

Part 347 for Cathy's blog

Thursday 23rd April, 2026.

**Temple Day : South Gate Temples
Bay Ka Ek, Bei and Baksei Chamrong**

We rode through the South Gate and parked our bike behind the rope fence near the road.

Today we are looking at the South Gate itself and the temples that lie on the south side of the moat.



A monkey finishing the drink, sitting on the Devas.

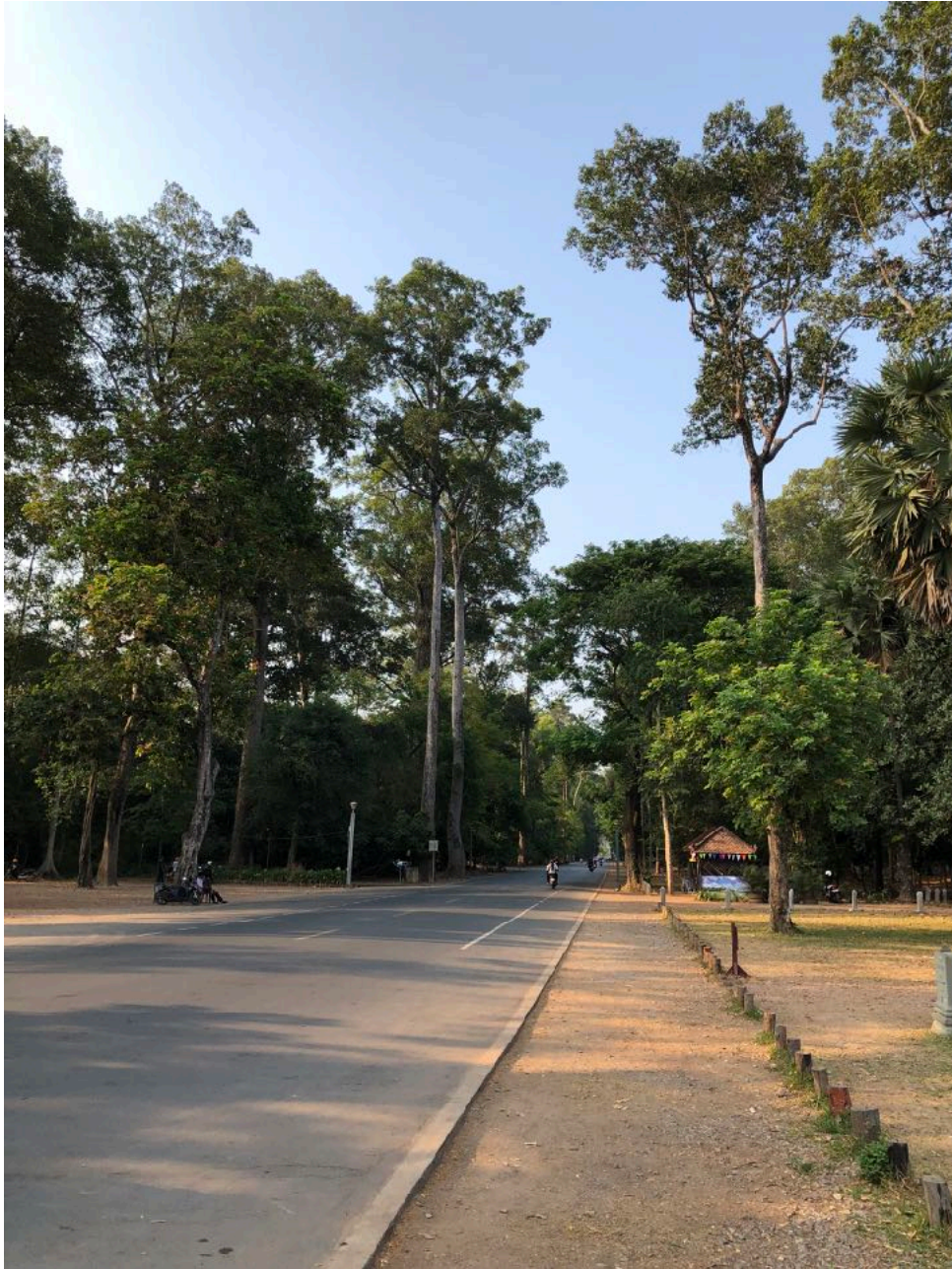




The translation is actually : Be careful. Monkeys bite.



The moat, with the Apsara staff cutting back the water weeds.



