

# Latton Parish History Timeline

Prehistoric	Huge herds of half elephant / half mammoth animals roam the land in the Thames Valley (early part of the last Ice Age). One herd drowns and early men use flints and axes to butcher the animals for food (see 1998)
Circa AD 75	Romans control all of Britain. The Roman road, Ermin Street, crosses Latton Parish. There is a medieval wayside or Preaching Cross built in Gosditch, at the road junction with Ermin Street
1066	Latton and Eysey became property of Earl Harold then after his death at the Battle of Hastings passed to William I
1083	Latton was given to a Priest, Rainbold
1101 – 1200	Church of St John The Baptist was built
1133	Latton was taken back to the Crown Henry I and then given to Cirencester Abbey
1377	114 people live at Latton
1539	The Dissolution of the Monasteries saw the destruction of the Abbey at Cirencester and Latton is given to Sir Anthony Hungerford of Down Ampney
1724 – 1802	Many people in Latton experience poverty. There is a large increase in the 'Poor Relief' paid to residents
1789	Thames and Severn Canal opens and snakes across Latton Parish carrying coal from Royal Forest of Dean and Staffordshire
1819	The North Wilts Canal opens
1830–1860's	The height of trade transported through Latton by canal. A wharf and canal basin and lock in use
1832	A day school for the children of Latton and Eysey established
1835	Latton has a library open to men only attending Sunday school. This is housed in a Club Room which closed in the 1960's
1896	Parish of Eysey was incorporated into Latton Parish
1914	By the beginning of the First World War the canal wharf, basin and lock were closed
1927	Use of the canal ceased
1930	A creamery is built at Latton by the Co-operative making evaporated milk Land is agricultural and mainly dairy
1947	Houses at The Limes are built
1970	The village school closes
1990's	Large scale gravel extraction begins
1996	The Co-operative Creamery closes
1987	The Latton by-pass section of the A 419 is opened
1998	Dr Neville Hollingworth, an Earth Sciences Programme Officer discovers the bones of mammoths and flint hand axes in a gravel pit at Latton
2001	421 people live in Latton
2002	New house building at Latton, Croft Close and Collett Place