

## The Elizabethan Court Day by Day.

This began, decades ago, as an investigation into the people and places visited by Queen Elizabeth I on her travels, known as 'progresses', and the entertainments presented before her. It gradually expanded until I had discovered the whereabouts of the Queen on every day throughout her long reign, what she was doing, often what she was saying, who her companions were.

Thus it shows the Queen at work as well as at play. Light is shed on her relationship with favoured courtiers, her dealings with foreign ambassadors and monarchs, with her Councillors, her Parliaments, her people. Although the focus is on the court, a number of events away from court, some overseas, are included.

Plays, tournaments, and other court entertainments, are covered in detail. Hundreds of extracts from contemporary books, many dedicated to the Queen, some by famous authors, build into an unusual anthology of Elizabethan literature.

Numerous sources not previously published have been used, including diaries, letters, and the account-books kept by senior officials of the Royal Household. To endeavour to make everything readily accessible spelling has been modernised, and references to sources have been made as brief as possible. The New Year has been taken to start on January 1st, not (as was the custom) on March 25th. Foreign languages have been translated; dispatches of Ambassadors often give revealing glimpses of the Queen.

As listed in a 'Contents Summary', a large number of Indexes are provided, for example of 'Women at Court', which has biographical details never brought together before. The 'Prominent Elizabethans' Index gives condensed biographies of the leading personalities of the reign. There are some 150 'Subject Indexes' which cover a very wide range of topics, such as Apparel, Jewels, Music, Ships, Sports, Voyages. There should be something to interest everyone.

About the Author:

I'm originally from Essex. After studying at Oxford and at one of the Inns of Court I moved to Cambridge in 1963. There I had a varied career, partly in publishing. I was already keenly interested in Elizabethan literature, and I had also visited a number of places claiming that 'Queen Elizabeth slept here'. This led eventually to an interest in the Queen herself and her court. Then came innumerable Saturday trips to the Public Record Office (now The National Archives), the British Library, and other libraries and record offices. The first results of my research were commissions to write two books: *Royal Cambridge: Royal Visitors to Cambridge*, and *Queen Elizabeth I and Harlow*, (1977). During the 1980s I had many articles in learned journals on the Elizabethan court. I then decided to concentrate on a comprehensive work following the Queen throughout her reign. I am honoured that the Folger Shakespeare Library is presenting it to the public.

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*A selection of events at or concerning the Court detailed in the Text, and some of the books, ballads, plays, poems, quoted.*

**1558:** Prologue: before the Queen's Accession. Foreign Rulers in 1558.  
Nov 17: Queen Mary died, at St James's Palace.  
Accession of Elizabeth to the Throne, aged 25.  
Proclamations and celebrations. New Queen at Hatfield, Hertfordshire.  
Nov 18: Queen's first appointments.  
Nov 20: first Council: Sir William Cecil became Principal Secretary.  
Nov 23: Queen's journey from Hatfield to the Charterhouse, Middlesex.  
Nov 28: Ceremonial entry through London to stay at the Tower.  
Dec 5-22: at Somerset House, Strand.  
Dec 14: Queen Mary's funeral; controversial sermon.  
1558 end: *Dialogue between the Queen's Majesty and England.*

**1559:** New Year gifts to and from the Queen (custom at every New Year).  
Jan 10: King Philip II of Spain's marriage proposal.  
Jan 12: Queen's ceremonial river procession to the Tower.  
Jan 13-14: Knights of the Bath made at the Tower.  
Jan 14: Ceremonial procession through London to Whitehall, with pageants.  
Jan 15: Coronation, Westminster Abbey; Coronation Feast.  
Jan 16-17: Tournaments; Jan 25: Opening of Parliament.  
Jan 28: In Parliament: Speaker of Commons presented to Queen.  
Feb 6: Commons deputation at court, urging marriage; Feb 10: the reply.  
Feb 22-March 3: Emperor's Ambassador, Count Helfenstein, for marriage with an Archduke; Feb 25: first audience.  
March 21: Easter 'wyth' brought to court.  
*April 2: in France: Peace Treaty, with France, Spain, and Scotland.*  
April 18: Lord Robert Dudley in favour; also May 10: Sir William Pickering.  
April 22-24: Order of the Garter Ceremonies (as in every April).  
May 8: Close of Parliament; Acts of Supremacy and Uniformity.  
May 17: Matthew Parker to be Archbishop of Canterbury.  
May 23-28: French special ambassadors in London, to witness the Queen's Oath.  
May 26: first French hostages (by Peace Treaty) arrived; the last left in 1564.  
May 28-1560 January: Emperor's new Ambassador, Baron Breuner, for marriage with Archduke Charles; numerous audiences described.  
June 23: details of work needed on Crown properties, many in decay.  
June 27: preparations for Muster before the Queen; July 2: Muster, Greenwich.  
*July 10: in France: King Henri II died; succeeded by son King François II and his wife Mary, who was also Queen of Scots.*  
July 11: Tournament, at Greenwich, described.  
July 17-Aug 10: summer progress in Kent and Surrey.  
July 19: Royal Injunctions to clergy; Homilies.  
July 26: Countess de Feria at court; ambassador's offensive behaviour.  
Aug 6: Baron Breuner's news of the Queen and Lord Robert Dudley.  
Aug 17-22: Queen at West Horsley, Surrey; Revels expenses.  
Aug 29-31: Earl of Arran's secret visit to the Queen, Hampton Court.  
Sept 23-1560 April: John Duke of Finland in England, to urge the Queen's marriage to Eric, King-Elect of Sweden, his brother.  
Sept 30: Spanish Ambassador's audience: Queen discussed marriage.  
Oct 5: Duke of Finland arrived to stay at Southwark, Surrey, for 6 months.  
Oct 14: Lord Williams of Thame died; bequests.  
Oct 21: Proclamation enforcing Statutes of Apparel, with details.  
Nov 5: Tournament; Nov 9: described.  
Nov 9,12: preparations have begun for war with the French in Scotland.  
November, end-1560 February: Scottish envoys in England secretly, for aid.

**1560:** Feb 11: new French Ambassador, De Seurre; described.  
Feb 25: Lord Cobham's marriage at court, Whitehall.  
Feb 27: Tournament, and masque.  
March 27: French Ambassador received a Challenge at court.  
March 28-June 29: Duke Adolph of Holstein in England, as a suitor.  
April 2,4: preparations for Easter 'wyth'. Livery Companies listed.  
April 10: Easter 'wyth' brought to court; payments.  
April 10: 'Geneva Bible', dedicated to the Queen.  
April 21,28: Tournaments.  
June 16, July 11-17: proposed visit of Eric of Sweden, a suitor.  
July 6: *Treaty of Edinburgh*.  
July 21: Queen's proposed visit to Mercers' Company.  
July 29-Aug 30: summer progress in Surrey and Hampshire.  
Sept 8: Amy Robsart, wife of Lord Robert Dudley, died; sequel.  
November-December: Scottish envoys, for marriage to Earl of Arran.  
Nov 18: Savoy envoy, Morette, for marriage to Duke of Nemours.  
Nov 27: secret marriage of Lady Catherine Grey, Queen's cousin.  
Dec 5: *in France: King François II died; succeeded by brother Charles IX; Mary Queen of Scots now a widow; Catherine de Medici Queen Regent.*  
Dec 7: christening of Lord Cobham's son at court; Queen godmother.  
December, end: John Dymock's court news (jewel merchant).

**1561:** New Year: John Dymock's court news; Jan 14: left for Sweden.  
April, start: Dymock's news of King Eric of Sweden, still a suitor.  
April 22-24: Garter ceremonies, described in detail.  
May 15: Lord James Stewart in Southwark; May 25: his visit described.  
June 4: St Paul's struck by lightning and set on fire; June 16: sequel.  
July 10-14: Queen at Charterhouse, Middlesex.  
July 14-Sept 22: summer progress in Essex, Suffolk, Herts, Middlesex.  
July 19-22: Queen at Ingatestone, Essex; Sir William Petre's provisions.  
Aug 2-5: Queen at Harwich, Essex.  
Aug 7,12: Lady Catherine Grey's marriage known at court; sent to Tower.  
Aug 14: *Mary Queen of Scots left France to return to Scotland.*  
Sept 9-13: Scottish Ambassador's audiences, Hertford.  
Sept 13 onwards: preparations for Eric of Sweden to visit (but no visit).  
Sept 23-24: John Somers at court with medals for sale.  
Sept 25: Sir William Cecil's memo for receiving King Eric.  
Oct 25-28: French lords in London and at court.

**1562:** New Year: Shane O'Neill in London from Ireland; Jan 6: at court.  
Jan 18: *Gorboduc* performed at court, Whitehall.  
March 9: French Marquis at court.  
April 11: Roger Ascham's description of the Queen.  
May 6,7: Proclamations enforcing Statutes of Apparel.  
May 7,9: charges against Countess of Lennox, the Queen's cousin.  
June 7: arrangements for interview with Queen of Scots; June 17: her gifts.  
July 15: meeting with Queen of Scots deferred because of war in France.  
July 27, Aug 4,6: news of the King of Sweden, still a suitor.  
Aug 7-18: Marshal Vielleville's audiences, Greenwich.  
August, end: Venetian traveller in England.  
Sept 20: Treaty of Hampton Court: to aid the Prince of Condé.  
Sept 24: Proclamation dispatching forces to Normandy.  
Oct 15: Queen dangerously ill with smallpox, and the cure.  
Oct 25: Queen's illness described.