The road back to Siem Reap.



Bay Ka-Ek Temple.

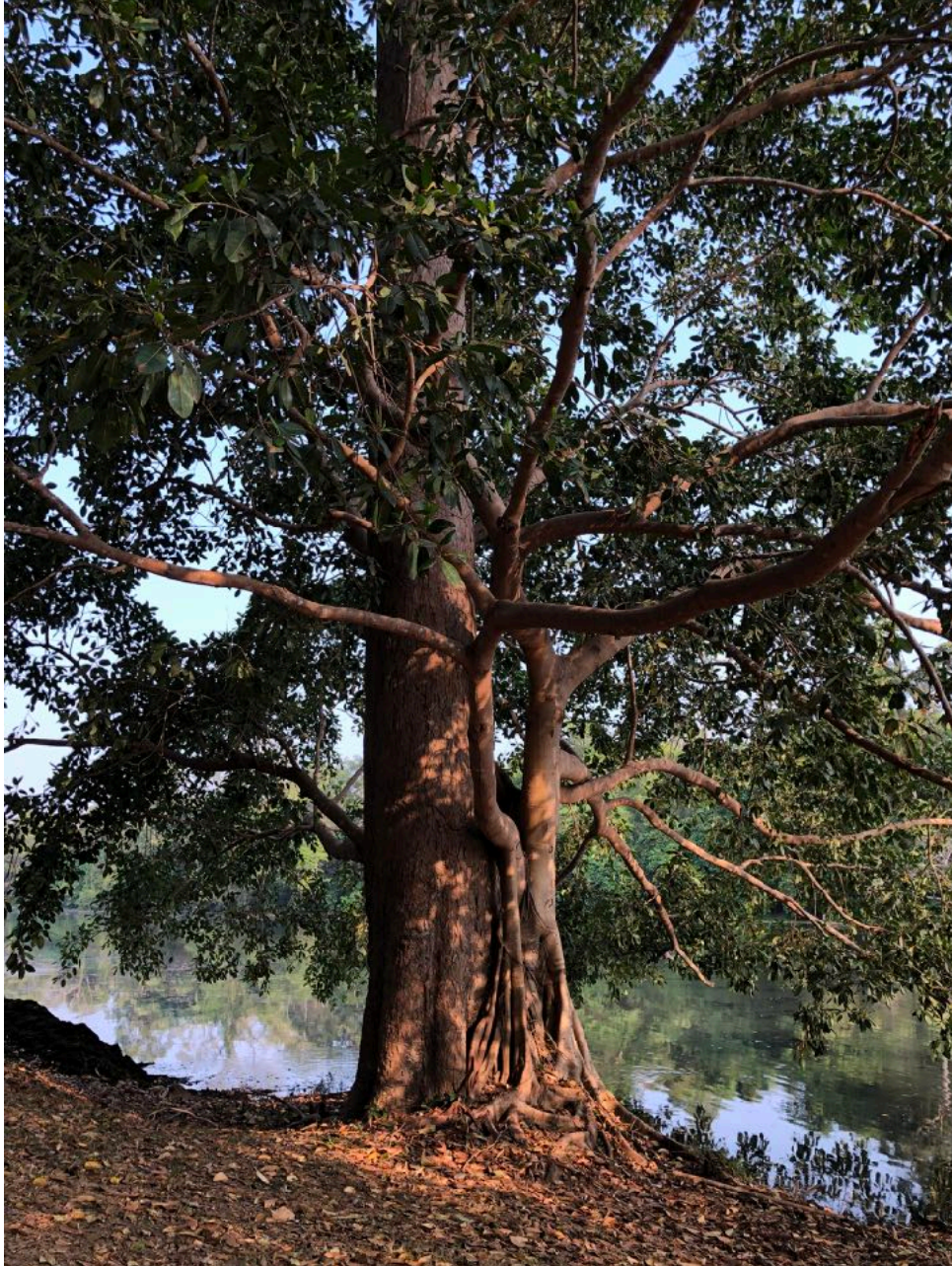


The little (still) standing arch had a very ornate moonstone.

I couldn't move the tree causing the shadow.



