

Part 346 for Cathy's blog

Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd, April, 2026

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Temple Day : Leak Neang (near Ta Keo) and Ta Nei Temple

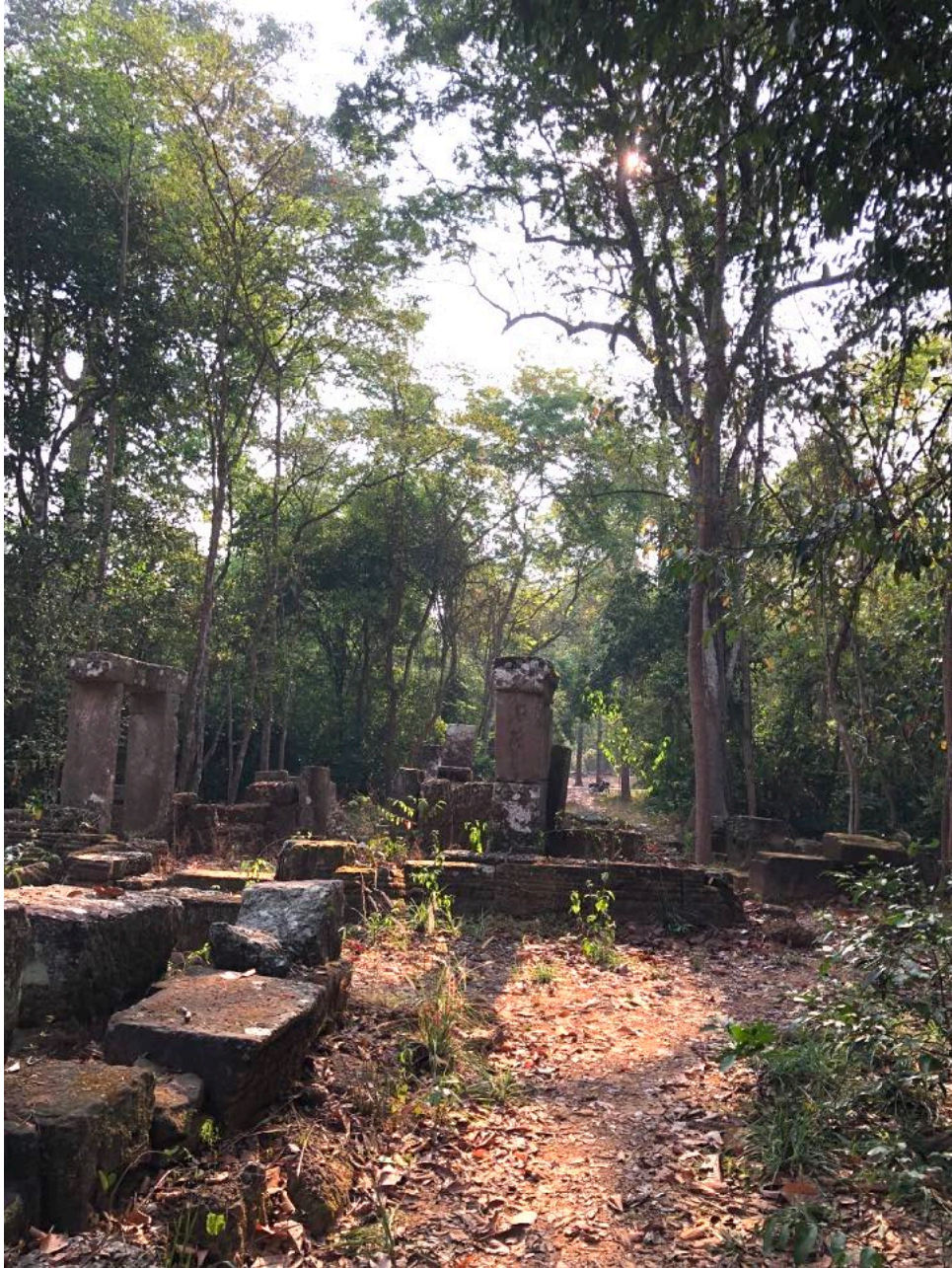
Leak Neang is one of the 102 hospital chapels Jayavarman VII built. As well as the stone temple, there were various wooden buildings including sleeping areas and room for doctors.

People came to be seen by doctors and were prescribed a variety of natural medicines. Their treatment included prayers.

Other people, travellers, stayed at these hospital chapels while moving across the country.



A small road at the back (west) of Ta Keo takes you to Leak Neang Temple.



Fallen blocks, the eastern entrance to Leak Neang.



Carvings.



False door on the single tower at Leak Neang.



More carvings.



The remains of the entrance gopura.



Wildlife.



