½ hrs, total ascent 150 m to max. ht. 85 m. Start point: Large car park at Balmaha. Ferry cost: £5. Book with Kathleen by Thursday 12th May Distance / time from Helensburgh: 20 miles / 35 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 347, Grid ref: NS 421909.
Sunday 22nd May	B+	Meall nam Maigheach (Hill of the Hares) Terrain: Stalkers path and open hillside. Return by bulldozed track possibly. Distance: 15 km, duration 6½ hrs, total ascent 620 m to max. ht. 779 m. Start point: Camusvrachan. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 65 miles / 2hrs OS Map Landranger 51 / Explorer 378, Grid ref: NN 620479. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 28th May	B+	Ben Bowie from Stoney-mollan and Auchendennan Muirs This is a multi terrain route from Balloch over A82 then steep road and trek on Stoney-mollan road to go over in the Cardross direction then cut across through forest track to Ben Bowie. Descent down over Auchendennan Muirs back to Balloch. This walk can give fantastic views over Helensburgh and Lomond. Terrain: Forest track, marshy land and some scrambling. Distance: 16 km, duration 4 to 5 hrs, total ascent 600m to max ht. 313m. Start point: Old Luss Road, Balloch. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 5 miles / 10 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 347, Grid ref: NS 382819.
Sunday 29th May	C	Falls of Clyde, Kirkfieldbank and Tam Weir Walkway On this 9 mile circular walk we may see Peregrine chicks - for which a small voluntary donation is asked for by the Rangers. Terrain: Walking paths. Distance: 14 km, duration hrs, total ascent minimal to max ht . Start point: New Lanark Visitor Centre. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 60 miles / 90 mins OS Map Landranger 72 / Explorer 335, Grid ref: NS 880426.
Sunday 5th June	C+	Loch Ard Forest Follow forest roads through open forest and along loch side. There are some lovely views of Loch Ard and the surrounding hills. Terrain: Forest roads. Distance: 16 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 220 m to max. ht. 130 m. Start point: Parking to right at Lochard Cottages Mill of Chon, reached by a left turn off B829 in Kinlochard. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 32 miles / 45 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 447021.
Sunday 12th June	B	Buachaille Etive Beag circuit via Lairig Eilde and Lairig Gartain Terrain: There is a path round the circuit of these 2 passes to the west and east of the Buachaille Elive Beag. It is usually wet and muddy and is steep and rough in places. There are several streams to cross, dangerous when in spate. Distance: 14½ km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 600 m to max. ht. 480 m. Start point: Parking place on A82 at the study, Head of Glen Coe. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 55 miles / 1hr 35 mins OS Map Landranger 41 / Explorer 384, Grid ref: NN 182564.

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Saturday 18th June	A	Beinn Trilleachan (Hill of the sandpipers) The forest edge is followed to about the 200m level before turning SW and climbing steeply onto the spine of the hill. The ridge becomes rocky and exposed as the famous Etive granite slabs are reached before continuing to the main summit. Return by outward route. Terrain: Trackless grass leading on to a craggy and steep ascent. Narrow and exposed in places. Distance: 11 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 1000m to max. ht. 839m. Start point: The end of the road down Glen Etive. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 71 miles / 2 hrs OS Map Landranger 50 / Explorer 377, Grid ref: NN 111453. 0830 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER for a 2 hour drive
Saturday 25th June	C	Kippen Circular Starts and finishes at the war memorial in Kippen near Stirling. Follow country lanes, grassy paths, farm tracks and minor roads around this picturesque village. Terrain: Mainly flat with some rough and muddy tracks. Distance: 13 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 220 m to max. ht. 170 m. Start point: Car park opposite The Inn at Kippen on the B8037. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 29 miles / 45 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 348, Grid ref: NS 649949.
