

## **Part 285 for Cathy's Blog**

**Saturday 26th July to Monday 28th July, 2025.**

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Bike Ride with BLK, the language school.

We met at the school at 8:00 am and headed off on our motorbikes. Three of the school staff took us up through town and then out the back of the houses that are on the roads just north of town.



**This local lake is used for a water supply in the dry season. And yet, it had rubbish in the water and along the edges.**



**Another stop to see the rice, still in need of a good rain.**

**Then quickly past these buffalo.**





**Another stop at the Angkor Wat moat (where we had ice cream at 50c each... expensive, we were told by the teachers, but they only said that after we had bought some).**

Then back past the Angkor Botanic Gardens.

As usual, beautiful flowers.



















Then it was back along the river to eat Nom Bahn Chok, a traditional Khmer food.

We drank coconut water (from the coconuts). Very refreshing because they had been kept in the fridge.

Back at home and it was more washing and a quiet afternoon of tv watching.

Having been out for lunch, we ordered home delivery dumplings for tea.

**Sunday 27th July, 2025.**

**Relating to the Thai Cambodia border dispute:** In talking with neighbours, friends and through the local Facebook groups, we know families have been evacuated to Siem Reap (and other places). A large “camp” has been set up at a market, with families staying in the “shops”.

There are a lot of groups collecting donations and funds for these people and for other families staying at pagodas in villages north and west of Siem Reap.

We had already noticed an increased need for donations to various organisations whose funding through USA based organisations has dried up, leaving projects half completed.

**Monday 28th July 2025.**

We caught a Tuktuk to Angkor supermarket, because our weekend routine was disrupted by a bike ride and a doctor's visit.