**1563:** Jan 3-7: attempted murder near Strand, and the sequel.  
Jan 12: Opening of Parliament; Jan 15: Speaker presented to Queen.  
Jan 28, Feb 1: Parliamentary deputations at court, urging marriage.  
March 20: John Foxe's 'Book of Martyrs', dedicated to Queen.  
April 10: Close of Parliament; Queen's answer as to marriage. New Acts.  
June 14,19,25,26: Captain Stukeley, explorer, in London and at court.  
July 4-26: letters to and from Earl of Warwick, in Le Havre.  
*July 28: in France: English surrendered Le Havre, plague-ridden.*  
Aug 1: prayers against the plague. (Plague continued into 1564).  
Aug 24: Spanish Ambassador died; memo of his servants.  
Sept 8: Lady Catherine Grey's 'stuff' in the Tower of London.  
Sept 23: precautions against the plague.  
October, end; Dec 10: Roger Ascham at Windsor, where Queen spent winter.  
December, end: portraits of the Queen prohibited; verses.  
1563 end: cautions for the Queen's apparel and diet.

**1564:** Jan 15-27: Duke of Wurttemberg's envoy for marriage with Archduke Charles.  
March 30: Queen of Scots' response after Lord Robert Dudley offered in marriage.  
*April 11: in France: Treaty of Troyes: Peace Treaty.*  
April 23: Proclamation of Peace, and Garter ceremonies, Windsor.  
April, end: James Melville in England with the Queen.  
June 1-15: French special Ambassador, De Gonor.  
June 18: new Spanish Ambassador, De Silva; June 22: first audience.  
June 28: Queen's secret visit to view St Peter's Watch.  
June 30: Christopher Hatton in the Queen's favour.  
June, end: payments to the Queen's Apothecary.  
July 5: Queen's visit to Sir Richard Sackville; play and masque.  
July 14: Dr John Dee at Greenwich with the Queen.  
July 26: Queen's visit to Marquis of Winchester; described.  
July 26-Sept 13: summer progress in Middx, Herts, Cambs, Hunts, Northants, Leics; Bucks, Beds.  
Aug 4: preparations at Cambridge.  
Aug 5-10: Queen's visit to Cambridge; fully described.  
Aug 10: Queen at Hinchingsbrooke, Hunts; an offensive masque.  
Sept 20: Queen's visit to Lady Marquis of Northampton; described.  
Sept 26-Oct 4: James Melville and his audiences, St James's Palace.  
Sept 29: Peerage creation: Lord Robert Dudley: Earl of Leicester.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations (and every year thenceforth).

**1565:** Jan 7: Tournament at Whitehall, described.  
Jan 25: Queen wants uniformity in church; Feb 14: Bishop's report.  
Feb 14,15: King Charles IX now a suitor; April 15: envoy's audience.  
March 6: Tournament, play, masque; described.  
March 7-12: controversial court sermon, by Dean Nowell, and sequel.  
March 20,24,26: Queen's views about her marriage and her suitors.  
May 5-Aug 14: Emperor's Ambassador, Baron Zwetkovich, for marriage to Archduke Charles; numerous audiences described.  
May 8: Queen declined King Charles IX's offer of marriage.  
June 20: Countess of Lennox sent to the Tower.  
July 16: Henry Knollys married; Queen at celebrations.  
July 16: secret marriage of Lady Mary Grey, Queen's cousin.  
July 23: Thomas Heneage in the Queen's favour.  
*July 29: in Scotland: Mary Queen of Scots married Lord Darnley.*  
Aug 8-10: two Ambassadors at Windsor with the Queen; hunting.  
Aug 19-23: Lady Mary Grey's secret marriage known to Queen, and sequel.  
Sept 11-1566 April: Lady Cecilia of Sweden in London and at court.  
Sept 30: Cecilia's son christened at court; Queen godmother.



Oct 14: Queen's visit to Cecilia; a Challenge for a tournament.  
Oct 20: John Hawkins at court after slave-trading voyage.  
Nov 11-13: Earl of Warwick's marriage at court, and tournament.  
Dec 23: court news, after a game involving Leicester and Heneage.  
Dec 25: Queen at Christmas Day service, with Cecilia.  
December, end: Helena Snakenborg's court news (Swedish Maid of Honour).  
1565 end: James Bell's account of Cecilia's journey.

**1566:** Jan 7: French special ambassador, Rambouillet, to act as deputy at Charles IX's Installation as Knight of the Garter (Jan 16).  
Jan 24: Order of St Michael conferred on Leicester and Duke of Norfolk.  
Feb 12: Proclamation, regulating fencing-schools, and swords.  
April 2: Queen's visit to London to meet Earl of Leicester.  
April 21: Sir Richard Sackville died.  
April 26: Cecilia of Sweden took leave, heavily in debt.  
April 29: Helena Snakenborg, Maid of Honour, remained in England: her court news; Cecilia's complaints of her own treatment.  
April, end: report on work needed at Hampton Court.  
June 16,23: dispute at court between Earls of Leicester and Sussex.  
*June 19: in Scotland: Prince James born.*  
June 23-26: James Melville brought news of birth of James.  
July 1: Queen at Thomas Mildmay's marriage; masque, tournament.  
July 8-Sept 9: summer progress in Middx, Herts, Beds, Hunts, Northants, Lincs, Rutland, Leics, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Bucks.  
*July 13: in France, English Ambassador, Sir Thomas Hoby, died.*  
Aug 6: court news from Stamford, Lincolnshire.  
Aug 17-19: Queen at Coventry, Warwicks.  
Aug 19-21: Queen at Kenilworth Castle.  
Aug 23-31: Queen at Woodstock Palace, Oxfordshire.  
Aug 29: preparations at Oxford.  
Aug 31-Sept 6: Queen's visit to Oxford; fully described.  
Sept 30: Parliament resumed; Oct 2: Speaker presented to Queen.  
Oct 22, Nov 5: Parliamentary deputations at court about the succession.  
*Dec 18: in Scotland: christening of Prince James; Queen godmother.*

**1567:** Jan 2: Close of Parliament: Queen's speech.  
Jan 16-Feb 1: short progress in Surrey and Middlesex.  
*Feb 10: in Scotland: King of Scots murdered.*  
Feb 14-25: reaction in England to the King's murder.  
*May 15: in Scotland: Mary Queen of Scots married Earl of Bothwell.*  
June 2-26: ambassadors from Emperor and Duchess of Parma, for aid.  
*June 15: in Scotland: Mary surrendered; later imprisoned on Lochleven.*  
June 26-1568 March: Earl of Sussex special ambassador to the Emperor, for the Queen's marriage to Archduke Charles. July 5: with Duchess.  
*July 24: in Scotland: Mary abdicated; son, age 1, became King James VI.*  
Aug 9: news of Lady Mary Grey, now with the Duchess of Suffolk.  
Aug 17: first envoys from Russia.  
August, end: Lottery 'published'; mottoes quoted.  
Sept 27, Oct 27: Jewel's *Defence of Church of England*, dedicated to Queen.  
1567 end: gifts from and to John Harington.

**1568:** March 5: William Turner's *Herbal*, dedicated to Queen.  
May 16: Queen of Scots crossed to England. There followed months of debate in England and Scotland as to action to be taken.  
May 29,30: Knollys and Lord Scope's reports after meeting Mary.  
June 17,22: Lord Herries' audiences with Queen.  
June 22: Thomas Randolph left as special ambassador to Russia.

July 6-12: Queen at Charterhouse, Middx, with several ambassadors.  
July 12-Sept 22: summer progress in Essex, Middx, Herts, Beds, Bucks, Northants, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire.  
Aug 14-19: Queen's unexpected stay at Kenilworth Castle.  
Sept 8: Cardinal de Châtillon arrived in England as a Huguenot refugee; he was much at court until his death in March 1571.  
Sept 23,29: preparations at Sheen and in London for the Cardinal.  
Oct 4-20: Commission, York, about Queen of Scots' involvement in King's murder.  
Oct 5: 'Bishops' Bible' to be presented to the Queen.  
Oct 29: Lord Mayor of London's Pageant.  
Nov 18: Duke of Norfolk at Hampton Court; charges against him.  
Nov 25: Commission resumed, at Westminster; eight Sessions.  
Nov 29: Spanish treasure-ships at English ports.  
Dec 7: 'Casket Letters' were produced.  
*Dec 21: English ships to be seized; Dec 29: seized at Antwerp.*  
Dec 30: Roger Ascham, Queen's former tutor, died.

