

## Part 352 for Cathy's blog

Friday May 8th, 2026.

Today is David Attenborough's 100th birthday!

### Temple Day : Chorm Temple



This machine is digging up concrete just north of the Bayon. This area used to be home to hundreds of stacked blocks (moved elsewhere). It also had a modern Buddha statue (covered) which has been moved to near Chorm Temple.



**The modern Buddha statue and the workers who moved it and are building a shelter for it.**



**Carvings in the blocks around Chorm temple.**



**Small statue.**



**Pretty carving of a naga.**



**Chorm Temple on a raised platform.**



**Modern carving of a lintel at Chorm.**

Chorm Temple lies behind the North Kleang (almost opposite the Terrace of the Leper King).

It is a very pretty, newly restored temple.



**David in the Chorm Temple Courtyard.**



**A sinister looking huntsman sized spider.**



**Next to Chorm is the Preah Pithu group for temples. These elephants show the end (or beginning) of the eastern pathway to the temples.**



**Further east is farm land, stock and local transport.**



**Plenty of these butterflies on the weeds in the almost dry water basins by the Preah Pithu group.**



**Hanging flowers from the trees around these temples.**



**In the afternoon, we rode in to town to get petrol. This is Sivutha Boulevard.**

Then it was back to language school (to drop off a hand sewn bag) and then out to Makro.

Makro is Thai owned. It has a large warehouse on the east of Siem Reap. There are several other shops in the building, including a “Brand” Outlet, where we will look for slip on shoes for David (as his pair of three years are nearly falling apart!)

## **Saturday 9th May, 2026.**

Today, we walked to Angkor. It was ambitious, but was manageable... just. The sun is still hot, even with temperatures a few degrees cooler.

## **Sunday 10th May, 2026.**

A quiet day at home.