Then it was a quick stop at Ta Nei Temple.



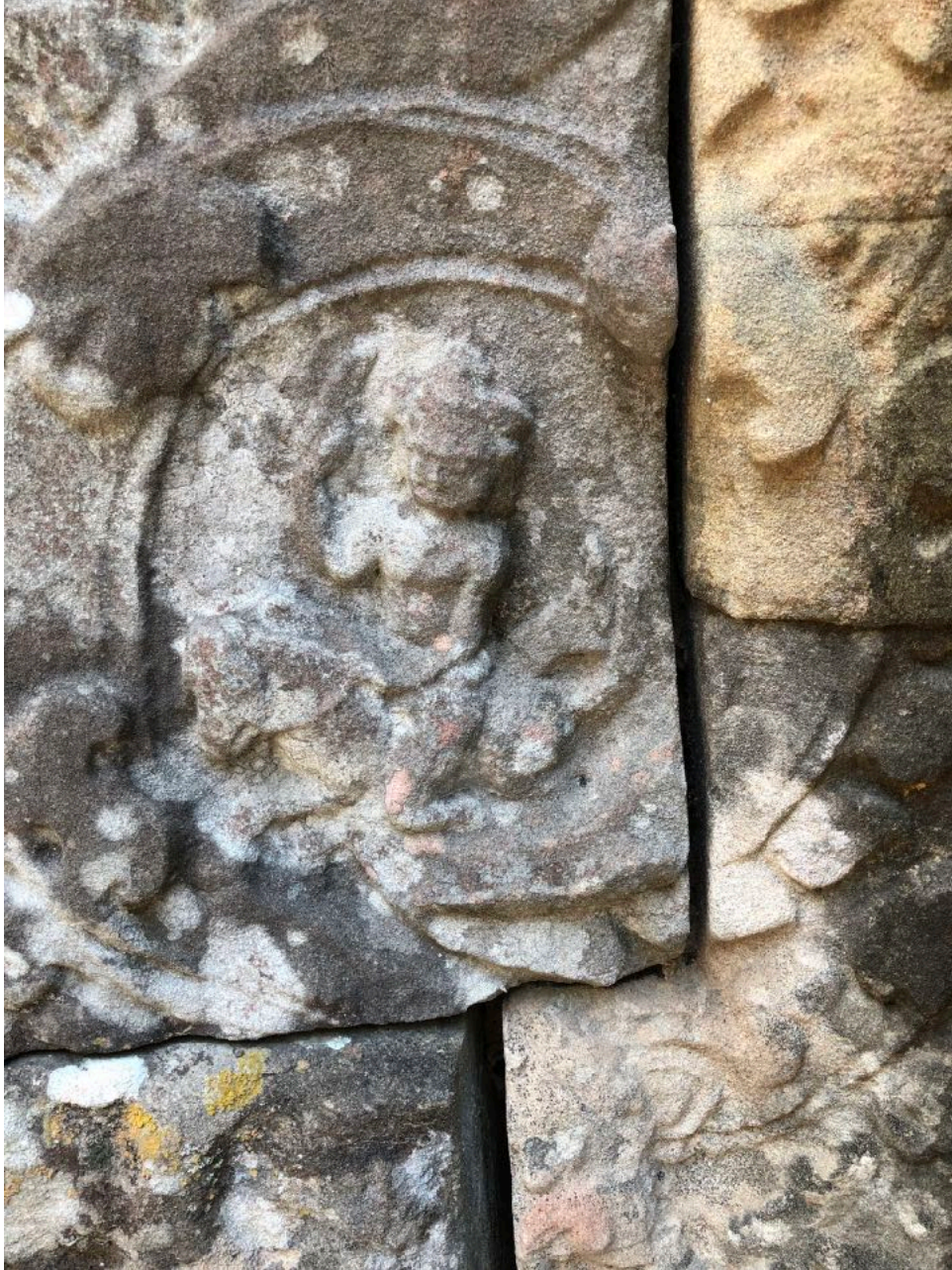
Here are some of the carvings.





Tree roots and temple carvings.





Worn, but clearly riding a horse.

Tuesday 21st April, 2025.

Temple Day : South Gate to SE Chrung

The weather seems to have relaxed a little. It is still hot and humid, but not quite so hot, so we went for a “Wall Walk”.



Monks at the South Gate (sorry about the angle!)



The same monks, this time from the wall.



Tree bark.





Prasat Chrung SE in the sun.



The trees and plants grow in interesting ways.



This is a kapok seed pod. The fluff expands and is carried by the wind.



We managed the walk. The sun is still hot. Back at home and we are thankful for big trees (the Cambodian sugar palm) and their shade.



