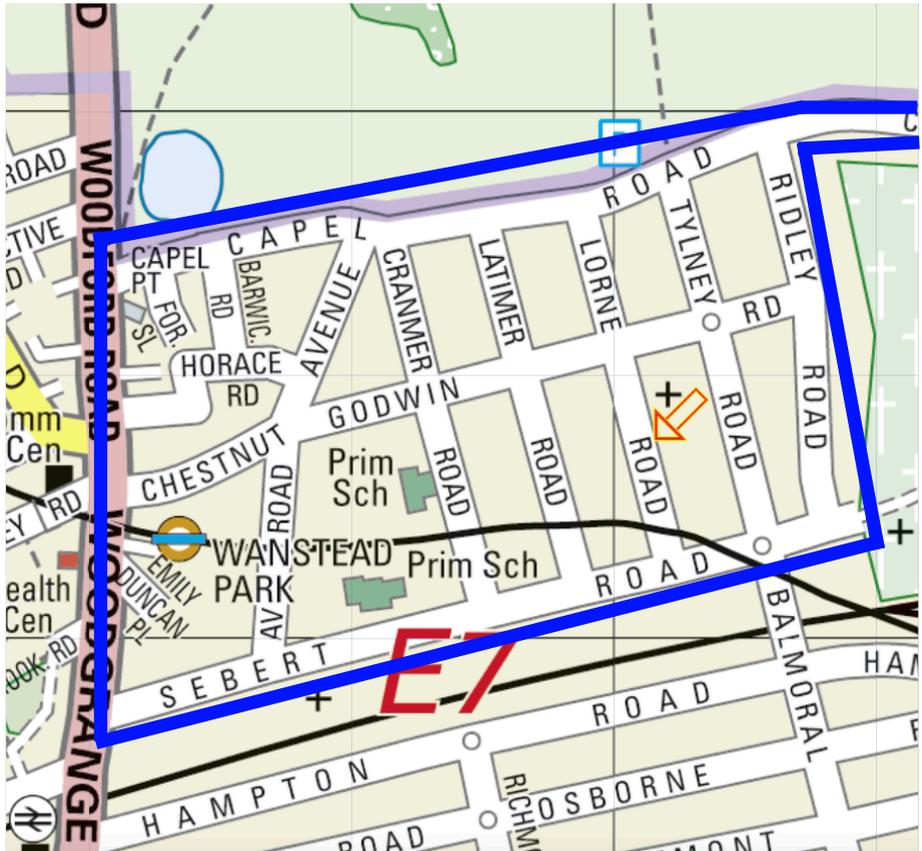


Forest Gate Village

Our Part of the World



The area bordered by Capel, Ridley, Sebert and Woodgrange Roads, often called Forest Gate Village, has a fascinating history.

However short or long a time you've lived here, we hope you'll enjoy reading a little about it, and maybe learn something new about our great part of the world.

Forest Gate takes its name from a gate known to have existed in Woodgrange Road by the 1650s, built to stop cattle straying from the forest. A further gate was built in 1851 and removed in the 1880s.

Bones, beads and weapons discovered in the area indicate human habitation here as early as 3000BC.

The first recorded use of Forest Gate as a place name dates from 1655.

In 1965 East Ham and West Ham Borough Councils were joined together to form the London Borough of Newham.

Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley Roads are all named after famous Christians who died for their faith in the 1500s.

The site of Woodgrange School in Sebert Road was once occupied by a large house named West Ham Hall.

Godwin School was originally built in 1884 as a three-storey building accessed from Godwin Road. The present building opened in 1972.

After the Second World War temporary housing was built on the Flats in Capel Road for people from the docks whose homes had been bombed.

Chestnut Avenue is one of the oldest roads in our area, and was first called Chestnut Walk. It had impressive lines of chestnut trees on both sides.

Until the 1990s cows used to graze on Wanstead Flats, often wandering onto our local streets and eating plants from residents' front gardens!



Legendary American guitarist **Jimi Hendrix** wrote his classic song *Purple Haze* at a club off Woodgrange Road, just a short distance outside our area. Have you found this plaque commemorating him?



Find Out More

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Did you know

The area on the map on the front - plus Capel Road as far as the Golden Fleece - is also the area served by your local Anglican Church, St. Mark's in Lorne Road, indicated by the arrow.

Today we look like this ...



But from 1893 to 1986 we looked like this ...



And in May 1886 the church began meeting in a cowshed in Tylney Road - proof of the Bible verse: "If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

We're proud to have been part of our local community for over 115 years. We're *your* church, whether you share our Christian faith or not.

Our building may not look like a traditional church, and our services are a mix of the traditional and the new, but at all times we aim to be a family and show God's love in action by helping out in any way we can.

We'd love to meet you - Drop in on a Sunday at 10.30 am

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