**1569:** Jan 8: Spanish Ambassador, De Spes, confined to his house (to July 5).  
Jan 9,11: Lottery prizes to be drawn.  
Jan 14: Lady Knollys, the Queen's cousin, died at court.  
Jan 20-March 11: D'Assonleville, special ambassador.  
Jan 26: instructions for Earl of Shrewsbury, Keeper of Queen of Scots.  
Feb 23: court conspiracy against Sir William Cecil.  
May 25: Van der Noot: *Theatre*, dedicated to Queen; Spenser's first poems.  
Aug 9-Sept 23: summer progress in Surrey and Hampshire.  
Aug 9-12: Queen at Guildford; Aug 12-23: Queen at Farnham Castle  
Aug 27: Russian Ambassador, Saviena, arrived in London  
Aug 31-Sept 7: Queen at Titchfield, Hants; Sept 7-13: at Southampton.  
Sept 27,30, Oct 2: Duke of Norfolk summoned by the Queen.  
Oct 11: Norfolk in the Tower (till Aug 1570), for dealings with Queen of Scots.  
Oct 15-Dec 26: Marquis Vitelli in England from Low Countries.  
Oct 22,26, Nov 6: Marquis Vitelli's audiences, Windsor.  
Nov 9: Northern Rising began, led by Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Marquis Vitelli's audience.  
Nov 27: Earl of Northumberland degraded from Order of Garter; described.  
Nov 28,30: Queen of Scots has been brought to Coventry.  
Dec 2: Sir William Cecil described 'the state of things here'.  
Dec 15,18: Marquis Vitelli's last audiences.  
Dec 24: Northern Rising has been defeated.  
1569 end: Queen's poem, 'The doubt of future foes'. Five ballads.

**1570:** Jan 8: controversial court sermon, by Thomas Drant.  
Feb 5: Peerage creation: William West: Lord De La Warr; described.  
*Feb 25: in Rome: Papal Bull excommunicating Queen Elizabeth.*  
Feb 25: controversial court sermon, by Edward Dering.  
March 17: William, 1st Earl of Pembroke, died at court.  
April 3: news of a foreign astrologer, in a London prison.  
*April 17-22: English army in Scotland, in revenge.* April 23: described.  
May 25: Papal Bull set up in London; June 1: sequel.  
July 5: christening of French child, Holborn; Queen godmother, by proxy.  
July 18-Sept 29: summer progress in Middx, Bucks, Herts, Beds, Oxon, Berks.  
July 19-Aug 14: Queen at Chenies, Bucks.  
Aug 31: aftermath of treason trials at Norwich.  
Sept 2: news of conspiracy in Lancashire to free Queen of Scots.  
Oct 20: Henri Duke of Anjou secretly suggested as a suitor to the Queen.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations; now widespread.  
1570 end: Foxe's 'Book of Martyrs': 2nd ed, new dedication to Queen.

**1571:** Jan 23: Queen visited and named the Royal Exchange, London.  
Feb 2,6,18: Duke of Anjou suitor to the Queen. Negotiations continued.  
Feb 25: Peerage creation: Sir William Cecil: Lord Burghley; described.  
March 21: Cardinal de Châtillon died at Canterbury; March 30: report.  
March 24: Queen's detailed answers concerning marriage to Duke of Anjou.  
March 25: Roberto Ridolphi at court; April, start: Ridolphi Plot.  
April 2: Opening of Parliament; April 4: Speaker presented to Queen.  
April 29: Marquis of Northampton married at court.  
May 1,2,6: Tournaments; May 8,14: also described.  
May 13,14: Bishop of Ross questioned, put into custody.  
May 29: Close of Parliament; Queen's speech.  
June 18: proposed Trial by single combat.  
June 27: Queen founded Jesus College, Oxford.  
Aug 9-Sept 26: summer progress in Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex.  
Aug 10-21: Queen at Hatfield, Herts.  
Aug 27-Sept 3: Queen at Saffron Walden and Audley End, Essex.  
Sept 5: plot involving Duke of Norfolk and Queen of Scots discovered.  
Sept 7: Duke of Norfolk sent to the Tower.  
Oct 28: Marquis of Northampton died, leaving a young widow.  
Nov 8,9: Thanksgiving for victory at Battle of Lepanto.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Dec 14,15: Spanish Ambassador, De Spes, expelled for plotting.  
Dec 16: Earl of Oxford, Lord Dudley, Lord Herbert, married at court.  
Christmas 1571-Shrovetide 1572: Revels prepared masques, hired out costumes.

**1572:** Jan 4,13,28-30: Berney and Mather's plots to kill Burghley and Queen.  
Jan 16: Duke of Norfolk's Trial; sentenced to death.  
Jan 17,22,23: François Duke of Alençon suggested as suitor to the Queen.  
March 24-26: preparations for a Muster before the Queen.  
March 25,26: Queen's illness; April 2: her own account.  
*April 9: in France: Treaty of Blois.*  
May 1: Muster before the Queen, Greenwich; livery company payments.  
May 4: Peerage creations: Earl of Essex, Earl of Lincoln; described.  
May 8: Peerages: Lords Cheney, Compton, Norris; Opening of Parliament.  
May 10: Speaker presented to Queen.  
May 28: Parliamentary deputation at court, urging execution of Queen of Scots.  
June 2: Duke of Norfolk executed, at the Tower.  
June 7: banqueting-house for Duke of Montmorency's visit.  
June 8-28: French Duke led special ambassadors to witness Queen's Treaty Oath.  
June 15: Queen's Oath, and tournament; described.  
June 17-19: Installation of French Duke and other Garter Knights, Windsor.  
June 22: masque for the Queen and the French.  
June 30: Queen at Close of Parliament.  
July 13: Lord Burghley became Lord Treasurer, and other appointments.  
July 15-Sept 27: summer progress in Middx, Essex, Herts, Beds, Bucks, Northants, Warwickshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire.  
July 22-26: Queen with Lord Burghley, Theobalds, Herts.  
Aug 11-13 and Aug 16-18: Queen at Warwick, with fireworks, Aug 17.  
Aug 13-16 and Aug 18-23: Queen at Kenilworth.  
*Aug 24: in France: Massacre of St Bartholomew.*  
Aug 29: Queen had news of Massacre; refugees began to arrive.  
Sept 3-17: Queen at Woodstock Palace, Oxfordshire.  
Sept 8: French Ambassador's first audience after the Massacre.  
Sept 20-27: Queen at Reading; Sept 22: Ambassador's audience.  
September, end: double marriage of Viscount Montagu's children, with masque.  
Oct 4,13: Queen's alleged smallpox; Oct 22: her own description.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.

**1573:** Jan 7,15: Earl of Worcester going to royal christening in France.  
Feb 23-March 9: short progress in Hertfordshire, Middlesex, London.  
March 19: Queen at Maundy, Greenwich Palace; described.  
May 11: Gilbert Talbot's court news.  
June 7,17, Aug 10: Christopher Hatton's affectionate letters to the Queen.  
July 15-Sept 25: summer progress in Surrey, Kent and Sussex.  
July 21-24: Queen at Orpington, Kent, with entertainment.  
*Aug 1,2: Duke of Alençon plans to visit the Queen; Aug 11: he is sick.*  
Aug 11-14: Queen at Rye; Aug 17: Archbishop's preparations at Canterbury.  
Aug 25-31: Queen at Dover; Aug 31-Sept 3: at Sandwich, with entertainment.  
Sept 3-16: at Canterbury, many preparations, and visit of Count de Retz, replacing Duke of Alençon; Sept 7: celebration dinner given by Archbishop.  
Sept 16-18: Queen at Faversham; Sept 19-23: at Rochester.  
Oct 13: Captain John Hawkins wounded by mistake for Hatton, and sequel.  
Nov 8: William Drury married at court, Greenwich.  
Nov 12/Dec 24: Earl of Leicester's alleged secret marriage to Lady Sheffield.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Nov 24,26: Queen's sudden moves after Mother of the Maids died at court.  
Nov 30: Lord Grey and his men assaulted John Fortescue, on his way to court.

**1574:** Feb 1: Lady Sidney's lodgings at Hampton Court.  
Feb 22-24: Revels Shrovetide expenses at Hampton Court.  
May 19: lodgings prepared for courtiers at Croydon Palace (no visit).  
*May 30: in France: King Charles IX died; succeeded by brother Henri III.*  
June 15: Proclamation enforcing Statutes of Apparel.  
July 15-Sept 25: summer progress in Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucs, Bristol, Somerset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Surrey.  
July 15-22: Queen at Reading, with French and Spanish ambassadors.  
Aug 6-10: Queen at Gloucester; Aug 11-13: at Berkeley; hunting.  
Aug 14-21: Queen at Bristol, with much entertainment.  
Aug 21-23: Queen at Bath; Sept 2: Queen at Longleat.  
Sept 3-6: Queen at Wilton; Sept 6-9: Queen at Salisbury.  
October, end: Earl of Lennox's sudden marriage, and sequel.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Dec 28: 'bad reports' of the French court.

