



laid out in 1831 as little more than informal river walkways. Originally called Newbold Gardens they were renamed in 1847 after Dr Henry Jephson, a distinguished citizen of Leamington who was actively involved in promoting the town as a spa.

Developments were carried out over the years, mainly during the 1800s and early 1900s until after World War II when the park began to deteriorate. 1999 was the turning point and Warwick District Council were able to begin improvements with the help of a Heritage Lottery Grant of over £3 million.

#### *Jephson Mystery Gardens - what to see*

- Beautiful gardens with colourful floral displays from spring to autumn and mixed borders all year round.
- Sensory garden with plants to touch and smell
- Glasshouse with exotic plants from around the world
- Memorials to notable past citizens of Leamington
- Relax and feed the ducks and swans on the lake or by the river
- Take a boat out on the river or boating pond
- Refreshments available at the Aviary Café Victorian tea pavilion
- Lunches and dinners at the Restaurant in the Park (Bookings 01926 311178)
- Children's ship themed play area with sand play and field for ball games - a short walk across the suspension bridge to Mill Gardens.
- All areas accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs

For more information contact Warwick District Council on 01926 450 000.

There is undoubtedly a lot to see and enjoy in the park and it is clear the money has been well-spent. The Aviary Café has been lovingly restored to its former glory as a Victorian tea pavilion and the new restaurant has an impressive menu, as well as a licence for marriage. Clearly, Jephson Gardens has much more to offer than just a 'walk in the park!'

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