

Part 355 for Cathy's blog

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th, May, 2026

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Wall walk : West Gate to North West Prasat Chrung

There was heavy rain overnight, so we headed out to the walls of Angkor Thom to see what was happening with the insect life. The rains seem a little erratic and less frequent this year compared with other years.



Once again, the dogs greeted us at the West Gate.



This dragonfly is a newly emerged adult. She sat quietly for us.

Female, *Rhyothemis variegata phyllis*.



There is a variety of fallen fruit, food for squirrels, birds and even ants.





Small fungus.



There are also several types of beetles.

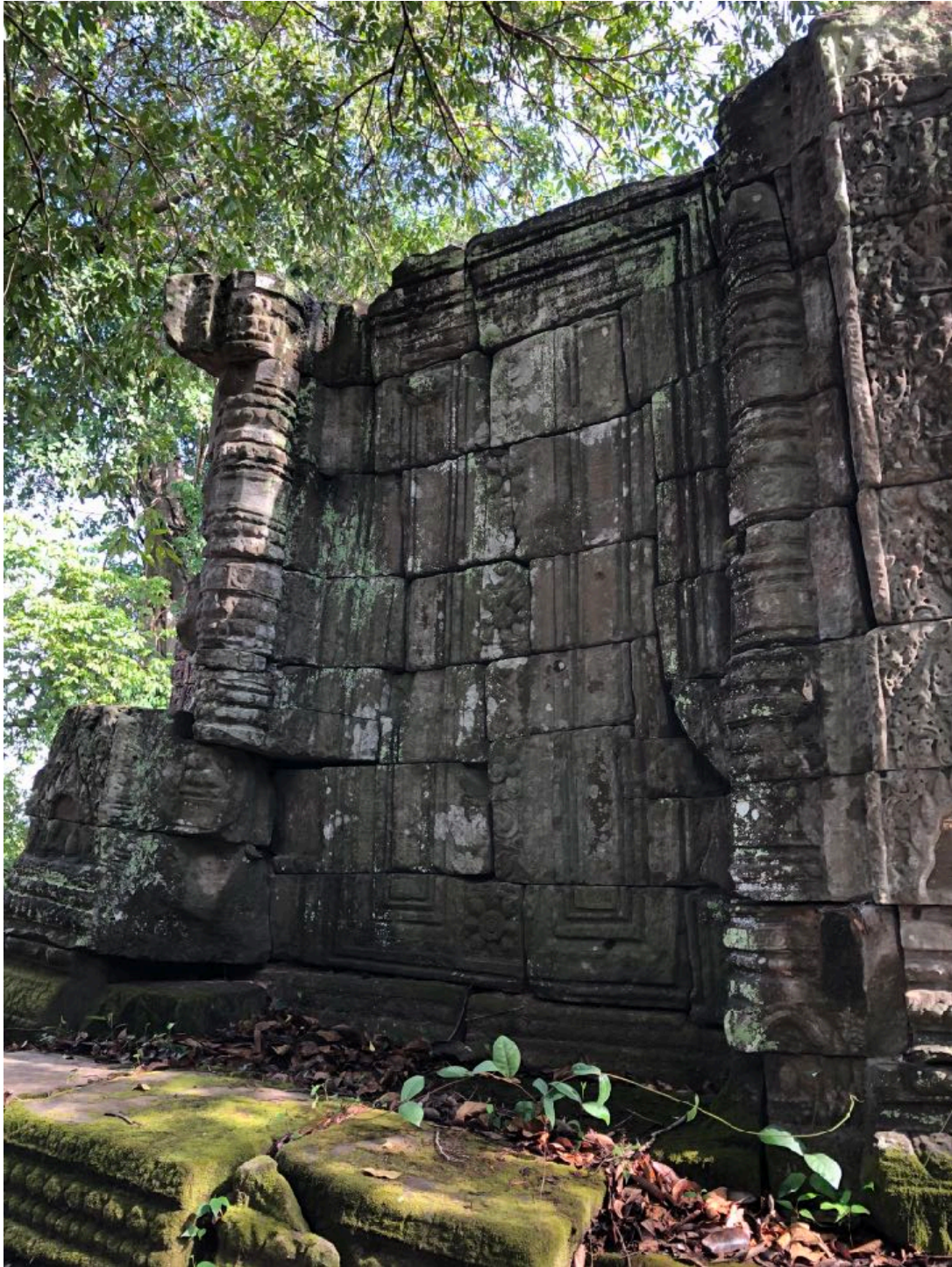




And other insects.



And dragonflies.



False door at a Prasat Chrung NW.



This millipede is a little smaller than black and brown ones.





We enjoy our walks to see the local wildlife. We enjoy visiting the temples to see the carvings and the buildings.

But often we can find wildlife at home.

Tuesday May 19th, 2026.

Temple Day : Banteay Prei

We headed back to Banteay Prei temple today to see how the gopura restoration is progressing.