**1575:** Jan 4: Sir William Pickering died; bequests.  
*Jan 24: in Venice: Edward 3rd Lord Windsor died; bequests.*  
March 10: Queen's meeting with Dr John Dee.  
May 8: Installation of Lord Howard of Effingham as Garter Knight.  
May 17: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury, died; bequests.  
May 23-Oct 10: summer progress in Middx, Herts, Beds, Bucks, Northants, Warwicks, Staffs, Worcs, Gloucs, Oxfordshire, Berkshire.  
May 24-June 6: Queen with Lord Burghley at Theobalds, Herts.  
June 6-14: Queen at Hatfield, Herts.  
June 18-July 7: Queen at Grafton, Northants.  
July 9-27: Queen with Earl of Leicester at Kenilworth; a famous entertainment.  
July 28-Aug 3: Queen at Lichfield, Staffs.  
Aug 8: Queen at Stafford Castle.  
Aug 13-20: Queen at Worcester; with civic reception, hunting.  
Aug 29-Oct 4: Queen at Woodstock Palace.  
Sept 4/10: at Woodstock 'Tale of Hemetes' and 'posies'.  
Sept 20: at Woodstock: comedy.  
Oct 27: Elizabeth Russell's christening described; Queen godmother.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations, and verses.  
Nov 20: Venetian noblemen at court, Windsor.  
Nov 20: dispute involving Bishop of Ely, Lord North, and the Queen.

**1576:** Jan 27: Champagney, Governor of Antwerp, special envoy, arrived.  
Feb 5: Champagney's first audience, described.  
Feb 8: Parliament resumed; Peter Wentworth's oration on freedom of speech.  
Feb 18-29: Champagney at court, and court news.  
Feb 29-March 1: Champagney at Eltham, and tournament at Greenwich.  
March 4: Portuguese Ambassador's betrothed robbed by pirates; and sequel.  
March 15: Close of Parliament; Queen's speech.  
April 21-25: Garter ceremonies, and Proclamation.  
May 9-19: short progress in Middlesex and Surrey.  
June 8,9: Martin Frobisher at Greenwich.  
June 15: Frobisher's first North-West Voyage began.  
July 30-Sept 3: progress in Middx, Essex, Herts, Bucks.  
Sept 10-Oct 9: second summer progress, in Surrey, Hants, Berks.  
*Sept 22: in Ireland: Walter Devereux, 1st Earl of Essex, died.*  
Oct 19: news of secret marriage of Helena, Lady Marquis of Northampton.  
Nov 4-7: Portuguese Ambassador and the Recorder of London (imprisoned).  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Dec 20: Queen received Archbishop Grindal's 'book' addressed to her.

**1577:** Feb 15: news of court marriages.  
Feb 21: Philip Sidney's embassy to Emperor; June 10: praised.  
April 21: Earl of Pembroke married Mary Sidney at court.  
May 14-23: short progress in Middlesex and Hertfordshire.  
May 18: Martin Frobisher at court; May 26: second North-West Voyage began.  
May 18-23: Queen at Gorhambury, St Albans.  
*June 1: in Morocco: English Agent Hogan's audience.*  
June 9-19: Emperor's Ambassador, Baron Preyner, to return Garter insignia.  
June 22-July 6: Don John of Austria's envoy, Viscount of Ghent.  
July 4-6: Oxford 'Black Assize'; July 23,30: sequel.  
*July 20: Martin Frobisher arrived in North America.*  
Sept 17-Dec 21: Marquis of Havrech, envoy from Low Countries; much at court.  
Sept 24: Martin Frobisher at Windsor on his return.  
Nov 15: a gold ring for the Queen from the Serjeants at Law.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations; tournament for Marquis of Havrech.  
Dec 13: Francis Drake's Voyage round the world began.  
1577 end: George Gascoigne's list of court ladies.

**1578:** Jan 16,19: court news, from Hampton Court.  
March 9: Countess of Lennox, the Queen's cousin, died.  
March 12: new Spanish Ambassador, Mendoza; March 16: first audience.  
May 6-16: short progress in Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex.  
May 14/15: Wanstead 'Lady of May' entertainment, by Philip Sidney.  
May 21: Martin Frobisher at court; May 31: third North-West Voyage began.  
*June 20: Martin Frobisher in North America.*  
July 9-Sept 23: summer progress in Essex, Herts, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs.  
July 15: Cambridge University preparations to meet the Queen in Essex.  
July 27: Cambridge delegation at Audley End; Nashe's descriptions.  
Aug 2-5: Queen at Long Melford, Suffolk.  
Aug 9-11: Queen at Euston, Suffolk; Aug 30: Topcliffe's description.  
Aug 15: Norwich preparations; expenses.  
Aug 16-22: Queen at Norwich, much entertainment.  
Aug 26-27: controversies at Thetford before and after the Queen's visit.  
Sept 1-3: Queen at Kirtling, Cambs; Lord North's expenses.  
Sept 21: Earl of Leicester's secret marriage, at Wanstead, Essex.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations, anthem, song.  
Dec 1-5: Queen's toothache, and the Bishop of London's solution.  
1578 end: John Florio: *First Fruits*: with dialogues about the Queen.

**1579:** Jan 5-Nov 30: Duke of Alençon's envoy, Simier, about marriage.  
Jan 11: Simier's first audience; masques of Amazons and Knights.  
Jan 18-Feb 20: Duke John Casimir in England; much at court.  
Feb 1-2: Tournament, Whitehall.  
Feb 19: Sir Henry Sidney's payments for Duke Casimir.  
Feb 20: Sir Nicholas Bacon, the Lord Keeper, died.  
March 1-3: Shrovetide plays and masques.  
May 10: Sir Thomas Leighton's marriage at court.  
*June, start: in North America: Francis Drake at 'Nova Albion'.*  
By June 14: Queen learnt of Earl of Leicester's secret marriage in 1578.  
July 17: Queen's bargeman shot and wounded near her on her barge; sequel.  
Aug 6-7: Stubb's *Discoverie of a Gaping Gulf*, against Alençon marriage.  
Aug 17-28: Duke of Alençon's 'private' visit to the Queen.  
Aug 27: tennis court quarrel, Earl of Oxford and Philip Sidney.  
Sept 9-28: short progress in Middlesex and Essex.  
Sept 15-21: Queen at New Hall, in Essex: entertainment, tournament.  
Oct 6,7,8,16: conferences at court mainly about the Queen's marriage.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Dec 5: Edmund Spenser's *Shepherd's Calendar*.

**1580:** *Jan 31: in Portugal: King Henrique died; several claimants.*  
*Don Antonio reigned as King Antonio, June-August.*  
Feb 15-16: Queen at Robert Sackville's marriage, Charterhouse.  
March 10: Queen visited French Ambassador's house, London.  
April 6: Earthquake; and sequel; April 30: prayers.  
June, start: Lord Sheffield's secret marriage.  
June 18-July 1: Prince of Condé's secret visit to the Queen.  
July, end: Edmund Campion's 'Challenge'.  
Sept 7,19: Christopher Hatton's affectionate letters to the Queen.  
*Sept 12-13: in Ireland: Spanish ships landed men.*  
Sept 17, Oct 3,10: Dr John Dee with the Queen.  
Sept 26: Francis Drake returned in *Golden Hind* from Voyage round world.  
Oct 16 onwards: news of Francis Drake.  
*Nov 9: in Ireland: Spaniards surrendered.*  
Nov 14: Portuguese Ambassador on the Isle of Wight.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Dec 20: Earl of Sussex's memo as to defraying ambassadors' expenses.  
1580 end: Jerome Horsey at court with messages from Ivan the Terrible.  
John Lyly: *Euphues and his England*.

**1581:** Jan 3,9: three courtiers in custody.  
Jan 16: Parliament resumed; Jan 20: Speaker presented to Queen.  
Jan 22: Tournament, Whitehall.  
Feb 16: Duke of Alençon's envoy, Marchaumont, arrived with Jean Bodin.  
March 18: Close of Parliament.  
March 21-23: court scandal: Anne Vavasour's child by Earl of Oxford.  
March 26: work on new banqueting-house began.  
April 4: Queen visited Deptford; knighted Drake on *Golden Hind*.  
April 20-June 14: French Commissioners in England for Alençon marriage: dinners, entertainment, hunting.  
May 15-16: Tournament, in honour of French Commissioners.  
June 22-Sept 30: Don Antonio, deposed King of Portugal, in England.  
July 12: Earls of Leicester and Sussex quarrelled at court; sequel.  
Oct 20: Spanish Ambassador's next to last audience described.  
Oct 29: Lady Penelope Devereux to marry Lord Rich; sequel.  
Oct 31-1582 February: Duke of Alençon in England, as suitor to Queen.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.

Nov 20: Trial of Edmund Campion and other Jesuit priests.  
Nov 22: Queen's promise to marry Alençon; Nov 23: repudiated.  
Dec 24: Queen's Commission to the Master of the Revels.

