

The Lovely Town of Leamington Spa

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The Metro of Greenery

It is a week since I set foot on this quaint English town. All the days I set out for a walk here, I kept feeling, “Are the shops closed today? Why aren’t there people on the streets?” Having lived in India for 14 years, and the only countries visited in this span being Singapore and Malaysia, this town seems extremely deserted to me. When I asked my daughter, she said that it was a normal day and that is how many people there are! No wonder all the big brands have opened shop in India. How will their businesses thrive where the population is this low?

Jephson Gardens is a delight to the urban and metro dweller’s eyes like mine!!! We do have small parks in our area, but the British gardens are a class of their own. I visited the gardens with my daughter and a few of her friends. The gardens were in full bloom with different colours of roses, different species of lavender, poppies and many more. It was lovely to see the younger generation appreciating nature and being very happy to show me around.

There are a lot of beautiful places that I would have loved to sit and paint in the garden. The day we planned to do that, the weather was not in our favour. So, we decided to sit indoors and paint with a picture taken there. This is my humble attempt of the small art gallery in the garden. I know the perspective could have been better, but I am happy that I was able to paint after a long time! I will be seeing the art gallery soon. I hope to paint/sketch a couple more scenes from this garden.

