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A Survey of the Reign.

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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.