

**Part 339 for Cathy's blog.**

**Wednesday 25th to Sunday 29th, March 2026**

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**Temple Day : North Gate to NW Prasat Chrung**

I had to rescue this beetle from our (concrete) entrance walkway. Those little feet are quite prickly!





It is almost a month since the last rain (and about six weeks before that for other rain), but the vegetation is growing. I love the red in these new leaves.



**So much insect life in this photo.**



**A different view of these insects.**



**Interesting pea flower.**

**Small hibiscus.**





**Strangler fig.**



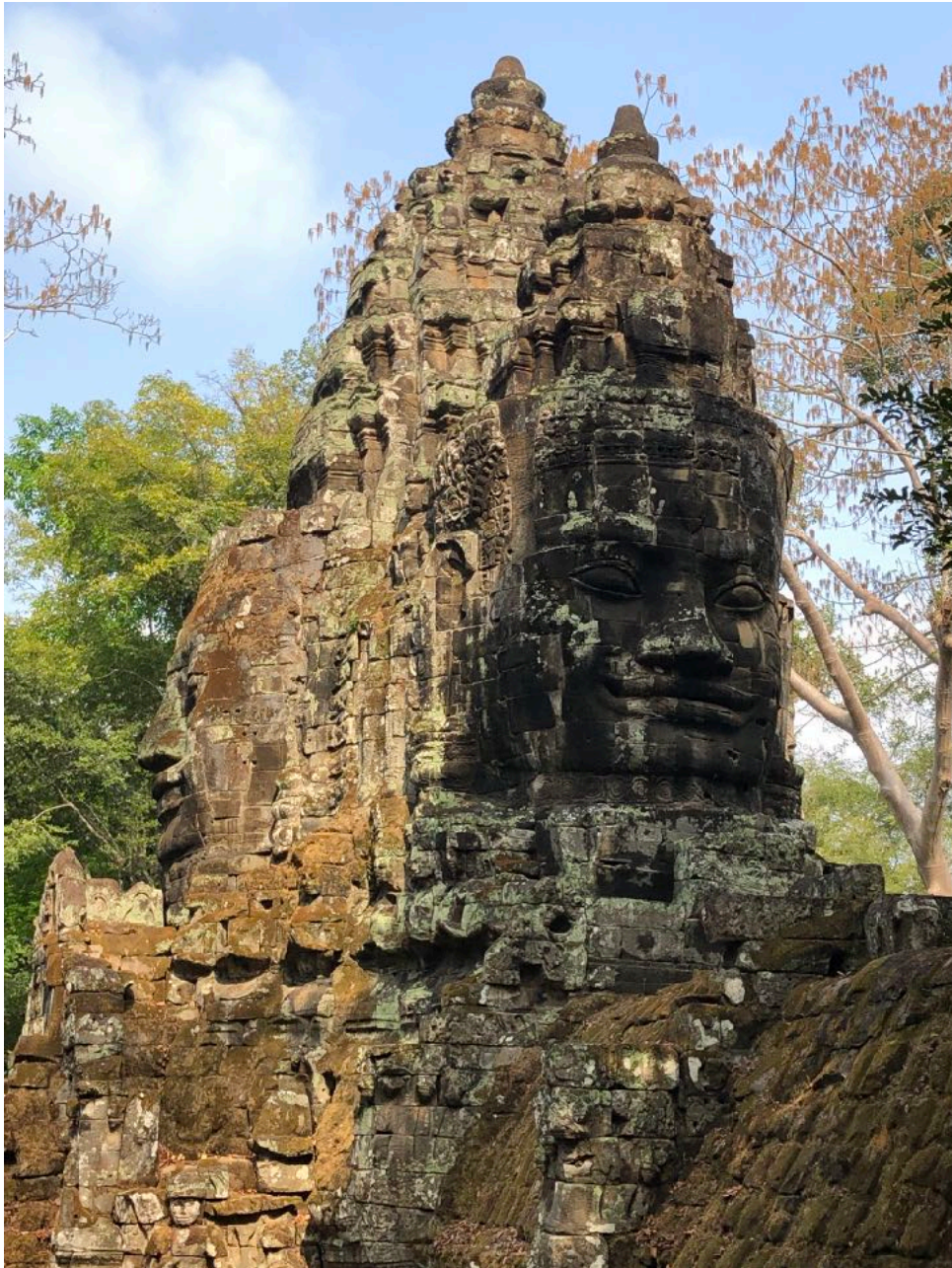
**Yellow beetle.**



**Hoya flower (growing wild, hanging from its vine growing in the tree branches).**



**Worn carvings at Prasat Chrung NE.**



**The North Gate.**



**The bougainvillea at our place.**

I am getting used to my language lesson on Wednesdays. It is a clear signal of the middle of the week.

**Thursday 26th March, 2026.**

**Temple Day : Bayon**

Our visit to the Bayon was specifically to view the blocks around the outside.



