Part 394 for Cathy's Blog

Wednesday 7th October, 2026

Temple Day : Preah Khan

Once again, it was raining and we waited for it to clear before heading out.



This is beside the Psa Kroam market, busy from even earlier than this.

This is the front of the new Psa Kroam market. We ride through this market (to the right of the vegetable stall) to get from our house to the language school. An unplanned selfie, too.

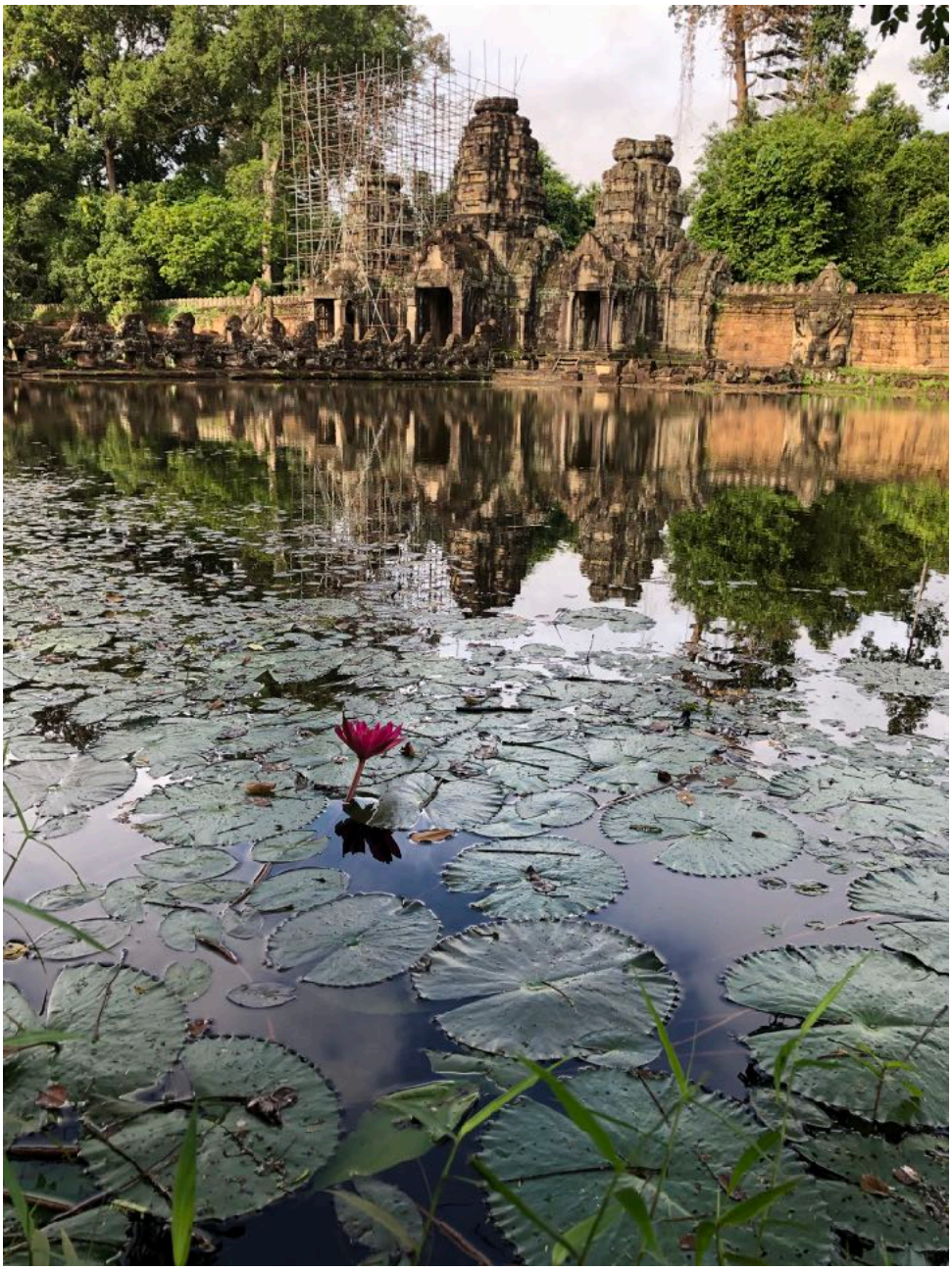




Preah Khan is outside Angkor Thom, to the north. It is one of the biggest temples. This photo shows the walkway to the eastern gopura. You can just see some scaffolding, built so the workers can trim the trees. In front of the gopura is a moat. Behind me, is a road and a stone wharf to the North Baray (Jayatataka = Jayavarman's reservoir).



The causeway over the moat. The southern tower of the three of the gopura has scaffolding for support (we haven't seen work being done here) and there is scaffolding for the tree trimming. You can also see one of the 72 Garudas that are on the outer wall of the temple.



Water Lily in the moat.



Closer view of the tree scaffolding. There is a worker leaning against the frame (bottom right).

This is a tall tree!



There are two small outer buildings, before you get to the next wall and gopura. They look like small churches.
They are the temple libraries.



