

Part 277 for Cathy's blog

Wednesday 25th June to Monday 30th June, 2025

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Anjali and cleaning day

The weather here can be predictable. It often rains, starting at about 5:30, with a heavy shower or two and then just drizzling for about two hours.

When it rains heavily just on tea time, we stay home.

David is well planned and prepared for eating at home on these evenings. He has schnitzels ready, pork and chicken, and we have vegetables. A quick, tasty, relatively healthy tea ready in about twenty minutes.

Thursday 26th June, 2025

Temple Day : well, a day out riding.

They are resurfacing the road past Preah Khan temple and we were diverted onto a "red dirt road" to get around the works. In Khmer, this is "plow dey grohom".



This “little” piggy...spotted on the red dirt road.

First : another motorbike lesson, in the car park north of Preah Khan.

Our “touring” started at Preah Kahn and we rode down the east side of the temple and into the forest. There is a

nursery along this path (there are quite a lot of nurseries in the forests just off the roads, they grow many trees for planting along the roadside and other places).

Then we found a big lock leading from the north baray (Jaytataka).





The elusive red dragonfly, on one of the many planted trees around this lock.





The track to a lookout over the Baray.



Looking towards Neak Poan Temple.

We found a gazebo by the river, a great place for picnics... if only people would put their rubbish in bins or better yet, take it with them. The rubbish has come from locals: tourists do not go to these sorts of places.



You can see the French Dam.



We found the swing bridge.

David rode the bike across. It is not as “swingy” as some, but probably quite challenging for David on the bike.







The roads through the jungle. It is good to see some new tyre tracks.



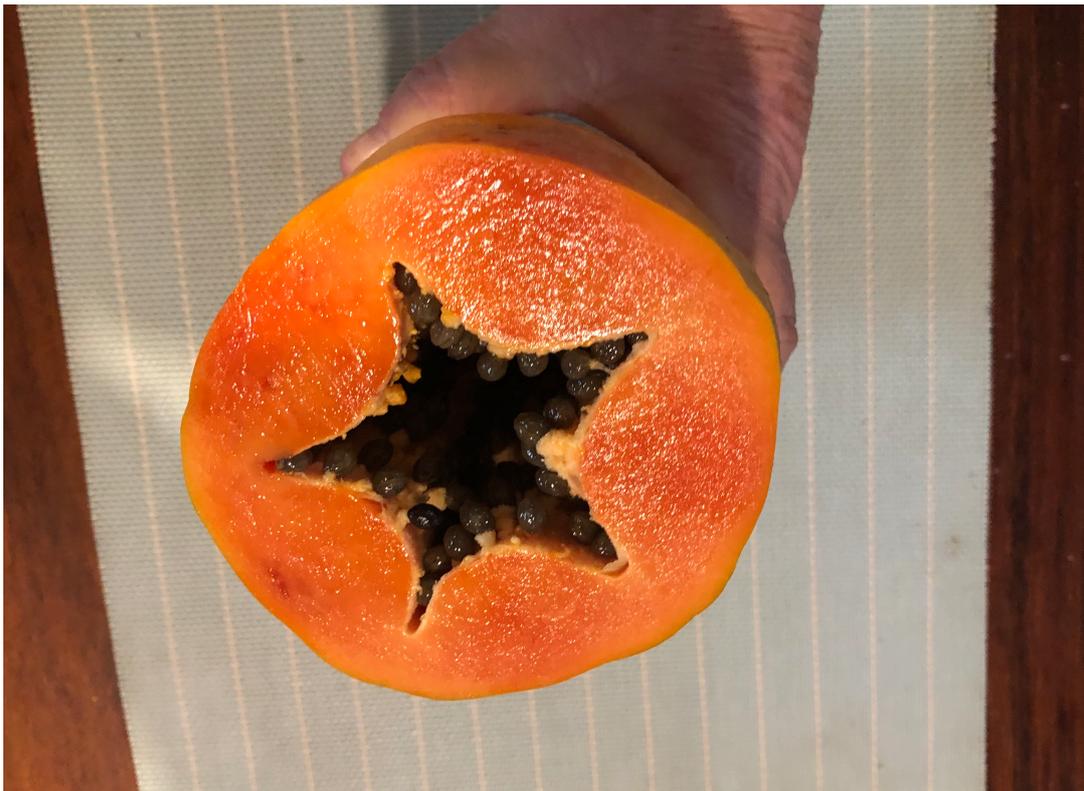
The Khmer Rouge dug deep into the ground to build the canal. With not much water in it, it looks unimpressive.

We rode past the Khmer Rouge Canal, but not over it (I will have to check the map to see where the river runs).

Riding on, we rode into Ta Nei Temple from the north east corner.

We showed the Apsara ticket officers our temple passes and then rode out and home.

Back at home and we were given a ripe papaya. They don't keep for long (ripen so quickly).



The afternoon's language lesson was a test (last four chapters) then it is time to review the book (and end of book test!)

Friday 27th June, 2025.

Temple Day: North Gate to NW Prasat Chrung.



**A beautiful moth, sheltering from the drizzle.
Not sure if it really is a “jungle queen”.**



Snails out and about in the damp.



A late breakfast.

