

Part 276 for Cathy's blog

Friday 20th June to Tuesday 24th June.

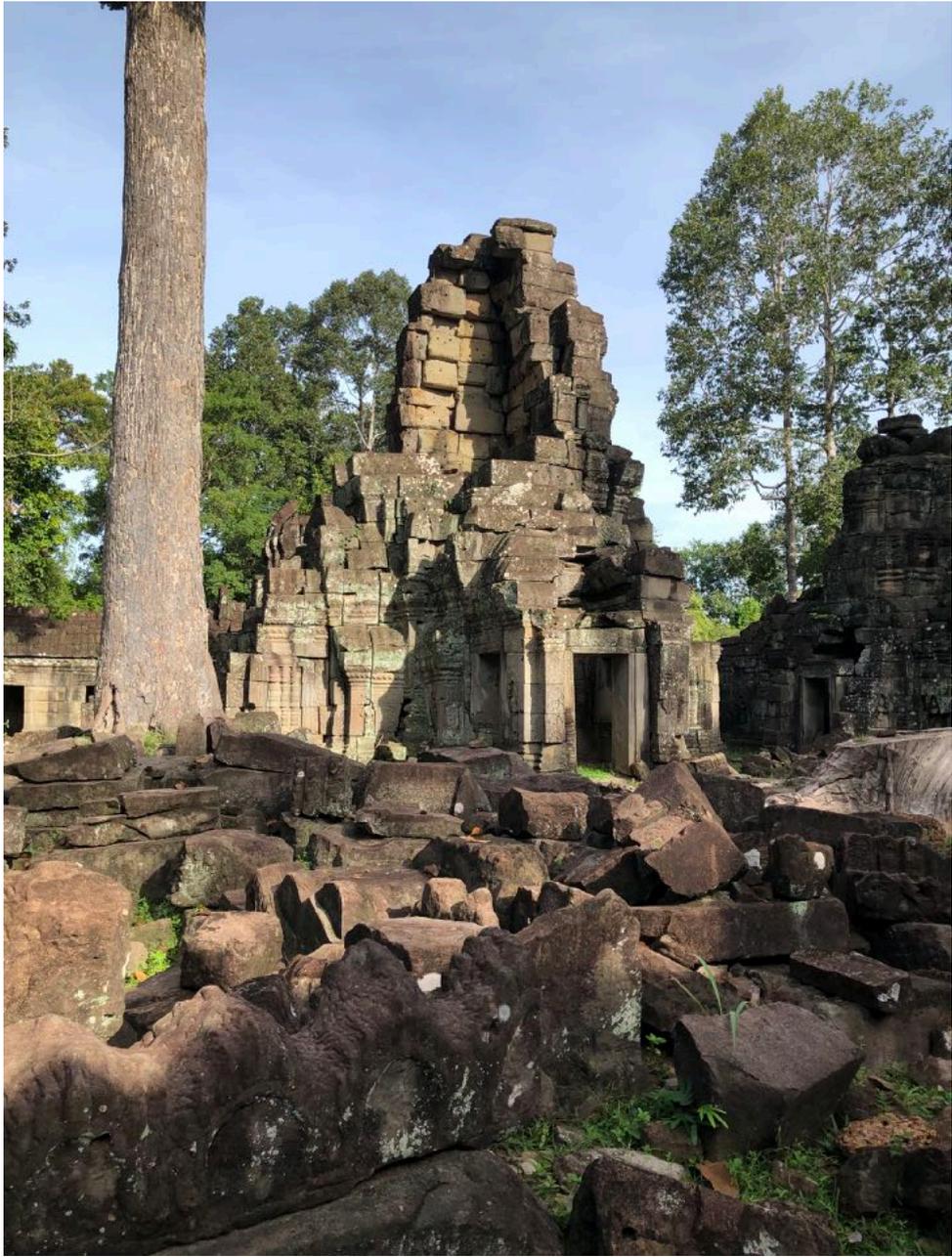
Friday 20th June, 2026

Temple Day: Banteay Prei

I like Banteay Prei. Banteay refers to a temple which has an outer wall and Prei refers to the jungle (forest or trees). There are good carvings here, jumbled fallen stones, a moat and some beautiful trees.









And plenty of nature too.