This is the impressive gopura that gives you access to the temple (the second wall). Three years ago, this building had the remains of a tree growing on it (and slowly pulling it down). Now you wouldn't know it had been there.

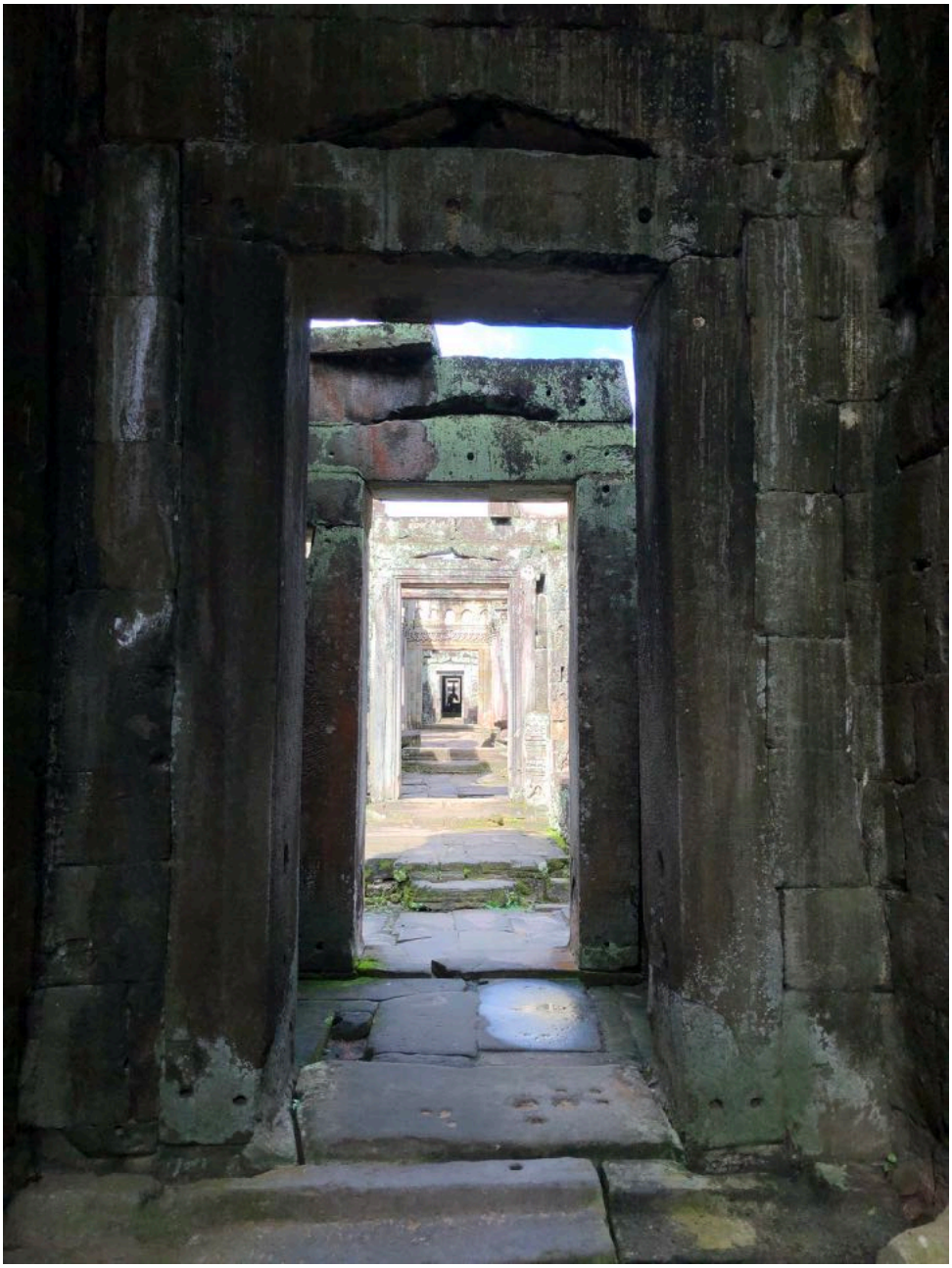


The tree stump and roots (near the left /south tower) with David standing in front, in April, 2023.

Through these doorways, you enter another enclosure.

This is where you will find the two story building. Note the round columns.





You will find rows of lined-up doorways, north, south and west.



Many of the square pillars are covered in “tapestry” carvings. You can find many pictures in these patterns.



There are stacks of blocks which have fallen from the buildings. In these, as always, you find more carvings.

They are great homes for lizards.





The fallen blocks, stacked.



Inside the partly standing remaining buildings, there are more carvings.

The holes in the walls were for stucco, plaster. Sometimes, metal sheets were attached. The metal would reflect the light of the flames of candles. Preah Khan was important politically and for religious reasons.





I wonder how the researchers of today interpret this carving?

There is so much to see. Preah Khan temple : the Royal Sword.

Back at home and our regular activities continue. A language lesson this afternoon. And a quick chat with our neighbours has established that the twins will be delivered by Caesarian section on Sunday 25th, October.