Sunday 26th June	A	Stob Ban (Mamores) and Mullach nan Coirean Stob Ban is one of the finest peaks in the Mamores, its quartzite summit giving magnificent views. An enjoyable ridge traverse joins it to the lesser peak of Mullach nan Coirean, giving an excellent walk. Terrain: Scree and shattered rocky ridges on Stob Ban; gentler grassy going on Mullach nan Coirean, with some boggy ground on descent. This is a steep mountain walk but with paths throughout. Distance: 13km, duration 7 to 8 hrs, total ascent 1155m to max ht. 999m. Start point: Polldubh Car Park at approx 10.45am. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 90 miles / 2hrs 15 mins OS Map Landranger 41 / Explorer 392, Grid ref: NN 145683. 0830 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER for a 2hr 15min drive
Saturday 2nd July	C+	Loch Glashan Circular Undulating route around Loch Glashan through forest with open sections giving views of dam, loch and surrounding countryside. Terrain: Forest /cycle tracks with a short section of grassy track. Distance: 16 km, duration 4½ hrs, total ascent 200m to max. ht 160m. Start point: Off road car park in Glashan Burn Forest on right hand side of A83 Inveraray to Lochgilphead road. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 58 miles / 1hr 25 mins OS Map Landranger 55 / Explorer 358, Grid ref: NR 923923
Sunday 3rd July	A	Sgor na h-Ulaidh (Glencoe) Terrain: Steep grass with a little rock scrambling. Largely pathless on the hill. Distance: 13 km, duration 7 hrs, total ascent 1090m to max. ht. 994 m. Start point: A small car park on the north side of the busy road where it bends sharply right shortly before the GlenCoe visitor centre. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 70 miles / 1hr 35 mins OS Map Landranger 41 / Explorer 384, grid ref: NN 120564.

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Saturday 9th July	A	Ben Lomond Ascending by the Ptarmigan ridge and returning down the tourist path, this walk provides a commanding view over Loch Lomond much of the time. Terrain: Short distance on track then through bracken followed by well worn hill path, final section of ascent is steep and rocky. Descent is entirely on well made path. Distance: 11 km, duration 6½ hrs, total ascent 1015m to max ht. 974m. Start point: Rowardennan car park. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 27 miles / 45 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NS 359986.
Sunday 10th July	C+	Sir David Baird's Monument near Crieff Pleasant walk, always on paths but sometimes muddy, initially alongside river and return through woods. Terrain: Easy walking with a short climb to the monument. Good views up Strathmore in places. Distance: 13 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 186m to max ht. 109m. Start point: Car Park on Sauchie Street, Crieff. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 68 miles / 1hr 45 mins OS Map Landranger 52 / Explorer 368, Grid ref: NN 858221.
Sunday 17th July	B	Beinn an t-Sidhein A steep climb from the start of the walk through forestry. Then onto the forestry track as far as the hillside path. From the top the walk can go around the side of the hill or over the other peaks and back down onto the forestry track back to the car park. Walk to be taken at an easy pace. Terrain: Forestry track, path and open hillside. Can be very wet and boggy. Distance: 13 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 450m to max ht. 572m. Start point: Forestry Commission Scotland car park, Strathyre. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 45 miles / 1hr 10 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 560168.
Saturday 23rd July	A	Stob a'Choin Terrain: Steep grass with rocky outcrops, largely pathless except for riverside track. Distance: 10 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 762m to max. ht. 869m. Start point: Inverlochlarig car park Distance / time from Helensburgh: 60 miles / 1hr 45 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 445185.
Sunday 24th July	C+	Inveraray Forest circuit taking in Dunchuach Tower Terrain: Tarmac drive to start onto tracks and forest roads, short muddy/wet section between main tracks. Distance: 13 km, duration 4½ hrs, total ascent 300m to max. ht. 180m. Start point: Inveraray car park. Parking fee required. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 44 miles / 1hr 20 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 360, Grid ref: NN 095085.
Sunday 31st July	B+	Meall Buidhe & Sron a'Choire Chnapanich (Yellow hill & nose of the lumpy corrie) From the dam the route takes a NW sloping traverse to the bealach at the headwater of Feith Thalain. Then north up onto the curved ridge of Meall Buidhe. Return to the bealach and turn NE keeping to the south side of the burn to reach another bealach before the final ascent of Sron a'Choire Chnapanich. From there go south back to the start. Terrain: Trackless open moorland and steep hillside. Distance: 13 km, duration 6½ hrs, total ascent 880m to max. ht. 907m. Start point: Under the NE corner of the Loch Lyon dam Distance / time from Helensburgh: 70 miles / 1hr 45 mins OS Map Landranger 51 / Explorer 378, Grid ref: NN 454420.