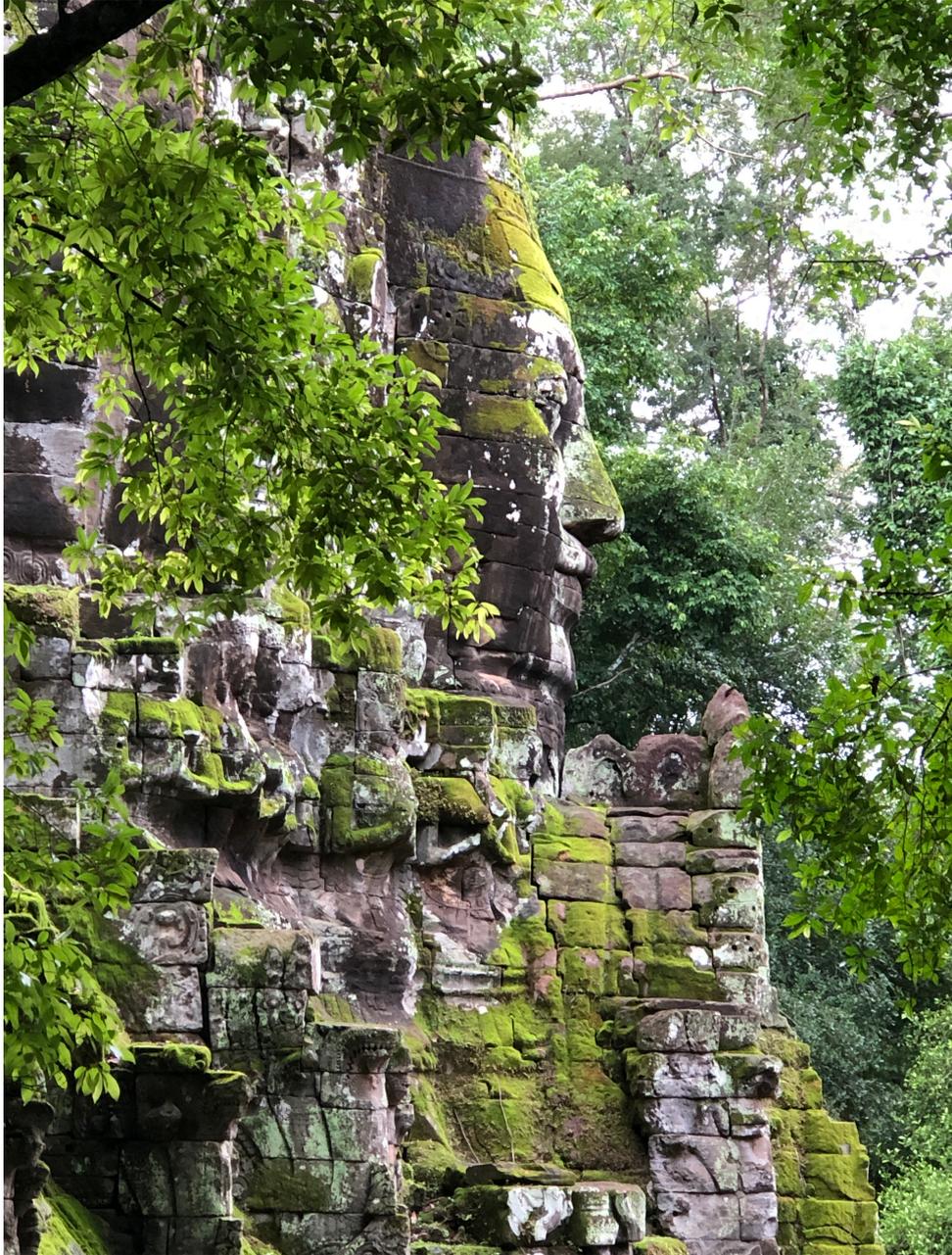


And dragonflies about.





Swallowtail, newly emerged.



The North Gate.

Saturday 28th, June, 2025.

As is usual, we headed to Angkor supermarket (by TukTuk). Back at home, we put in a Makro order, bulk toilet paper, washing liquid and more chicken, drumettes, boneless thighs and breasts. David spent some time sorting the chicken meat into individual serves (yes, I helped... I held the bags open and then sealed them).

Sunday 29th June, 2025.

Sunday is our quiet day at home. In the evening, out buying bread, we chatted with a French man (79, years old) in Taphul Road. We have seen him out at the temples and along this street before. He used to “Chef de Mission”. He led the French crew doing restoration and archeological work here.

Monday 30th, June, 2025.

Temple Day : Walk North Gate to Prasat Chrung NE.



Some of the insects we found this morning.

A green eyed fly.



It is very hard to photograph these thin dragonflies.



These red dragonflies are usually very shy, but this one stayed around long enough for the camera to focus.



This insect kept turning towards me... perhaps it was a threat?



Red eyed fly.



Thin legged orange spider.



The North Gate.

After getting home, we arranged a visit to the dentist. I went in early, he took an X-ray and poked around a bit, but couldn't find anything! He said to come back if my tooth still hurt. It is funny, because the toothache seems to have gone!

No charge, either. Try doing that in Australia!