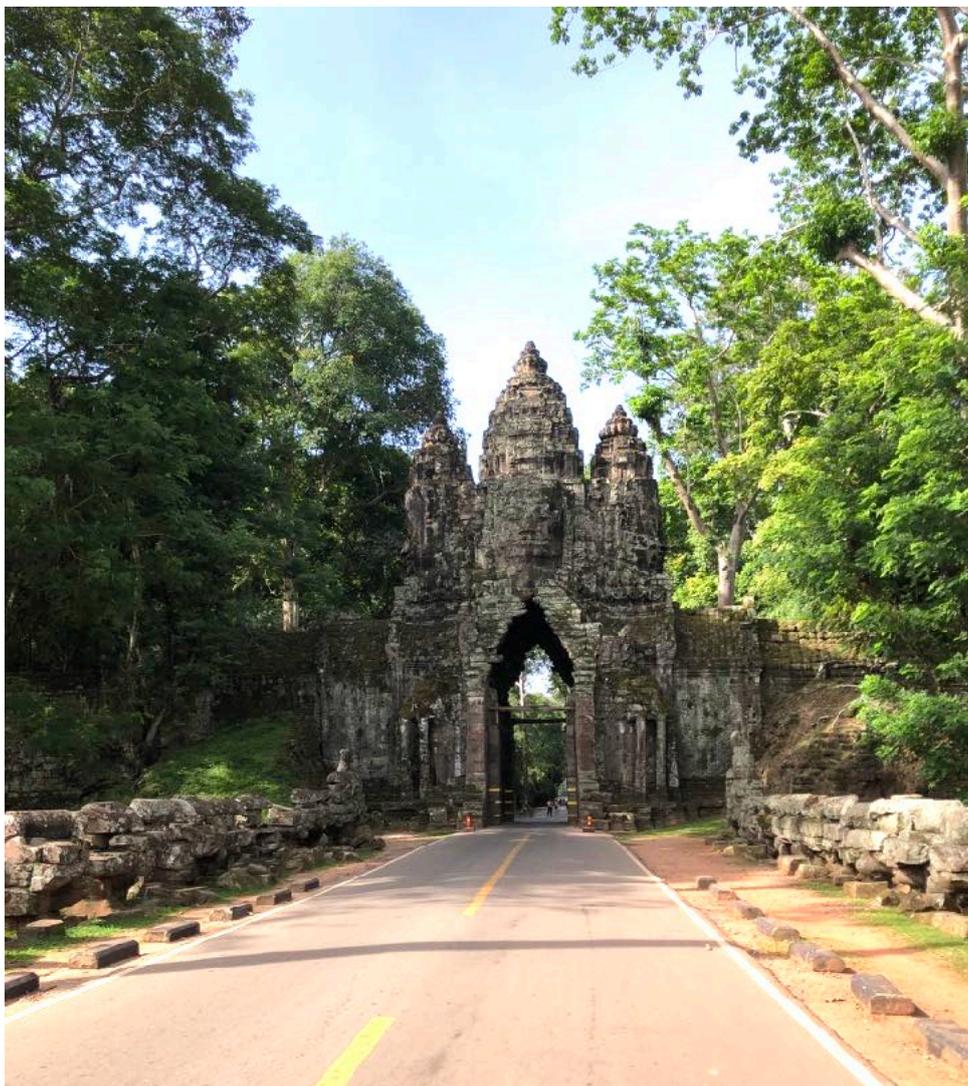




A pretty weed.

After our temple exploration, **I had my first motorbike riding lesson. I didn't fall off; I didn't drop the bike and I didn't stall it. But I stayed in first gear (or neutral and "off") for the whole time.**

We rode back through the North Gate... opposite to our usual direction.



Saturday 21st June, 2025.

The sun is hot (I should expect that in June!) so we caught a Tuktuk both ways to Angkor supermarket.

Back at our apartment, the garden helper cut down the big cannonball tree that shelters the pool. This will mean the pool gets more sun, but it also means the sparrows which have taken up residence in the tree, won't be there (and won't mess up the pool umbrellas and deck!)

Sunday 22nd June, 2025.

David took time out of our quiet weekend end to get his toenails done.

Monday 23rd June, 2025.

Temple Day : Roka Wier (near the big pagoda just outside the north of Angkor Thom, Wat Domrei Senchey Pagoda)

Quite disappointing at the amount of rubbish just left here (not someone dumping a load, just lots of takeaway containers and drink bottles).



Upstream of the weir.



The weir itself. There will be plenty more water in the weeks and months to come.



A “macho” dragonfly, larger than most we see.



Interesting flower.



A not very close photo of a swallowtail butterfly.

Then it was back to the car park for another motorbike riding lesson.

Tuesday 24th June, 2025.

Temple Day : French Dam

A little off the beaten track today, to ride to the French Dam (where I spoke a little bit with the guard on duty. He showed me an almost perfectly camouflaged gecko on the tree... “Jin Jen”).





The French Dam.





Beautiful butterflies again and a cute spotty grasshopper.





A shiny beetle.



And a tiny preying mantis, turning to look at me. He would be about 2cm long, if his abdomen was straight.



Then we rode past the Mur de Ciente.... a wall, to Preah Khan temple.



Another lock on a canal.



David on the bike.



South east corner of Preah Khan temple.



East gopura of Preah Khan (and one of the Garudas).



Along a sandy path!

**The Preah Khan landing stage at the North Baray...
looking straight across the Baray to Neak Poan (temple
on the island).**





This is our plan for Thursday’s “temple” visit.



Preah Khan north entrance car park... my bike riding area.

**On the way home, we stopped at the Siem Reap River.
This is a footbridge across the river.**





The river with the road bridge.

