**Invereck Camp 1961 – Source Troop Log**

**Saturday 27th-Monday 29th May 1961**

A patrol camp1 was held at Invereck. It was originally not intended for first timers or Scouters, but as so many first timers wished to go, R.K.M.2 decided to come. The camp, notwithstanding the midges and the Scouter, was a great success.3

Scribe A.B. Cram (T.L.)

**Related entry provided in the Troop Log opposite the entry for 8/9/61**

One of the last ‘photos’ (indeed the last) to be taken (probably the first) of the Troop’s late lamented trek cart.5

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“…her death was doubtful, and, but that great command o’ersways the order, She should in ground unsanctified have lodged Till the last trumpet: for charitable prayers, Shards, flints, and pebbles should be thrown on he; Her maiden strewments, and the bring home Of bell and burial” Hamlet

*Scribe A.B. Cram*

Additional note added on 21st November 1965 by Alastair B. Cram (A.S.M)

The Troop’s “late-lamented trek-cart is still going strong and has just survived another Jumble Sale! The above pessimism therefore appear to have been unjustified! Actually, the first photo of the trek cart appears in the Troop Log (1939-43) opposite 1/12/39.4

Further note added by A.B. Cram (S.M.) on 2nd November 1966

Still going strong – another jumble sale.6

**Abbreviations**

T.L. = Troop Leader

S.M. = Scout Master

A.S.M. = Assistant Scout Master

**Editor’s Notes**

1. It is presumed that the patrol concerned was the Seal Patrol as Alistair Cram was P.L of that Patrol.

2. S.M. Bob Miller

3. A later photograph in the log (shown opposite the entry for 8/9/61) demonstrated that kit had been transported to the camp from Dunoon by trek cart as in previous Invereck camps.

4. Further photographs of the Trek cart being used at Everton in the 1940s and for Invereck camps in the 1950s are also present in Troop Logs.

5. The spelling was originally ‘treck cart’, but appears to have become ‘trek cart’ by the 1960s.

6. The trek cart survived well into to the 1960s which is remarkable given that it was kept outside on the path leading to the side door of Finnart Church, and was exposed to the elements year after year.