**1582:** Jan 1,6: Tournaments, including French noblemen.  
Jan 7,21,24,27: court news from Spanish Ambassador.  
Feb 1-17: short progress in Kent, to escort Alençon at his departure.  
Feb 5-13: Queen stayed at Canterbury.  
April 3: Irishmen's dispute in London and at court.  
May 15: Touching for the King's Evil.  
June 7,8: Queen's riding mishap, at Blackheath.  
June 29: news of Lord Beauchamp's secret marriage.  
*Aug 22: in Scotland: Raid of Ruthven.*  
Sept 16: Russian Ambassador arrived, for a wife for Ivan the Terrible.  
*Oct 4: in Rome: Gregorian Calendar introduced by Pope Gregory.*  
Oct 14: Walter Raleigh in great favour: descriptions of his rise.  
Oct 25, Dec 29: Sir Christopher Hatton exchanged 'tokens' with the Queen.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Nov 20: Turkey Company's proposed gifts for the Sultan.  
1582 end: Queen's poem: 'I grieve and dare not show my discontent'.  
Bentley: *Monument of Matrons*, dedicated to the Queen.

**1583:** Jan 13,14,16: deaths at Paris Garden, bear-baiting arena; sequel.  
Feb 20,21: news of John Leonard Haller's deceitful behaviour.  
March 10: new company of actors to be chosen: the Queen's Men.  
March 18,19: Alasco of Poland to come to England.  
*April 24: in Constantinople: gifts presented to Sultan of Turkey.*  
April 25: Alasco arrived in England.  
April, end: Giordano Bruno arrived in England.  
May 1: Alasco's first audience; descriptions of him; and May 6.  
May 3: court news of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Walter Raleigh.  
May 18: Russian Ambassador met Lady Mary Hastings, sought as Tsar's wife.  
May 27-31: Queen's visit to Lord Burghley, at Theobalds, Herts.  
June 9: Earl of Sussex died; bequests; his furnishings.  
June 11: Sir Humphrey Gilbert began his Voyage to Newfoundland.  
July 4,22: Sir Thomas Heneage's tokens to and from the Queen.  
July 6: Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of Canterbury, died; bequests.  
July 19: sudden marriage of Lady Dorothy Devereux described.  
*Aug 5: Gilbert claimed Newfoundland for the Queen; Sept 9: he drowned.*  
Aug 18: first news of the Throckmorton Plot.  
Aug 28-Sept 6: short progress in Surrey and Berkshire.  
Sept 21,27: Alasco left to return to Poland, with Dr John Dee.  
Oct 25: Arden-Somerville Plot.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 27,28,29: Lord Mayor and Livery Companies to meet Queen.  
Nov 30: Archbishop of St Andrews arrived in London.

**1584:** Jan 9: Spanish Ambassador, Mendoza, expelled (not replaced).  
January, end: Dr William Parry at court.  
March 23: Archbishop of St Andrews left; his misbehaviour.  
April 27: first Voyage to Virginia by Raleigh's ships began.  
*June 1 (o.s.): in France: Duke of Alençon died.*  
June 16, July 2: Queen's grief for Alençon's death.  
*June 30 (o.s.): in Holland: William of Orange assassinated.*  
July 9: young James FitzGerald to be put in the Tower (released 1600).  
August, early: Dr Parry and Neville's conspiracy to kill the Queen.  
Aug 29: Queen hunted in Windsor Forest with French Ambassador; described.

Sept 10: envoys came for help for William of Orange's daughters.  
Sept 12-24: Earl of Shrewsbury at court, Oatlands, and sequel.  
Sept 17-29: correspondence about Robert Sidney's marriage in Wales.  
Sept 28: 'Leicester's Commonwealth' reached London and court.  
Oct 18: Lupold von Wedel, German traveller, at Hampton Court.  
Oct 19,20,27: Bond of Association.  
Nov 12: Queen returned to St James's Palace: described, and a 'ditty'.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament described.  
Nov 23: Opening of Parliament; two descriptions.  
Nov 26: Speaker presented to Queen; described by a Herald.  
Dec 6: Tournament, married men v bachelors; described.  
Dec 27: Queen at Greenwich Palace; described by Von Wedel.  
1584 end: Draft Patent for George Gower, painter.

**1585:** Feb 24: Dr William Parry's plot described; Feb 25: Trial.  
Feb 27: Clergy deputation with the Queen, at Somerset House.  
March 1,2: Queen's message to the Commons, on matters of religion.  
March 12: Dutch Agents' audience, Greenwich.  
March 29: Close of Parliament; Queen's speech.  
April 9: second Voyage to Virginia began.  
April 20: Queen's orders for musters and 'shows'.  
April 23, July 12: Lottery for Armour.  
May 18: Muster before the Queen, Greenwich; and expenses.  
June 14-19: Queen stayed with Lord Burghley, at Theobalds, Herts,  
June 23: St John's Eve and St Peter's Eve Watches, in London.  
June 24-August: Dutch Deputies in England, to offer Sovereignty.  
June 29: Deputies' first audience, Greenwich.  
July 2: William Fuller's 'book' for the Queen, criticising her.  
July 12,29, Aug 14: Burghley's exchange of letters with William Herle.  
July 26: Dutch Deputies' audience, Nonsuch Palace.  
July 28: Francis 2nd Earl of Bedford died; bequests.  
Aug 10: Treaty of Nonsuch: to aid the Dutch; Aug 12: Queen's speech.  
Sept 7: Don Antonio returned to England (remaining till December 1593).  
Oct 1: Declaration of Causes for the Queen to aid the Dutch.  
Oct 29: Lord Mayor of London's Pageant.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 20: Thomas Tallis, musician, died at Greenwich; bequests.  
November, end-1586 February: Paul Melissus, poet, in England.  
Dec 5: Earl of Hertford married Frances Howard, at court.  
Dec 9: Earl of Leicester sailed, to command English forces in Low Countries.  
Dec 23: Prince of Condé has visited Plymouth, Devon.

**1586:** Jan 1: *in Holland: Earl of Leicester was offered Governor-Generalship.*  
Jan 25: *Leicester was appointed Governor.*  
Jan 26: Queen forbids Leicester to accept absolute government.  
January, end: Report by Jerome Horsey, at court from Russia.  
Feb 10: Sir Thomas Heneage to go to Leicester: Queen's instructions, letter.  
Feb 13,14,15: William Davison, sent by Leicester, had audiences.  
March 14: Sir Thomas Sherley, sent by Leicester, had audiences.  
March 21: Charles Blount, later Lord Mountjoy, a new favourite.  
March 23: Jerome Horsey, Agent to Russia, and his gifts for the Tsar.  
April, start: John Savage, a conspirator.  
April 27: Queen's angry letters to Sir Thomas Heneage.  
May 8-30: Chancellor of Denmark in London and at court.  
June 5: meeting of Anthony Babington and other conspirators.  
July 6: Treaty of Berwick, with Scotland.



July 6: Babington's letter to Queen of Scots; July 17: her reply.  
Aug 4: first arrest in the Babington Plot.  
Aug 15-16: celebrations for capture of 'the traitors'.  
Aug 26, Sept 15: Queen of Scots to be moved to Fotheringhay, Northants.  
Sept 7: Queen's birthday celebrations.  
Sept 21-22: executions of Babington Plot conspirators.  
*Sept 22: Sir Philip Sidney wounded at Battle of Zutphen.*  
Oct 14-15: Trial of Queen of Scots, Fotheringhay.  
*Oct 17: in Holland: Sir Philip Sidney died.*  
Oct 29: Opening of Parliament (in the Queen's absence).  
Nov 10-1587 Jan: Scottish special ambassador, to intercede for Queen of Scots.  
Nov 12: Parliamentary deputation at court, urging Mary's execution.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 19-1587 Jan: French special ambassador, to intercede for Queen of Scots.  
Nov 24: another Parliamentary deputation at court; 'answer answerless'.  
Dec 6: public Proclamation of the sentence on the Queen of Scots.  
Dec 30: more Scottish special ambassadors arrived.

**1587:** Jan 1: another conspiracy discovered.  
Jan 6,10,15,30: Scottish Ambassadors' audiences.  
Jan 28: Dutch Deputies' first audience.  
February, start: 'alarms' in country and court.  
Feb 1: Queen signed death-warrant of Queen of Scots.  
Feb 8: Queen of Scots executed at Fotheringhay.  
Feb 9: news of execution brought to court; celebrations in London.  
Feb 16: Sir Philip Sidney's funeral, at St Paul's.  
April 2: Sir Francis Drake's fleet left for Spain.  
*April 19: Drake's fleet arrived at Cadiz, Spain.*  
April 29: Sir Christopher Hatton became Lord Chancellor; sequel.  
April 29: French Ambassador's audience at Croydon.  
April 30, May 8: French poet, Saluste du Bartas, at court.  
*May 2: in Ireland: complaints about Lord Deputy Perrot's behaviour.*  
May 6: Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex, the Queen's new favourite.  
May 8: Voyage to Virginia by Raleigh's ships began.  
July 8-Aug 15: Queen stayed three times with Lord Burghley at Theobalds.  
July 10: descriptions of Theobalds.  
Aug 1: Funeral of Queen of Scots, at Peterborough.  
Oct 5: Jerome Horsey at court on return from Russia.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 18: Tournament.  
1586 end: Sir Walter Raleigh and the Queen exchanged verses.  
Regiomontanus: prophecy about 1588.  
William Harrison's description of the court.

