

Part 295 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 4th September, 2025.

Temple Day : Phnom Kroam

There is a temple at the top of the hill, with restoration works continuing. Even though we went to see Tonle Sap, now that the water level has risen, it is nice to take a Quick Look at the temple.



There are these funny statues at the top of a short flight of steps, going up to the Angkorian temple on the top of the hill.



Weathered sandstone towers against a grey sky.



Pretty flowers, but almost over.



Tonle Sap. You can see the “lake” in the distance, but the whole of the land floods (rice fields, mostly) and the houses at the foot of the “mountain” are on stilts.



Shuttered window on a disused building (part of the modern pagoda).



Mixed fungus on a tree stump.



This is looking north, back to Siem Reap. More flooded fields.



Scaffolding and repairs on the towers.



The village on the south side of the hill.

Friday 5th September 2025.

I woke up with a sore head and so I went back to sleep. We sometimes stay at home with various tummy problems, but it is not very often we have headaches etc.

The sleep in seemed to do me good and I managed to get my language homework (from Thursday's class done ready for my Friday class).

And Friday means the end of another week.

Saturday 6th September, 2025.

We went to Angkor supermarket and stocked up on a few things, so it was a large shop (and cost over \$100 US).

There was milk there and coffee (bought two jars, but left about ten for others!) but still no Vegemite (plenty of Marmite ... something wrong about that!)

In the evening we went to a new restaurant, for a birthday party of a fellow Aussie.

It rained heavily for about two hours, flooded the garden and soaked the party guests as they arrived!

Sunday 7th September, 2025.

All this socialising (one party) makes me tired, so I slept in.

Quote : I'm too old for this

We had a quiet Sunday at home.

Monday 8th September, 2025.

Temple Day : Walk from the West Gate to Prasat Chrung
NW.





Pretty, tiny toadstools



Very different fungus. It is shiny because everything is wet!



Not many dragonflies about, but this one remained on the twig so I could get close.



The “large” toadstool is perhaps 1.5cm across. Funny little ones underneath it... I wonder if they are the same species?



He almost looks guilty that he was caught eating!



We descriptively call this fungus “snot”. This is the darkest we have seen it.



A close up of the dark spot.



Prasat Chrung NW, with the clouds trying to break up.



Concentric patterns.



Pretty leaf



**When these insects have had enough of us, they fly off,
with a loud “whirring” noise.**



**This is an “earth star”. It has spores in the central part...
this one has released its spores, to begin the next
generation.**



The West Gate with a small crew of gardeners cutting the grass (with machetes).

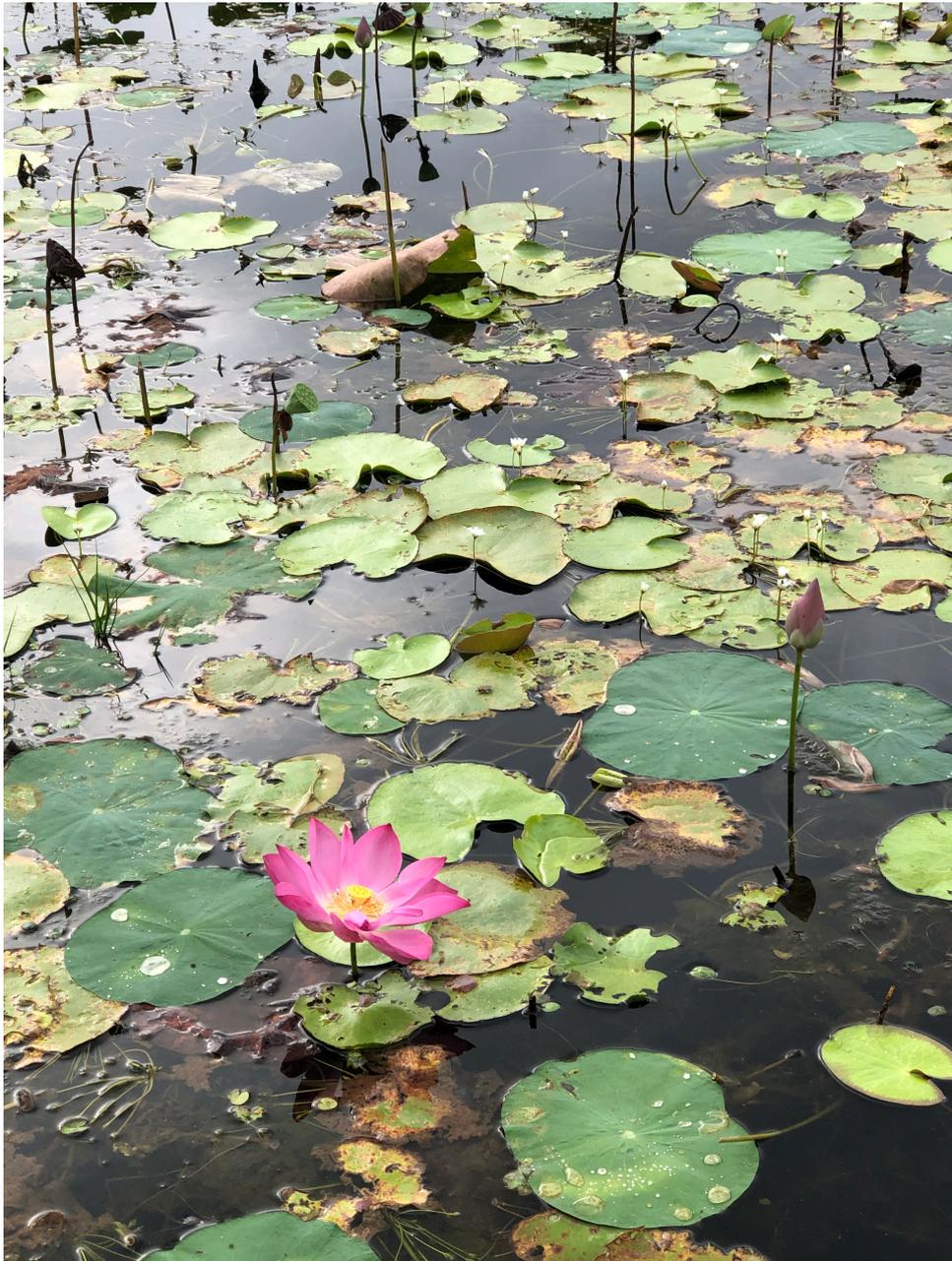


We went out for tea to The Golden Pumpkin. This is the view from their window. A very pleasant place for tea.

Tuesday 9th September, 2025.

Temple Day : Neak Poan

On the way to Neak Poan, is the car park where I practice my motorcycle riding skills... I still need a bit of practise!



Lotus flower.



Lotus flower bud.



Yellow fungus on fallen tree trunks. There was a lot of it.



Elegant photo, I know, but this shows how big this fungus is!



Central tower of Neak Poan. The reflections are beautiful.



Five minutes later, with the sun out, we had walked to the other side of the central tower.

**Wednesday 10th September, 2025.
Anjali and cleaning Day**

I also spent some time doing watercolours... it is a good way to pass time.

