

**Part 360 for Cathy's blog**

**Thursday 28th May, 2026.**

**Wall Walk : North Gate to NE Prasat Chrung.**



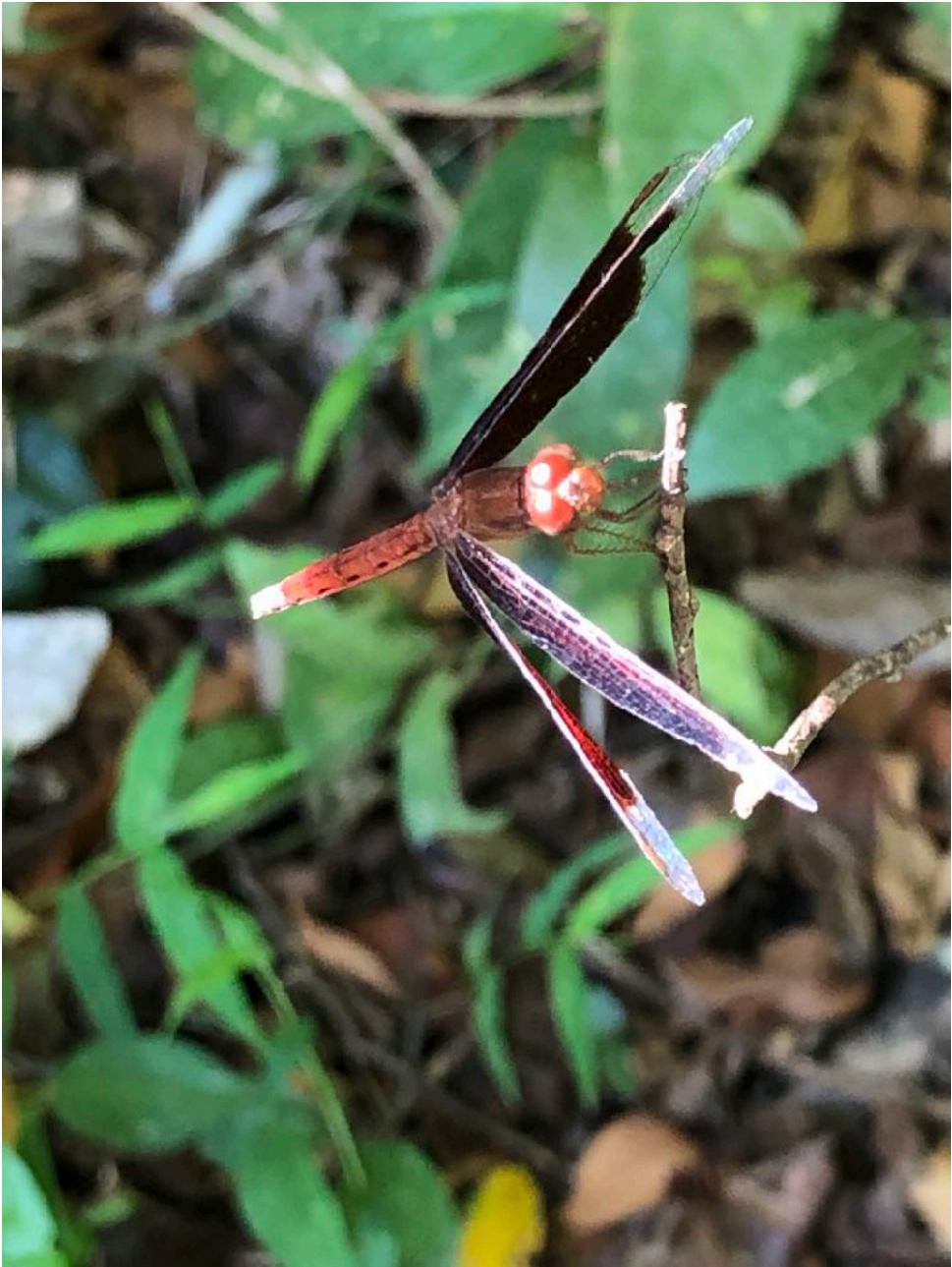
**This tree's roots are stretched out over the laterite steps to the side of the North Gate (Ta Kav).**