The new pillars seem sturdy.



The new stone work is obvious.

It is a fine balance between stabilising a structure, repairing it and restoring it.



Spare blocks of sandstone for the restoration.



Existing carvings, partially repaired. The Apsara Authority have strict policies regarding this type of work. The new work must be different to the existing work (it must be seen as new work).



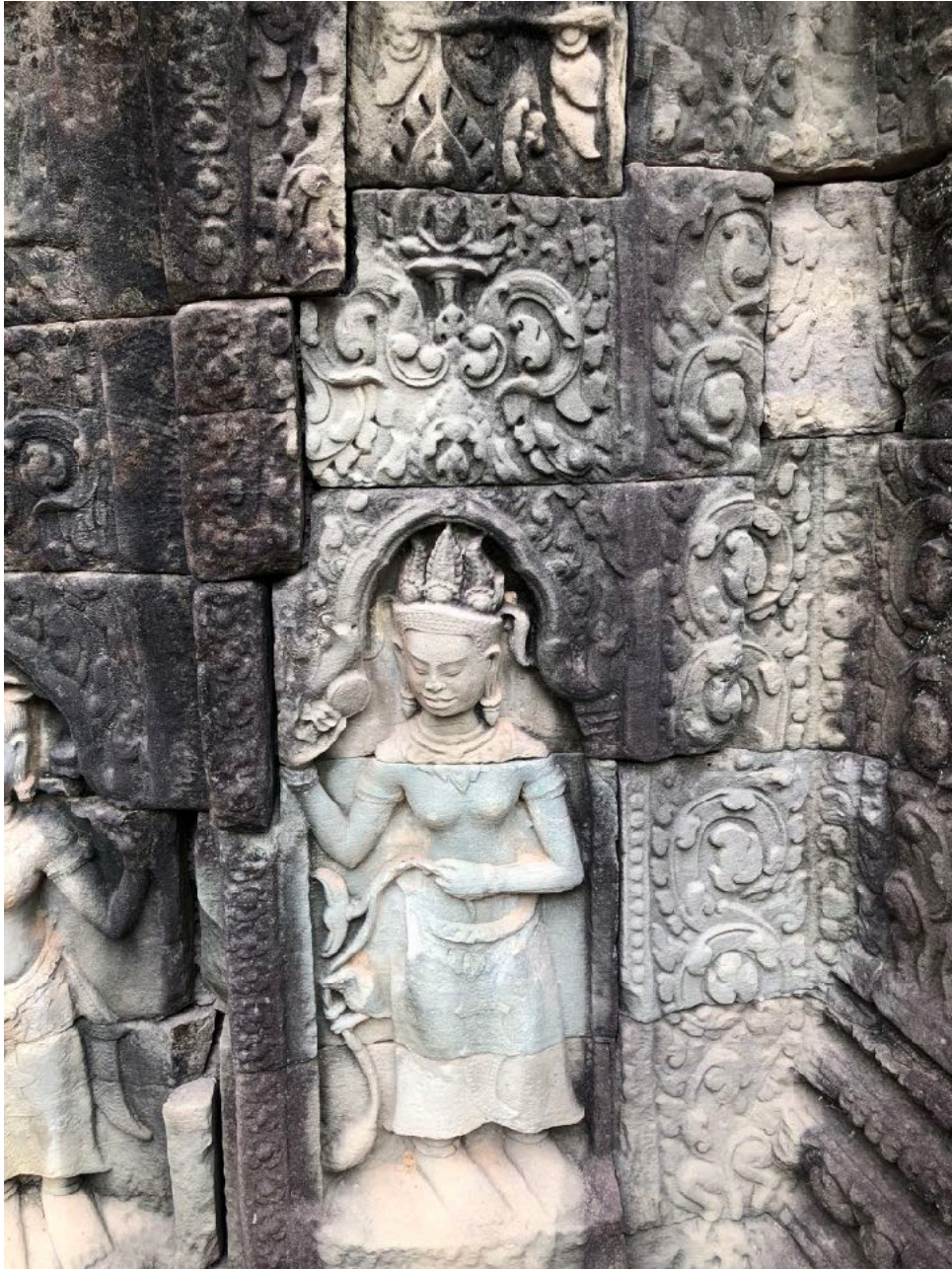
Original carvings, rescued and placed neatly in the temple grounds.



Another naga.



Seven headed naga ... part of the balustrade up to the East Gopura.



This devapala is at the West Gopura. I believe she has been repaired sometime recently.



Although there isn't much vegetation here, we found this (common) millipede.



And this spider.



This is a small bush, in the vegetation around the nearly dry moat. This split seed pod reminds me of “Little Shop of Horrors”.

Feed me, Seymour.



It is important to look closely at the blocks that haven't been replaced in the buildings. We have visited this temple many times, but this is the first time I noticed this three headed bull.