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Saturday 6th August	B+	Ben Arthur (The Cobbler) New path across road from car park, zig-zag up to path, eventually veer off left and scramble to summit. Will be taken slowly. Terrain: Path and track with easy scramble. Distance: 9 km, duration 4½ hrs, total ascent 890m to max. ht. 890m. Start point: Succoth car park near Arrochar. £1 payment for parking. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 20 miles /30 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NN 295048.
Sunday 7th August	C+	Dunbrach, Holehead and Dungleil Gradual ascent on forest track. Then through a firebreak and on to hillside. Cross moorland from Dunbrach to trig point on Holehead. Fairly steep downhill to foot of Dungleil. Short climb to summit and then steep downhill to rejoin track back to cars. Terrain: Forest track and moorland wet in places. Distance: 14½km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 430m to max. ht 552m. Start point: Fintry end of B822 (Crow Road) 200m past Townhead Farm - Very limited parking. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 28 miles /50 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 348, Grid ref: NS 641850.
Saturday 13th August	C+	Bracklinn Falls, Keltie Water and Callander Crag Circular Undulating route over replacement bridge at the beautiful Bracklinn Falls, along the banks of the Keltie Water and a circuit of the Callander Crag. On a fine day, the route offers lovely, varied views Terrain: Woodland paths and tracks and two short stretches on a minor tarmac road. The route is steep in places and will be taken at a leisurely pace. Distance: 11 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 300m to max ht. 250m. Start point: Bracklin Falls Car Park on minor road north of Callander off A84 past Golf Course entrance. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 37 miles /1hr 10 mins OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 637083.
Saturday 20th August	B	Stronchullin Hill Long, steady climb on forest track. Then ascend from the south. From the summit descend eastwards and return on the forest track. Terrain: Paths, tracks and open hillside, boggy in places. Distance: 13 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 548m to max. ht. 548m. Start point: Ardentinnny Car Park on right off main road, next to Outdoor Centre. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 51 miles /1hr 15 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 346, Grid ref: NS 188875.
Saturday 27th August	B+	Beinn Damhain A varied walk to a cairn yielding good views to hills in all directions. Terrain: Initially water works roads then open moorland. Ascent after the lochan is undulating, steep in parts with some minor rocky scrambles. Descent is on easy grassy slopes and level, probably wet grass and moorland until the road is reached. Some very muddy (dirty!) bits due to cattle! Distance: 14½ km, duration 6½ hrs, total ascent 650m to max. ht. 684m. Start point: Bottom of water road opposite Glen Falloch Farm on A82. Very limited parking. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 28 miles /45 mins OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 346, Grid ref: NN 319197.
Sunday 28th August	B+	Devil's staircase to Kinlochleven & back Terrain: Follow west highland way track climbing steeply to 560m. Distance: 16 km, duration 6½ hrs, total ascent 800m to max. ht. 560m. Start point: Parking place on A82 at Altnafeadh. Distance / time from Helensburgh: 54 miles /1hr 35 mins OS Map Landranger 41 / Explorer 384, Grid ref: NN 220563.

