



## Team Journal – Day 5

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

After our exertions over the weekend we today travelled to our first R&R stop, Bushlands Game Lodge. The Captain had decreed a leisurely start so we were able to indulge in a relaxed Rawdons breakfast and some careful packing before heading off. After fuelling up at the local garage and raiding the local Spar shop (including a surprisingly large buy of moisturiser by the younger members of the team - Africa is just murder on the skin, apparently) we were on the road by about 11. The trip was to the north east; about 165 miles as the crow flies, but the scenic route down through the mountains twisted and turned more than the hypothetical crow. We arrived at the Game Lodge at about 4. As we hunted down our cabins we saw some of the local wildlife - impala, gnu and a covey of guinea fowl.



One of our cabins at Bushlands Game Lodge (with resident tree-propping coach)

We had time to settle ourselves in before an excellent dinner during which we not only drank fine South African wines but also saw a bushbaby tempted to the dining area by the provision of fruit and watched as a tropical storm swept through.

On a slow news day your correspondent has the chance to catch up our readers on some of the stories which do not have the immediacy demanded for inclusion on a busier day. This one concerns one of our sponsors, Tilley, and one man's persistent quest to bring their merits to the attention of a wider audience. Below we see Jonathan Haward sporting a Tilley shirt. Of course he also has the hat and shorts. He is a tireless singer-of-the-praises of this company's splendid garments and accessories. Only, however, when there was a calamitous mix up in the laundry room of the Rawdons was it discovered by Paul Charlton that Haward clad his nether regions in Tilley Endurables undergarments. Truly a Tilley man through and through. What Jonathan discovered about Paul's unmentionables shall, for the purposes of this diary, remain exactly that.



Haward, a Tilley shirt and; stealing into shot, a concerned-looking Rupert Dix.



Much could be said about Nigel Ball, but they do say that a picture is worth a thousand words.