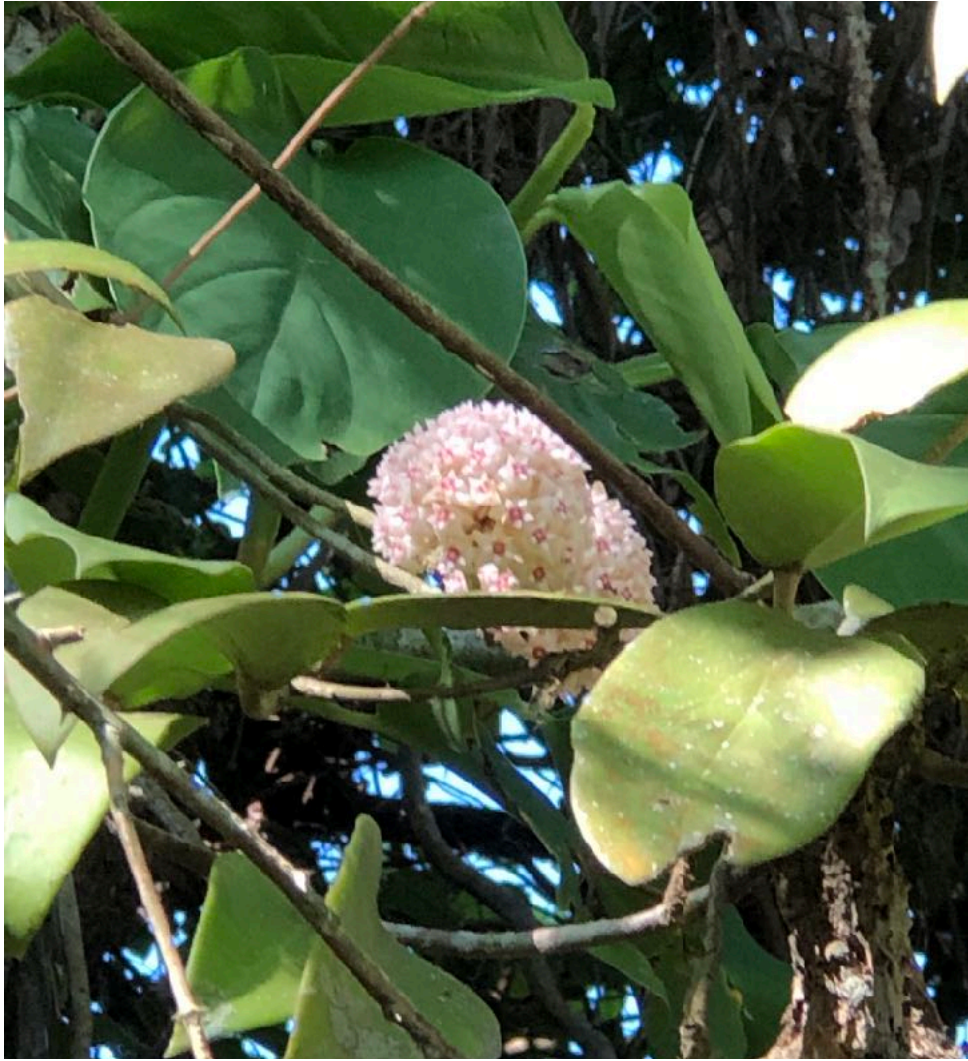


**There has been enough rain for even small trees to grow lots of new leaves.**



**The dragonflies always have their wings extended.**



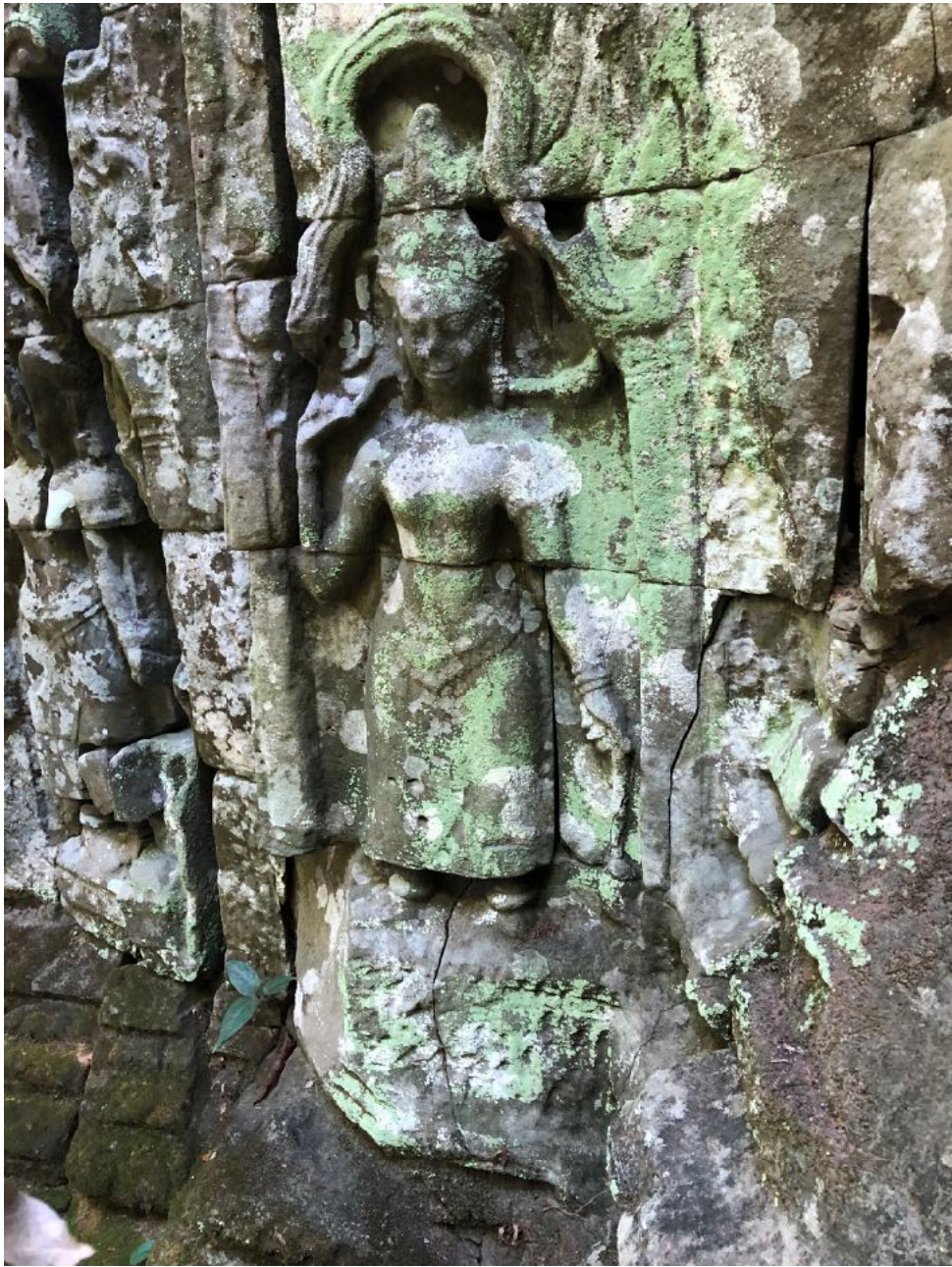


**The hoyas are still flowering.**





**The devapalas by the windows and doors of the temple stand quietly and watch the trees, flowers and insects get on with their lives.**