**1588:** Jan 19-26: short progress in Surrey and Middlesex.  
January, end: Jerome Horsey presented Tsar's gifts to the Queen.  
Feb 15,24: English Peace Commissioners to leave.  
February/March: Sir Richard Bulkeley, Leicester, and the Queen.  
May 12: Lord Mayor of London at court; May 14: described.  
*May 20 (o.s.): Spanish Armada sailed from Lisbon.*  
May 23: English flagships.  
June 12: Cardinal William Allen's *Admonition to England*.  
July 2,5,10: Deputies of Dutch Churches at court.  
*July 12 (o.s.): Spanish Armada sailed from Corunna.*  
July 19: Armada sighted; July 21: first shots exchanged.  
July 27: Earl of Leicester invites the Queen to visit Tilbury Camp.  
*July 29: Battle of Gravelines, at sea.*

Aug 5: preparations for the Queen to visit Tilbury Camp.  
Aug 8-9: Queen's visit to Tilbury Camp, and her speeches.  
Aug 12,19,20: Shows of horsemen before the Queen.  
Aug 26: Earl of Essex's Show, St James's Park.  
Aug 29: Earl of Leicester's last letter to the Queen.  
Sept 4: Leicester died; bequests; Sept 7: Queen's grief.  
Sept 9: Thomas Cavendish returned from Voyage round the world.  
October, end: first Marprelate Tract.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 19: General Day of Thanksgiving, for defeat of Armada.  
Nov 24: Queen at Armada Thanksgiving Service, St Paul's; fully described.  
November, end: second Marprelate Tract.  
December, end: Queen went to Council meeting; seen by a child.  
1588 end: Two 'Songs' by the Queen.  
List of Armada portraits, coins, jewel, medal, tapestries.

**1589:** Jan 12: Moroccan Ambassador arrived in London.  
Jan 28: Precept to meet the Queen (first of many such Precepts).  
Feb 4: Opening of Parliament.  
March 7: Commons deputation at court; list of Purveyors.  
March 9: Countess of Sussex died; bequests.  
March 29: Close of Parliament.  
April 3-8: news of Essex's secret departure for Portugal Voyage.  
April 18: Earl of Arundel's Trial.  
April 18: Portugal Voyage began.  
*July 24 (o.s.): in France: King Henri III died; succeeded by Henri of Navarre.*  
*Aug 20: in Denmark: James VI of Scotland's proxy marriage to Anne of Denmark.*  
Sept 1: Richard Hakluyt's *Principal Navigations, Voyages*.  
Sept 8-Oct 23: many preparations for King James's marriage gifts.  
*Sept 24: King James sailed for Norway to fetch his bride.*  
October, end: the poet Edmund Spenser's meetings with the Queen.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 22: Dr John Dee returned to England after six years.

**1590:** *Jan 8 (o.s): in France: Sir William Drury died after a duel.*  
Jan 23: Spenser's *Faerie Queene*, dedicated to Queen. Now 'Gloriana'.  
Feb 12: Blanche Parry died at court; bequests.  
Feb 21: Earl of Warwick died; bequests.  
March 13: Countess of Lincoln's will; bequests.  
April 6: Sir Francis Walsingham died.  
June 2: Queen dined and hunted in Waltham Forest, Essex.  
June 24-Aug 3: Richard Ferris rowed from London to Bristol.  
July 31-Aug 5: short progress in Surrey and Berkshire.  
Aug 28: Expenses of the Royal Household.  
Oct 16: Earl of Essex's marriage to Lady Sidney became known.  
Oct 29: Lord Mayor of London's Pageant.  
Nov 5-Dec 1: Viscount Turenne in London and at court.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament, when Sir Henry Lee resigned in favour of the Earl of Cumberland; fully described.  
November, end: Earl of Essex's duel with Sir Charles Blount.

**1591:** Feb 26: John Harington's *Orlando Furioso*, dedicated to Queen.  
May 5-22: short progress in Middlesex and Hertfordshire.  
May 10-20: Queen with Burghley at Theobalds; entertainment; expenses.  
July 1: Queen visited Heneage House, London; entertainment.  
July 10: preparations for progress to Portsmouth, Hants.  
July 16: 'Prophets' in London.

July 30-Sept 27: summer progress in Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex.  
Aug 14-20: Queen at Cowdray, Sussex, with entertainment.  
Aug 26-28: Queen at Portsmouth; Aug 30: impromptu dinner at Portchester.  
Sept 2: at the Azores: *Sir Richard Grenville died after a heroic fight.*  
Sept 4-7: Queen at Southampton.  
Sept 20-23: Queen at Elvetham, Hants, with much entertainment.  
Sept 23: news of secret marriage of Frances Vavasour, Maid of Honour.  
Oct 4,16,24,27: news of love affairs of other Maids of Honour.  
Oct 29: Lord Mayor of London's Pageant.  
Nov 11-15: Queen at Ely House, Holborn, with Sir Christopher Hatton.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament.  
Nov 19: Sir Walter Raleigh has secretly married Bess Throckmorton.  
Nov 20: Sir Christopher Hatton died.  
Nov 25-1592 July: 'Bess of Hardwick' at Chelsea and at court.  
Dec 27: Edmund Spenser's *Colin Clout*, with a list of court ladies.  
1591 end: John Norden's *Progress of Piety*, dedicated to the Queen.

**1592:** Feb 4,6,19: Anthony Bacon in England after 12 years.  
Feb 28: Lady Raleigh left court; March 29: her son was born.  
April 7-21: short progress in Middlesex, Surrey, Kent.  
April 27: Sir John Perrot's Trial for high treason.  
June 19,20: Cavalcade to Windsor and Installation of Garter Knights.  
June 26: Perrot was sentenced; Queen refused to sign death-warrant.  
July 26: Sir Walter Raleigh's violent dispute with Sir George Carew.  
Aug 3: near Azores: *Portuguese treasure-ship captured; Oct 30: described.*  
Aug 7: Sir Walter and Lady Raleigh went to the Tower (to Sept 15 and Dec 22).  
Aug 10-Oct 9: summer progress in Surrey, Middx, Bucks, Berks, Wilts, Gloucs, Oxfordshire.  
Aug 12-14: Queen at Bisham, Berks, with entertainment.  
Aug 15-19: Queen at Reading, with visit by Count Mompelgart.  
Aug 19,20: Count Mompelgart's travels in England.  
Aug 26-29: Queen at Ramsbury, Wilts, with a Dialogue.  
Sept 9-14: Queen at Sudeley Castle, Gloucs; entertainment.  
Sept 18-22: Queen at Woodstock Palace; verses.  
Sept 20-21: Ditchley, Oxfordshire; entertainment.  
Sept 22: preparations at Oxford.  
Sept 22-28: Queen's visit to Oxford, fully described.  
Sept 28-Oct 1: Queen at Rycote, Oxfordshire; speeches and gifts.  
Oct 19: an elephant for the Queen, from France.  
Nov 14: Dutch Agent's audience, Hampton Court.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations.  
Dec 18: Eliot: *Fruits for the French*, with dialogues about the Queen.  
1592 end: Robert Beale's Instructions for a Principal Secretary.

**1593:** January, mid: Don Pedro de Valdes, prisoner since 1588, at court.  
Feb 19: Opening of Parliament; Feb 22: Speaker presented to Queen.  
Feb 23: John Norden's description of St James's and Westminster.  
Feb 28: Queen's message for the Commons.  
March 4: controversial court sermon by Bishop of Durham.  
April 6: news of William Cecil's secret marriage, and sequel.  
April 10: Close of Parliament; Queen's speech.  
April 15: Queen at Easter Day Communion, described.  
April 16: Antonio Perez arrived; April, end: audiences.  
May 18: Christopher Marlowe summoned to court; May 20: at court.  
May 30: at Deptford: Marlowe was stabbed to death; June 1: inquest.  
June 13,14: Anthony Standen at London and court after 28 years.  
July 15 (o.s.): in France: *King Henri IV converted to Catholicism.*

Sept 6: Grany O'Maly, Irish woman sea-captain, at court, Windsor.  
 Oct 7: *in Constantinople: presentation of gifts to Sultan of Turkey.*  
 Oct 10-November: Queen's translations from Latin.  
 Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19: 'Course at field'.  
 Dec 26: Sir Robert Carey's audience at Hampton Court.  
 1593 end: Thomas Churchyard: *Churchyard's Challenge.*

**1594:** Jan 15,21,24: Lopez Conspiracy revealed.  
 Feb 4-25: confessions of various plotters.  
 Feb 6: courtiers robbed at Hampton Court; sequel.  
 Feb 17: Directions for apprehending suspicious persons.  
 Feb 21: Proclamation for arrest of vagabonds, deportation of Irishmen.  
 Feb 28: Dr Lopez's Trial, and report of his 'treasons'.  
 March, start: *Order of Prayer and Thanksgiving.*  
 March 7: Clifford and Sherley have received French Order of St Michael.  
 March 7: Sir John Burgh's duel with John Gilbert: letters of challenge.  
 May 16: secret marriage of Maid of Honour, Maria Tucket.  
 May 29-June 28: short progress in Surrey, Middx, Herts, Essex.  
 June 13-25: Queen stayed with Lord Burghley at Theobalds, Herts.  
 July 5: scheming prior to marriage of Lady Bridget Manners.  
 July 31: gifts from Sultana of Turkey received at Greenwich.  
 Aug 14: Sir John Puckering's memo in case of a visit by the Queen.  
 Aug 20: Lady Bridget Manners has married at Belvoir; sequel.  
 Aug 30: *in Scotland: christening of Prince Henry; Queen godmother.*  
 October, end: Robert Dudley at court, Richmond.  
 Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19,20: Tournaments.  
 Dec 12: at Gray's Inn: Revels began with election of 'Prince of Purpoole'.  
 December, end: Robert Dudley's Voyage to the West Indies began.