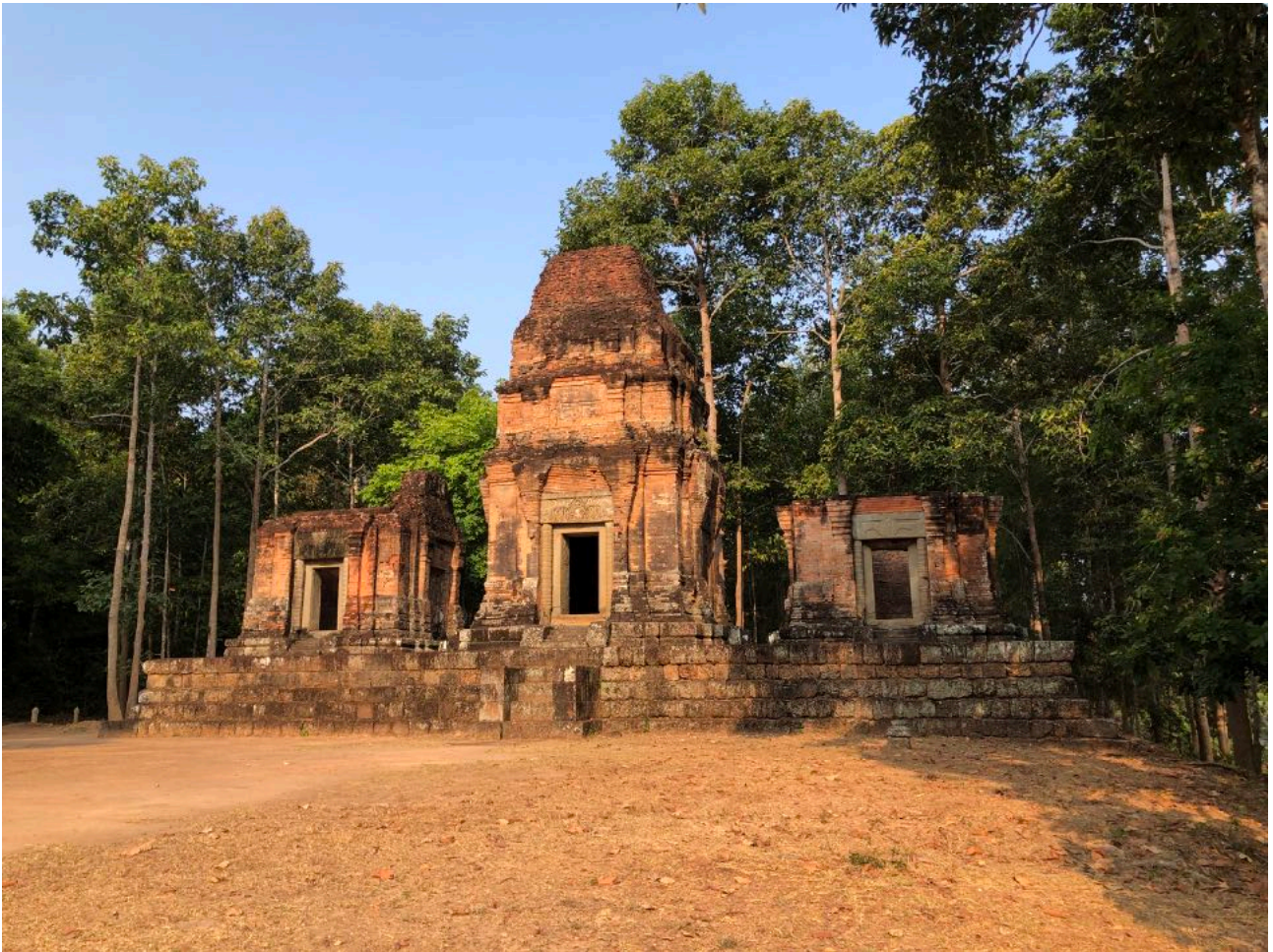
Through the arch.



Big trees by the moat.

Platform and arch of another temple.





Prasat Bei, three towers on a raised platform. (“Bei” means three.)



Although made of bricks (10th Century= quite old), the doorways etc are carved sandstone. Beautiful work.