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Saturday 3rd September	C+	Dumyat (Also contributing to West Dunbartonshire's Great) Woodland path followed by short road section before following path through woods on to open hillside. Path continues to summit yielding views of Stirling, Wallace Monument and the Forth estuary. From the top, path joins track overlooking Menstrie, and returns to car park via woodland track. Terrain: Mainly paths and tracks with short road section. Distance: 6 km, duration 3 hrs, total ascent 400m to max. ht 418m. Start point: Logie Kirk car park off A91. Distance from Helensburgh 43 miles. OS Map Landranger 57, Explorer 366, Grid ref: NS 831969
Sunday 4th September	B+	Glen Finglas loop (The Mell) Long and hilly circuit from Brig O' Turk past Glen Finglas reservoir before heading up Glen Meann and climbing to a high pass over the back of Meall Cala (The Mell). Steep descent into Glen Finglas to join the outward route at the reservoir. Terrain: Tarmac road at start then good hill track. Distance: 24 km, duration 7 hours. Total ascent 560 m to max. ht. 600 m. Start point: Dam road car park in Brig O' Turk. Turn off A821 at tearoom on left into village. Car park is on left beyond the school. Distance from Helensburgh 35 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 531073. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 10th September	A B C	Kerrera A selection of walks with a range of distances, difficulties and terrains. Details of the island and the walks can be found C walk - To Tea Shop and Castle. B walk - Round Island. A walk - To summit of Carn Breugach. Distance: 8 km (C) or 11 km (B and A), duration Last Ferry 17:55, total ascent nil (C), 50m (B), 189m (A). Start point: Jetty two miles south west of Oban along the coast road. Approximate half hourly ferry service. Adult fare £5. Distance from Helensburgh 76 miles. OS Map Landranger 49 / Explorer 376, Grid ref: NM 834283. 0800 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 17th September	B+	Beinn Luibhean (Hill of the little plant) A steady climb up the glen following the burn to Bealach a'Mhargaidh before a grassy climb to a summit in the very heart of the Arrochar Alps Terrain: Partially along firm narrow path but mainly trackless moorland. Distance: 6 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 690m to max ht. 857m. Start point: Lay-by on right of A83 road, just beyond road bridge half way up Glen Croe. Distance from Helensburgh 23 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NN 242063.
Sunday 18th September	C+	Aberfoyle to Loch Ard A walk in Queen Elizabeth Forest. Terrain: Short section of tarmac road heading towards Kirkton then forestry roads. Return via Milton. Distance: 17 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent m to max ht. 140m. Start point: Wollen Mill car park, Aberfoyle. Distance from Helensburgh 30 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 521009.
Sat/Sun 24th/25th September		Members' Away Weekend in Penrith (Shap Wells) Walks planned include Grisedale (C+), Helvellyn (A), High Street (B+) and Haweswater (C)

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Saturday 1st October	A	Beinn Tulaichean From parking follow River Larig west for 1½ km then strike northwest up steep slopes (path) to summit, returning by the same route Terrain: Steep grass with rocky outcrops. Faint path for most of the ascent. Distance: 10 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 850m to max. ht 946m. Start point: Inverlochlarig parking west of Balquhiddel. Distance from Helensburgh 50 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 445184. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Sunday 2nd October	C+	Arrochar to Ardgartan Take the path to Succoth. There make a short steep climb beside a burn to reach a forest road. Follow this road round the foot of The Cobbler and cross the A83 to Ardgartan. Here follow the Riverside Walk trail. Return to Arrochar by the outward route, taking the zig zag path to Succoth and then the path around the shore. Terrain: Paths and tracks, rough hillside by burn. Distance: 11 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 270 m to max. ht. 100 m. Start point: Arrochar Car Park (at head of Loch Long, opposite garage) Parking: £1 per day . Distance from Helensburgh 19 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NN 268049.
Saturday 8th October	B	East Cairn Hill, Pentlands. A pleasant walk to a vantage point with good views over Firth of Forth to Edinburgh , Pentlands and Border Hills (from Herald). Terrain: Initially tarmac then farm tracks and hill paths. Return partly open heather moorland. Distance: 15 km, duration 6 hrs , total ascent 400m to max. ht. 567m. Start point: Near Buteland Farm off A70. Distance from Helensburgh 70 miles. OS Map Landranger 65 / Explorer 344, Grid ref: NT 133642.
Sunday 9th October	A	Ben Vane Ben Vane is a steep, rocky mountain that admits no inferiority to its higher neighbours. There are several false tops and the climb is a sustained one. Terrain: Track for the approach, then path up steep, rocky hillside. Distance: 11 km, duration 7 hrs, total ascent 930m to max. ht 915m. Start point: Inveruglas Visitor Centre Car Park. Distance from Helensburgh 21 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NN 322098.