**1595:** Jan 26: Earl of Derby's marriage, Greenwich Palace.  
 Feb 1: Gray's Inn 'Prince' on River Thames at Greenwich.  
 Feb 23-July: Bishop of London suspended after second marriage.  
 Feb 27-March 2: Cambridge visit by Earl of Essex and other lords.  
 March 1,2,4: Tournaments; March 3: Gray's Inn masque at court.  
 March 27: Duke of Wurttemberg's envoy, Baron Breuning, arrived to request the Order of the Garter for the Duke.  
 April 6: Baron Breuning's first audience.  
 April 17: Maundy ceremonies described.  
 April 23: Garter ceremonies, described by Baron Breuning.  
 April 26: Baron Breuning at court to take leave.  
 May 14: Lady Dacre died; bequests to Queen and courtiers.  
 June 3: Lord Keeper Puckering's oration on Queen's behalf.  
 June 6-July: disorders in London.  
 July 13: Spanish raid on Devon; July 23: Spanish landing in Cornwall.  
 Aug 31, Sept 5,16: court news from Lady Wolley.  
 Sept 1: news of the Queen's gift for a Scottish chieftain.  
 Sept 25: Robert Persons' *Conference about the next Succession.*  
 Sept 29: The Golden Pen contest between writing-masters.  
 Oct 17: Sir Thomas Heneage died; bequests; fees.  
 Nov 1: Richard Robinson presented his book to the Queen.  
 Nov 12: *Sir John Hawkins died at sea.*  
 Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Tournament described.  
 Nov 22: Earl of Essex's Accession Day entertainment described.  
 Dec 11: Queen dined with Sir John Puckering, Kew; gifts.  
 Dec 14: Henry, 3rd Earl of Huntingdon, died at York. Ballad.  
 Dec 19-23: Queen in London to console widowed Countess.  
 Dec 27: Lady Edmondes, the Queen, and Roger Booth.

**1596:** Jan 2,13: Lady Edmondes, the Queen, and Roger Booth (concluded).  
 Jan 28: *Sir Francis Drake died at sea.*  
 Jan 28,29: court news from John Stanhope.  
 Feb 1,7: Thomas Arundell an Imperial Count; March 6: Queen's response.  
 March 15: Sir Walter Raleigh's *Discovery of Guiana.*  
 March 23: *in France: English Ambassador, Sir Henry Unton, died.*  
 March 28: controversial court sermon by Bishop of St David's.  
 March 29 (o.s.): *in France: Siege of Calais began, by Spanish forces.*  
 April 11: *in France: Sir Robert Sidney's one-day visit to the King.*  
 April 14: Queen aboard *The Due Repulse*, Essex's flagship.  
 April 16-May 18: Duke of Bouillon in England, to conclude a league.  
 April 17: news of the loss of Calais by the French.  
 May 6: Sir Thomas Egerton became Lord Keeper; ceremony described.  
 May 14: Treaty of Greenwich; May 16: secret Articles of Treaty.  
 May 22: Necessaries for an Agent in France.  
 May 31: Queen's prayer at departure of the fleet for Cadiz, Spain.  
 June 12: Sir John Smith's seditious words, at Colchester.  
 June 15: Richard Fletcher, Bishop of London, died.  
 June 21: *in Spain: English fleet captured Cadiz; many knightings.*  
 July 1: Lord Keeper Egerton's oration on Queen's behalf.  
 July 5: Sir Robert Cecil became Queen's Secretary; July 10: comment.  
 July 11,18: orders about removing 'blackamoors' from England.  
 July 19: Sir Francis Knollys died; bequest to Queen.  
 July 23: Henry 1st Lord Hunsdon, the Queen's cousin, died.  
 July 27-Oct 7: Earl of Lincoln's special embassy to Hesse.  
 Aug 8: celebrations at news of the Sack of Cadiz.  
 Aug 15: Venetian traveller at court, Greenwich.  
 Aug 16-Sept 7: Duke of Bouillon again in London and at court.  
 Aug 29: Queen's Oath for Treaty of Greenwich; ceremony described.  
 Sept 9: Governor of Dieppe's complaints of mis-treatment.  
 Sept 16-Oct 30: Earl of Shrewsbury's special embassy to France.  
 Oct 30: John Harington's *Metamorphosis of Ajax.*  
 Nov 8: double marriage of Earl of Worcester's daughters, Strand.  
 Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19,20: Tournaments.  
 Nov 28: *in Scotland: christening of Princess Elizabeth; Queen godmother.*  
 1596 end: Duke of Bouillon's description of the Queen.  
 Henry Lok's list of court ladies.

**1597:** Feb 6: Earl of Southampton challenged Earl of Northumberland.  
 Feb 12: Lady Cecil's funeral, Westminster Abbey; described.  
 Feb 26: Henry Noel died; tributes to him.  
 March 12: Sir William Hatton died; bequest to Queen.  
 April 22-24: Garter ceremonies.  
 May 8: Irish rebel's head sent to the English court, and sequel.  
 May 23-24: Cavalcade to Windsor and Installation of Garter Knights.  
 June 1: Raleigh resumed attendance as Captain of the Guard after 5 years.  
 July 23: Polish Ambassador arrived in London.  
 July 25: Polish Ambassador's audience; the Queen's Latin speech in reply.  
 Aug 17: Islands Voyage began, led by Earl of Essex and Walter Raleigh.  
 Aug 17-Sept 20: short progress in Middlesex, Essex, Herts, Surrey.  
 Aug 28-Sept 30: Danish Ambassadors in England.  
 Sept 5-12: Queen stayed at Theobalds, Herts; Sept 7,9: Danes with her.  
 Sept 10: Queen at Enfield, described by Sir Robert Carey.  
 Oct 14: *in Ireland: Lord Deputy Burgh died, and sequel.*  
 Oct 23: Peerage creation: Lord Howard: Earl of Nottingham; described.  
 Oct 24: Opening of Parliament; some of the crowd suffocated.  
 Oct 26: Spanish fleet reported to be approaching.

Oct 27: Speaker of Commons presented to the Queen.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19: Tournaments.  
Nov 22: French special Ambassador, De Maisse, arrived in London.  
Nov 28: De Maisse's first audience; all audiences described in full.  
November, end: Sir Francis Vere at court, Whitehall.  
Dec 5: Peerage: Lord Thomas Howard: Lord Howard de Walden; described.  
Dec 5,14,21: De Maisse's second, third, fourth, audiences.  
Dec 22: Duel between Sir William Brooke and Thomas Lucas, and sequel.  
Dec 25: Dispute at court between Sir Charles Blount and a Dutchman.  
Dec 27,31: De Maisse's audiences.  
Dec 28: Earl of Essex created Earl Marshal; described.  
1597 end: John Donne: *Satire 4*.

**1598:** Jan 4: Queen's 'passionate' letter to King James.  
Jan 19,21: Dispute at court involving Earl of Southampton.  
Feb 9: Queen at Close of Parliament.  
Feb 14, July 6: Lord Keeper Egerton's orations on the Queen's behalf.  
Feb 16-18: Preparations against a Spanish invasion.  
March 15, May 11: Duke of Holstein in England and Scotland.  
April 23: Garter ceremonies described.  
May 17,19: Dutch Deputies' audiences, Greenwich.  
July 1: 'Dissension' between the Queen and the Earl of Essex.  
Aug 4: Lord Burghley died; the Queen's grief; Aug 29: his funeral.  
Aug 21: German traveller, Paul Hentzner, arrived in London.  
Aug 27: Paul Hentzner at court, Greenwich.  
Aug 30: Earl of Southampton has secretly married; sequel.  
*Sept 3 (o.s.): in Spain: King Philip II died; succeeded by son Philip III.*  
Sept 12-13: Queen visited Dr Caesar, Mitcham: entertainment; provisions.  
Oct 18,19,23: Stanley and Squire's plots.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19: Tournaments.  
Nov 20: Cart-Takers' Warrant.