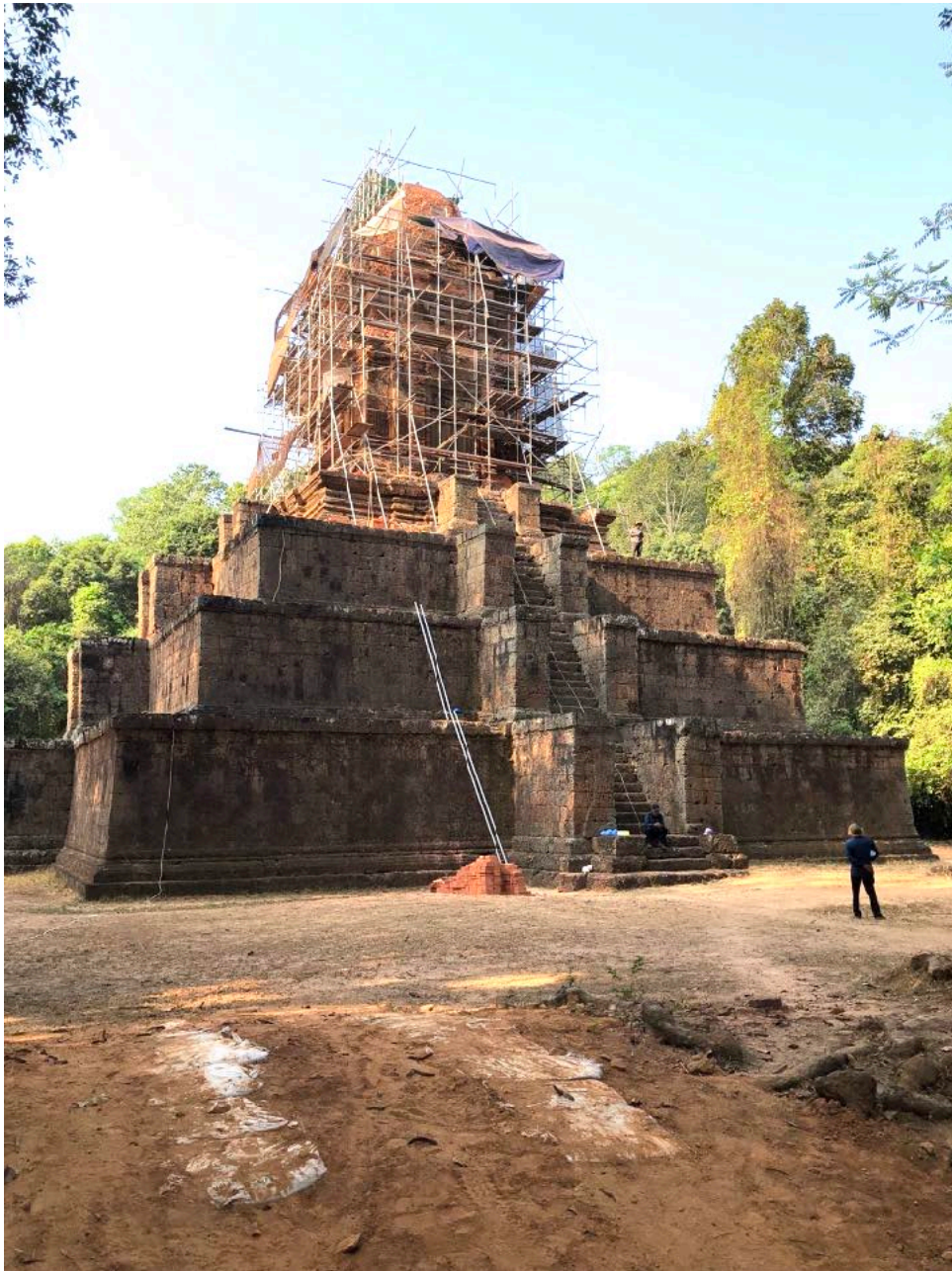


This far west along the moat brings you level with the Bakheng, a mountain temple (you can sit up there to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat).

The Bakheng lions are big.



This is the north “entrance” to the Bakheng (and it is too steep to climb).



Walking back to the road, you find Baksei Chamrong Temple. It is closed for works. You can see the rope the workers use to pull themselves up the steps.

The steps are big and they are steep. I have been up (on my hands and feet, and I come down backwards!). David cannot climb them.



Equipment.