Saturday 15th October	C	Woodland Walk at Cashel and BBQ After the red walk cut-off, the road continues up hill and then onto a stunning plateau. For the barbeque please bring your food and drink Terrain: Forestry tracks. Distance: 7km, duration 3 hrs (Walk) 3 hrs (BBQ), total ascent m to max ht. m. Start point: Cashel Farm House Balmaha by Drymen. Distance from Helensburgh 25 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 347/364, Grid ref: NS 400940.
Sunday 16th October	B+	Ben Venue (Hill of the Caves) South flank, gentle approach along a well defined path, climbing steadily through beech woods, to open hill-side. Return is by outward route. Terrain: Well defined path, muddy in places reaching open hill-side. A moderate climb with short, steeper pitches near the summit. Distance: 12 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 690 m to max. ht. 729 m. Start point: Lay by on B829 by Ledard Farm, near Kinlochard. Distance from Helensburgh 32 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 459023.

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Saturday 22nd October	B+	Beinn a' Bhùiridh (Hill of the roaring) Following a track initially to the quarry, the route climbs the long ridge to summit. The descent is steep at first then heads towards and joins the outward track. Terrain: Mainly trackless, grassy moorland, rock strewn ridges and steep grassy slopes craggy in parts. Distance: 11 km, duration 7 hrs, total ascent 875 m to max. ht. 897 m. Start point: Roadside parking on B8077 at junction of A85, 2 miles beyond Dalmally. Distance from Helensburgh 53 miles. OS Map Landranger 50 / Explorer 360, Grid ref: NN 133285. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 29th October	B+	Bheinn Mhic Chasgaig Terrain: Rough path by burn, traverse ravine by narrow wooden bridge, open hillside to summit. Distance: 9 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 864 m to max. ht 864 m. Start point: Alltchaorunn, Glen Etive. Distance from Helensburgh 65 miles. OS Map Landranger 41 / Explorer 384, Grid ref: NN 198513. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Sunday 30th October	B	Beinn a'Mhanaich (Monks Hill) A gentle climb up the Strone to 550m then along ridged moor with a dip before final climb to summit for good all round views. Terrain: Grass tracks all the way to the summit. Distance: 10 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 520 m to max. ht 709 m. Start point: Lay by near Auchengaich Farm on Glen Fruin road. Distance from Helensburgh 4 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 347, Grid ref: NS 274900.
Saturday 5th November	B	Castle Campbell Hill Circuit Those who were with me on the Glen Sherup walk will remember Tarmangie and Whitewisp hills. This walk includes these but with a steeper approach and from a different direction. It also includes the lovely Dollar Glen and King's Seat Hill. There could be time to visit Castle Campbell which is passed on the return. (£5/£4 or free to HS and NTS members with cards) (from Rab Anderson, The Herald). Terrain: Almost entirely grassy paths, some quite steep. Hard paths with steps in the glen. Distance: 11 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 800 m to max. ht 648 m. Car park on Hillfoot Road, Dollar, opposite Castle Road. In Dollar follow Castle Campbell signs. Distance from Helensburgh 60 miles. OS Map Landranger 58 / Explorer 366, Grid ref: NS 965985 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Sunday 6th November	C	Glen Shira Walk is on a minor gently climbing track with fine views from glen of Beinn Glas and hills. At 8 km, upon reaching High Gorge Bridge, returning by same route. Terrain: Argyll estate woods, forest and open countryside. Distance: 16 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 200m to max. ht. 80m. Start point: Open space at small cemetery at head of Loch Shira, on A83 2km north of Strone Point (the bad bend) . Distance from Helensburgh 30 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 360/363, Grid ref: NN 113103. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER

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Saturday 12th November	Mad!	Go Ape at Aberfoyle The courses main attraction; Britain's two biggest zip wires each stretching 400m long, flying customers 150 feet above the ground and over a 90 foot waterfall. Rope bridges, Tarzan swings 13 metres up in the trees get out and have fun. Cost is £30 adults If interested, please contact Lindsay or Jim by Sat 8th October. Terrain: Zip wires and rope bridges. Distance: km, duration 3 hrs, total ascent m to max ht. m. Start point: David Marshall Lodge north of Aberfoyle on Dukes Pass Road, £2 parking fee . Distance from Helensburgh 30 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 519014.