**1599:** Jan 13: Edmund Spenser died, in Westminster.  
Jan 31: an organ for the Sultan of Turkey; its presentation.  
Feb 19,20: Shrovetide marriage; verses.  
March 12: Earl of Essex became Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.  
March 27: Essex left London for Ireland.  
June 1-4: satirical books burnt.  
June 5-6: Cavalcade to Windsor and Installation of Garter Knights.  
June 28: Lord Keeper Egerton's oration on Queen's behalf.  
July 27-30: Queen stayed at Wimbledon, Surrey.  
Aug 1-23: Preparations against a new Spanish Armada.  
Sept 8: Thomas Platter and other Swiss travellers arrived in London.  
Sept 16,17: Swiss travellers at court, Nonsuch; their travels.  
Sept 28: Earl of Essex's sudden return from Ireland to Nonsuch, and sequel, which dominated court news for the rest of the year.  
Oct 7: Swiss travellers at court, Richmond.  
November, start, and Nov 27: Francis Bacon and the Queen.  
Nov 6: Sir John Harington and the Queen.  
Nov 9,12: Precepts to Livery Companies to meet the Queen.  
Nov 13: Queen at Chelsea; verses.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 19,21: Tournaments.  
Nov 23: Ben Jonson's poem for a deceased Maid of Honour.  
Nov 29,30: Declaration of Essex's mis-government in Ireland.  
November, end: John Harington and the Queen.  
Dec 27: Dekker's *Old Fortunatus* played at court.  
1599 end: Dr Gaebelkhover's *Book of Physick*, dedicated to Queen.

**1600:** Jan 23,24: Lord Grey had challenged Earl of Southampton.  
 Feb 8: Lord Mountjoy left to be Lord Deputy of Ireland.  
 Feb 11: William Kemp began his morris-dance, London to Norwich.  
 Feb 15-22: Archduke's Ambassador, Vereken, at Dover and London.  
 Feb 22: Henry Lord Cobham's on-off marriage to Lady Kildare.  
 Feb 23: Archduke's Ambassador's first audience, Richmond.  
 April 17-20 Governor of Dieppe, expected in Kent, arrived in Sussex.  
 April 26-27: Cavalcade and Garter Installation of King Henri IV by proxy.  
 May 4: Lord Chamberlain Hunsdon's journey to and from Bath.  
 May 9: Sultana of Turkey's gifts to the Queen.  
 May 12-15: bear-baiting and feats on the rope at court, Greenwich.  
 June 5: Earl of Essex's 'hearing', and decision.  
 June 9,11,14: preparations for marriage of Anne Russell, Maid of Honour.  
 June 16: Queen at Lord Herbert's marriage to Anne Russell: descriptions.  
 June 20: Baron Waldstein arrived in London.  
 June 29: Baron Waldstein met the Queen at Greenwich; June 30: his travels.  
 July 4: Wardrobe Inventories.  
 July 15-Sept 17: Earl of Lincoln in the Fleet Prison.  
 Aug 3: Queen intervened to stop Grey and Southampton's duel, abroad.  
 Aug 5: *in Scotland: Gowrie Conspiracy.*  
 Aug 8: Barbary Ambassador arrived in England, from Morocco.  
 Aug 20: Barbary Ambassador's first audience, Nonsuch.  
 Sept 15: Russian Ambassador, Mikulin, arrived in England.  
 Oct 1: Peerage: James FitzGerald: Earl of Desmond, who had left for Ireland.  
 Oct 14: Russian Ambassador's first audience, Richmond.  
 Oct 20: Barbary Ambassador at court. Stow described the 'Barbarians'.  
 Nov 13: Queen returned to Whitehall; numerous payments.  
 Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,19: Tournaments.  
 Nov 29: petition about removing 'blackamoors', and draft Proclamation.  
 Dec 3: Roger Lord North died; bequests.  
 c.Dec 10: Queen visited Sir Robert Sidney, in London.  
 Dec 14,26: Duke of Bavaria at court, Whitehall.  
 Dec 19: Sir John Harington's collection of epigrams.  
 1600 end: *England's Helicon.*

**1601:** Jan 3-13: Orsino, Duke of Bracciano, in London.  
 Jan 5: preparations at court for next day, Twelfth Night.  
 Jan 6: Orsino and Russian Ambassador at court; fully described.  
 Jan 11,12,13: Orsino at court again, and his departure.  
 Jan 19: Henry, 2nd Earl of Pembroke, died; succeeded by son William.  
 Jan 26: court scandal: Mary Fitton with child by new Earl of Pembroke.  
 Feb 3: secret conference of Earl of Essex's associates, to plot.  
 Feb 7: *Richard II* played at *Globe* Theatre for Essex's followers.  
 Feb 8: Essex's attempted uprising in London.  
 Feb 9: Essex, Earl of Southampton, and many others, in prison.  
 Feb 12: Captain Thomas Lee arrested in Whitehall Palace.  
 Feb 16: Captain Lee's Trial; Feb 17: execution.  
 Feb 19: Trial of Earls of Essex and Southampton.  
 Feb 25: Earl of Essex executed, at the Tower.  
 April 30: Queen's thwarted visit to Earl of Lincoln at Chelsea.  
 June 25: Peregrine, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, died; bequests.  
 Aug 4: William Lambarde at Greenwich Palace with the Queen.  
 Aug 12: preparations for Queen's visit to Stoke Poges (Aug 13).  
 Aug 24-Sept 28: summer progress in Berkshire, Oxon, Hants, Surrey.  
 Aug 26: news of the Earl of Pembroke, banished to his Wiltshire estates.  
 Sept 1,2: Duke of Biron in Kent, from France.  
 Sept 5-18: Queen stayed at Basing, Hants.

Sept 10-15: Duke of Biron in Hampshire with the Queen.  
Oct 2,3: news that Spaniards had landed at Kinsale, Ireland.  
Oct 26-Dec 4: Duke of Lennox in London and at court.  
Oct 27: Opening of Parliament; Oct 30: Speaker presented to Queen.  
Nov 11: Earl of Desmond died, at Greenwich. Nov 16: sequel.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 19: Tournament.  
Nov 20-28: in Parliament: debates on Monopolies.  
Nov 30: Commons deputation at Whitehall; Queen's 'Golden Speech'.  
Dec 19: Close of Parliament; Queen's speech; Preamble to Subsidy Act.  
*Dec 24: in Ireland: Victory at Kinsale.*  
Dec 29: Queen visited Blackfriars, with a play.

**1602:** Jan 19,20,26: news of victory in Ireland; anecdote; poem.  
Feb 14-16: Revels at court, Whitehall.  
April 2-17: Duke of Nevers in London and at court, Richmond.  
April 24,25: Earl of Northumberland challenged Sir Francis Vere; sequel.  
May 1: Queen went 'Maying' in Kent; Show and song.  
*June 3: near Lisbon: Spanish treasure-ship captured, and sequel.*  
July 20,25: Lord Eure, a reluctant envoy.  
July 28-Aug 11: summer progress in Surrey, Middlesex, Bucks.  
July 28-29: Queen at Chiswick: Angler's speeches.  
July 31-Aug 3: Queen at Harefield: dialogues; gifts; lottery; provisions.  
Aug 8: Sir William Browne's audience at Hitcham.  
Aug 20: Queen's affectionate letters to 'good George, Lord Hunsdon'.  
Sept 12: Duke of Stettin-Pomerania arrived in London.  
Sept 18: Sir Robert Cecil's verses for the Queen.  
Sept 23,25: Fulke Greville at court, Oatlands.  
Sept 26: Duke of Stettin at court; his travels, and a ballad.  
Nov 2: 'A song to the Queen'.  
Nov 6: hoax play 'England's Joy' advertised at the *Swan Theatre*.  
Nov 17: Accession Day celebrations. Nov 17,20: Tournaments.  
Dec 6: Queen at Sir Robert Cecil's: entertainment; descriptions.  
Dec 27: Sir John Harington at court with the Queen.  
winter: Queen's discussions with Clerk Controller of the Household.  
1602 end: Thomas Campion: *Observations in English Poesie*.  
William Clowes' *Treatise on the King's Evil*.  
John Davies' verses in praise of the Virgin Queen.

**1603:** Jan 26,29: Venetian Agent at Dover and in London.  
Feb 6: Venetian Agent's audience, Richmond.  
Feb 25: Countess of Nottingham died.  
March 9,10: Queen's melancholy and infirmities.  
March 12: Sir Robert Carey arrived at court, described the Queen.  
March 23: Dr Parry's sermon, Richmond; court news.  
March 23-24: Carey's account of the Queen's last hours and death.  
March 24: King James proclaimed King of England.  
*March 26: in Scotland: Robert Carey brought the news to King James.*  
April 28: Queen's funeral, Westminster Abbey.  
A selection of tributes to the Queen including by:  
Clapham; Venetian Agent; Averell; Dekker; Camden; Speed; a Maid of Honour;  
Shakespeare and Fletcher; Buc; Donne; Chamberlain; Coke.  
London church memorials.