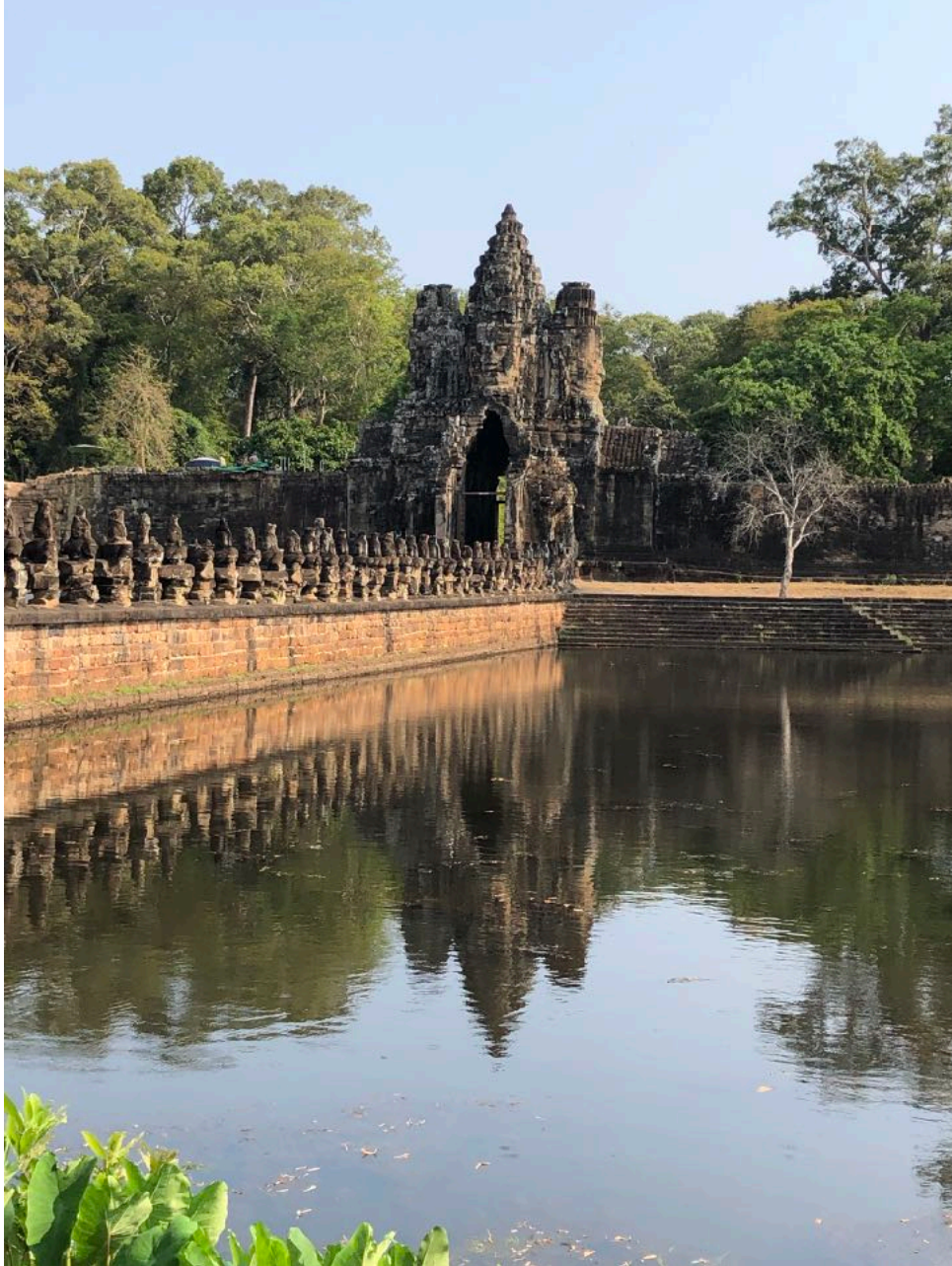
The “cloud” is dust from sanding the laterite blocks.



At some point in time, Baksei Chamrong had an impressive eastern gopura. The steps are all that is left.



Looking back at Baksei Chamrong.



We walked back through the South Gate, back to the motorbike before riding home.

Friday 24th April, 2026.

Temple Day : Tonle Sngout

Tonle Sngout is another of the 102 hospital chapels of King JayvarmanVII. Its name means “water dry”. It lies just north of the North Gate. We read an article about the recent repairs and decided to have a look for ourselves.





There are some nice carvings, but much of it is worn.



Repairs to carvings.



Repairs to the door frame.



Repairs to ensure the building is stable. We do not think they are new repairs.



**We haven't seen this shape carved anywhere else.
Teardrop? Paisley?**



Opposite the temple is a now flooded lake. Across from here, are the food stalls at the Preah Khan western car park.



Another lizard in a high, open area, showing off his colours.

Saturday 25th April, 2026.

Anzac Day

We walked to the supermarket this morning, as the weather seemed quite mild. We were hot by the time we got there!

Sunday 26th April, 2026.

A quiet day at home.