Sunday 13th November	A	Beinn Narnain and A'Chrois From parking follow usual path to Narnain Boulders then strike North to ascend south east ridge by the Spearhead. Continue over Creag Tharsuinn to A'Chrois, returning South over grassy slopes to cross the Allt Sugach and regain the path. Terrain: Good path to Boulders. Thereafter steep grass with a little rocky scrambling near the summit. Distance: 8 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 1000 m to max ht. 926 m. Start point: Cobbler car park, Succoth. Distance from Helensburgh 20 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NN 294049. 0900 HRS DEPARTURE FROM HELENSBURGH PIER
Saturday 19th November	B+	Beinn Eich and Doune Hill Steady climb up spine of hill. Follow along ridge up to Beinn Lochain, continue up Doune hill. Return by outward route. Terrain: Grassy hillside, peat hags, rough moorland, some ridge tracks. Distance: 13 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 950m to max ht. 757m. Start point: Glen Mollachan Farm at head of Glen Luss. Limited parking at side of passing place near Farm gate. Distance from Helensburgh 13 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364/347, Grid ref: NS 330942.
Sunday 27th November	C+	Doughnot Hill and The Lang Craigs At Overtoun House take the path over open ground following the burn. When the forest edge is reached, head for Doughnot Hill. From the summit walk down the ridge towards Black Linn Reservoir. Follow the path through the forest to the edge of the Craigs. Walk along the Lang Craigs and return to Overtoun House. Terrain: Path, moorland and rough track, wet and muddy in places. Distance: 12 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 350m to max ht. 374m. Start point: Overtoun House car park, Dumbarton, on left before House. Distance from Helensburgh 12 miles. OS Map Landranger 64 / Explorer 347, Grid ref: NS 426761.
Sunday 4th December	B	Beinn Dubh (Black Hill) and Mid Hill Circuit of the hills above Glen Striddle with excellent views of Loch Lomond and Arrochar hills. Terrain: Moderate climb on grassy slope then continuing at high level to Mid hill. Can be wet and peaty underfoot in places. Return on tarmac road down Luss glen. Distance: 11 km, duration 5 hrs, total ascent 720m to max. ht. 657m. Start point: Luss car park. Distance from Helensburgh 9 miles. OS Map Landranger 56 / Explorer 364, Grid ref: NS 359931.

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Saturday 10th December	B+	Ben Cleuch - The Ochil Hills From Tillicoultry, steep climb up steps then through Mill Glen, over Andrew Gannel Hill to Ben Cleuch. Descend via Ben Ever, dropping into Alva Glen, returning to start point. Terrain: Initial steep climb on steps and clear paths, then mostly rough hill tracks. Final section on clear path through woods. Distance: 13 km, duration 6 hrs, total ascent 808 m to max. ht. 721 m. Start point: Woodland Park Car Park, Alva. Distance from Helensburgh 45 miles. OS Map Landranger 58 / Explorer 366, Grid ref: NS 898975.
Sunday 11th December	C+	Dungoil Follow the forest track. At a clearing take a short path through forest. There is a minor scramble on to the hillside. Follow the hill path to the summit. Return by the outward route. Terrain: Forest track and hill path . Distance: 9 km, duration 3½ hrs, total ascent 240 m to max. ht. 424 m. Start point: Fintry end of B822 (Crow Road) 200m south of Townhead Farm - very limited parking. Distance from Helensburgh 28 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 348, Grid ref: NS 641850.
Saturday 17th December	B+	Ben A'an (The Pinnacle) Well marked path to the summit which climbs steeply up, first through woods, then on open hillside with glorious views. Return on an indistinct and sometimes boggy path which goes north from the summit and then west down to the tarmac track beside Loch Katrine to the pier and thence by minor road back to Loch Achray and the start point. Terrain: Track, boggy path and road. Distance: 6 km, duration 4 hrs, total ascent 355m to max ht. 462m. Start point: Ben A'an car park on lochside on north side of Loch Achray at western end (A821). Distance from Helensburgh 35 miles. OS Map Landranger 57 / Explorer 365, Grid ref: NN 509070.