**Guardian lion and the newly excavated eastern pond.**



**The Bayon and reflection.**



**Statue with an interesting headdress (or hair-do?).**



**Another head.**



**Line of people praying.**



**Worker's parking lot.**



**Weeds growing around these blocks lying in rows around the Bayon.**



**These are just a few of the carvings on the blocks.**



**As well as statues, there are linga carvings.**



**And patterns (called “tapestry”).**

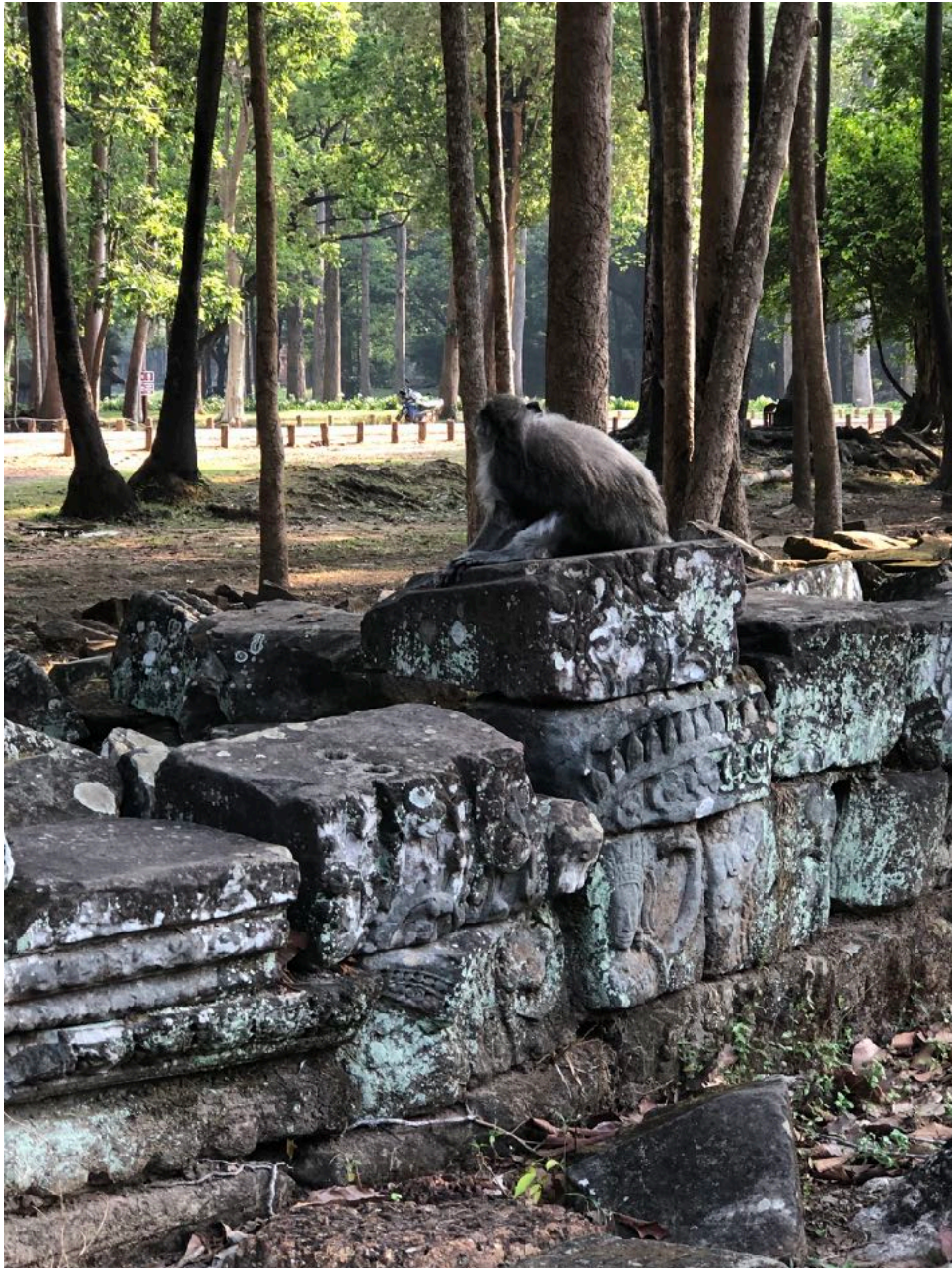


**And Garudas.**



**You can clearly see this Garuda holding the Naga.**

**Usually, they hold the naga with their “lion clawed” feet.**



**I didn't get too close to these carvings for photographs.**





**More carvings / statues.**



**More carvings of people in prayer.**



**View of the Bayon and the surrounding blocks.**



**Guardian lions waiting to be replaced on the steps to the entrances to the Bayon.**



**Carvings of Apsaras.**



**A humble carving.**



**The other pond at the east of the Bayon, with tarpaulins over the machinery used to move the blocks to repair the pond.**



**On the way home, we saw this trailer carrying the buffalo carts.**



We often brave the busy peak traffic, riding directly through the centre of the “city” of Siem Reap.

**This is traffic chaos, Sivutha Boulevard and the road that runs at right angles to Pub Street (in the early evening).**



And another photo showing Pub Street. No traffic allowed.

**Friday 27th March, 2026.**

We stayed home to listen to a presentation about the clothing (and jewellery and hairstyles) related to the Baphuon.

**Saturday 28th March, 2026.**

Once again, we went to the supermarket.

**Sunday 29th March, 2026.**

And another day at home. It is an easy weekly routine.