**Orange Imperial butterfly.**



**Strangler fig.**

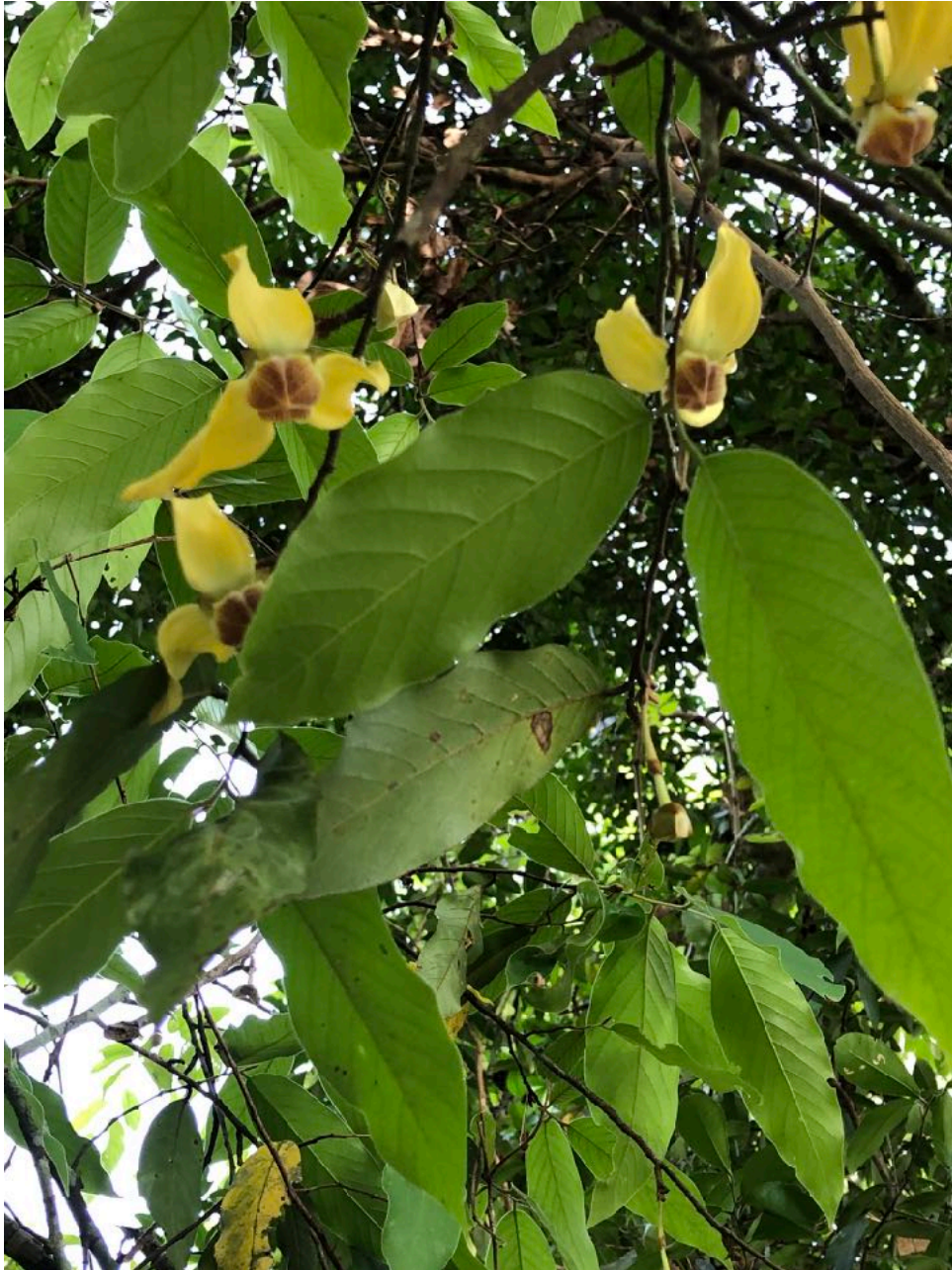


**The North Gate.**

**Friday 29th May, 2026.**

**Wall walk : North Gate to NW Prasat Chrung**

Following yesterdays walk to the east, today we walked to the west.



**Flowers in the trees.**



**Gold beetle.**



**The seed pods.**



And the seeds inside. Individually, they have hard cases, as well as the outer seed pod for protection. However, they are usually “infested” with little insects and worms, hungrily eating away at the nutrients the tree has put into the seed.



**Larger insects eat their share too,**



**Pretty butterfly.**



**This is a seed pod too. We were lucky to come across them for the first time with a person “in the know”. The seed pod has tiny hairs which get caught in your skin and itch and sting for hours! No touching of these seed pods!**



**One still hanging on the tree.**



**A Common Imperial butterfly.**



**Is this from a hornbill?**



**A weevil.**



**New growth.**



**On the ride home, we came across this mobile shop... a tinker?**

## **Saturday 30th May, 2026.**

This morning we headed off to the Supermarket (again).

But in the evening, we had our first birthday party here in Siem Reap. The birthday boy was 1 year old! He made a few different appearances, and managed to become less shy as the evening wore on.

We enjoyed delicious local food, sat at big “wedding” tables and chatted with family and friends and neighbours of the birthday boy.

Just a note : the music was too loud (but perhaps we are just getting old).

We sang Happy Birthday (in English) and the birthday boy’s sister and cousin blew the candles out on two cakes (which were cut into pieces and handed around. Delicious!)

## **Sunday 31st May, 2026.**

Time to exercise and walk and swim, to wear off yesterday’s good food!

And so, May draws to an end. The end of the second hottest month here in Cambodia. We didn’t get many good thunderstorms, but there has been some rain.

Stay tuned for June instalments of Cathy’s blog.