

Friends Of Howard Park & Garden

A Baker's Dozen of Interesting Facts about Howard Park and Garden

- 1) Did you know there used to be a cinema called The Rendezvous where the bowling green is today?
- 2) Did you know that in 1936 a statue of Sappho, which was presented to the town by the Mrs McLean, the widow of the sculptor, was placed in the Ball Memorial Garden and was stolen in 1998?
- 3) Did you know in 1906 Letchworth's first library opened in Mrs Howard Hall in 1906 and initially only contained books by Walter Scott and Charles Dickens?
- 4) Did you know that the concrete paddling pool, which was made in 1930, was created to replace a large hand-dug pond made in 1904?
- 5) Did you know that the heritage Museum was built in 1907 and was originally Barry Parker's office?
- 6) Did you know that there was an open air swimming pool at the Pixmore Way end of Howard Park?
- 7) Did you know that the Rose Garden in the Ball memorial Garden is sunken because it has been created where the swimming Pool used to be?
- 8) Did you know that the swimming pool water was only changed once a week so that the deep end was always murky at the end of the week?
- 9) Did you know that May Day performances took place in Howard Park?
- 10) Did you know that Mrs Howard Hall cost £1,300 to build in 1905 and the money was raised by residents of Letchworth?
- 11) Did you know that the Ball Memorial Garden was created through public donations of £675?
- 12) Did you know that the Howard Garden Bowls Club, founded in 1926, is housed in the park next to the Howard Garden Social and Day Care Centre on the corner of Hillshott and Norton Way
- 13) Did you know that the over 60's club was opened in 1956?