Wednesday 22nd April, 2026.

Temple Day : South Gate to Prasat Chrung SW

We walked the other way on the southern side of Angkor Thom.



Repair work at the Tonle Om (South Gate) itself.



Tamarind flower.

Time to lie in the sun.

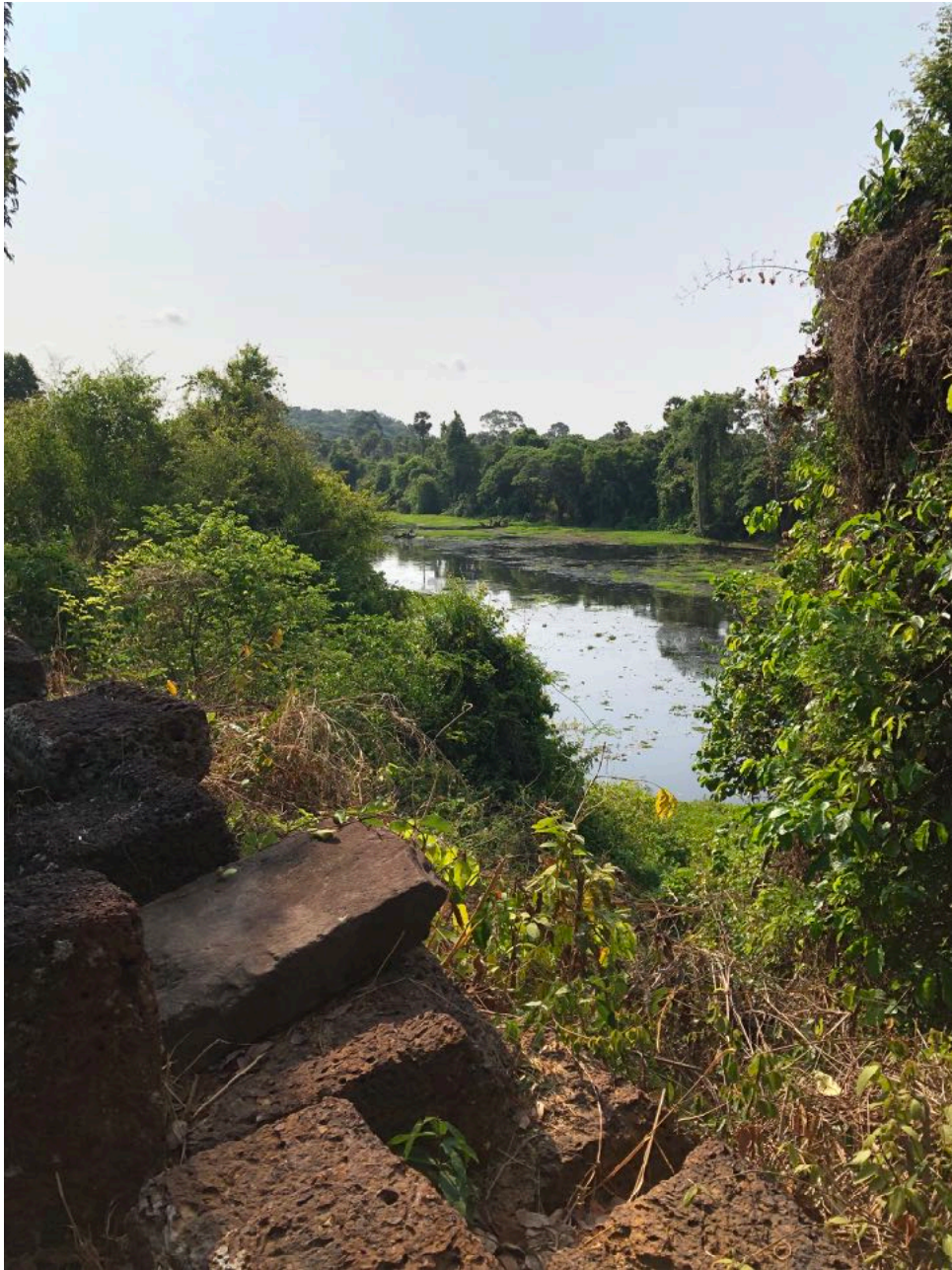




Prasat Chrung SW.



Worn carvings on pillars of the fallen eastern gopura at Prasat Chrung SW.



The moat around Angkor Thom. It is less overgrown here.



Cicada.



This grass lizard is flirting!

A very impressive specimen of a male lizard.



The wild grapes are flowering.

We will be back to watch their progress.

Out for tea (at Brothers cafe) we had an uninvited guest join us.



This cat is chatting with David. Really, it is demanding that we share our food.