

## **Part 290 for Cathy's Blog**

**Saturday 16th August to Monday 28th August, 2025**

### **Saturday 16th August, 2025.**

We caught a Tuktuk to Angkor supermarket.

There is a large puddle of water at the corner of our road. It fills every time it rains, but it also drains to wheel rut puddles if the afternoon is dry. With all the rain recently, it is the biggest we have seen it and you cannot walk along the edge. So it was a Tuktuk trip (the other road way takes us about 1.5 km out of our way).

Here in Siem Reap (and all of Cambodia) there is concerted campaign to not buy products from Thailand. The trouble is, a lot of the processed food (including milk) either comes from or comes through Thailand. Local suppliers are stepping up and alternate import routes, such as through Vietnam are growing.

There is no Nescafé coffee and no Vegemite on the shelves at Angkor (we always have about 6 weeks worth of supply but we are not sure when a general groceries delivery will come in).

Once we got home and unpacked, it was time to settle to language study, sewing, tv watching and blog research and writing.

In the afternoon, it began to rain just as we finished our swim, so no walking through the big puddle. David made leek soup and cooked omelets for us (to keep up our protein).

## **Sunday 17th August 2025.**

I have set up an Instagram account to post our photos and short videos. It is never quite as simple as the “how to ...” videos show.

We were surprised by a phone call in the afternoon (our time) to announce the early arrival of our granddaughter. Mother and baby doing well (but all are very tired!)

While all that was happening, our gas ran out!

**Monday 18th August, 2025.**

**Temple Day : Gate of the Dead to Prasat Chrung SE.**



First stop : ticket check point.

**The Apsara Authority has installed these drinking water stations around the Angkor Archeological Park.**

Second stop : The Gate of the Dead.

There are two roads to the Gate of the Dead and neither of them are in very good condition. The rain has filled the huge potholes.

The Gate itself is looking good dressed in green.





**Enjoying the sunshine.**



**Have a look at those antenna! I think he needs a special category for his flying license; it would be hard to manoeuvre.**



**Pretty spider.**



**Smaller moth, just enjoying the sunshine.**



**Nice to see these butterflies again.**



**These yellow butterflies are common and very flighty.  
They have a black border to their wings.**



**Thin dragonfly.**



**Different thin dragonfly.**



**Another usually shy butterfly (or moth?)**



**Lovely colour on this grasshopper (the back legs are thin!).**

**Is the “spit” grasshopper eggs?**



**Insects aren't the only things enjoying the sunshine.**



**This is a new beetle for us.**



**This insect has the same colours, orange and black, but looks far more menacing.**



**A more robust dragonfly, shorter than the thin ones.**



**A modest green and brown dragonfly.**

It was a good morning for insects.

