

Timeline

1543	Sir Francis Willoughby was born, his mother was Lady Anne Grey and his father Sir Henry Willoughby.
1558	Elizabeth became Queen.
1575	Sir Francis entertained Queen Elizabeth and her court for two days at the old Wollaton Hall
1580	Building of a new Wollaton Hall began
1588	Wollaton Hall building was completed
1596	Sir Francis Willoughby died
1603	Queen Elizabeth died.
1925	Wollaton Hall and Park was sold to the Nottingham Corporation (later Nottingham City Council) and it opened to the public the following year.

General Knowledge

Court	Queen Elizabeth had a court of many people. They entertained and flattered her with displays of dancing and music, wrote poems for her and were companions. Favourite courtiers were given land and titles by the queen. She liked to travel around the country with her court and stayed in the homes of the landed gentry.
Courtiers	People who were close to the queen.
Sir Walter Raleigh	Sir Walter was a courtier of Queen Elizabeth. He was one of the most famous explorers in Elizabethan times and is remembered for bringing the potato and tobacco to England. It is said that he once put his cloak over a puddle for the Queen to step on! He was later accused of treason and was imprisoned in the Tower of London three times. He was later executed there in 1618.

Famous

Queen Elizabeth I	Queen of England from 1588 to 1603.
Sir Francis Willoughby	A Nottingham man who lived from 1543-1596. He was very wealthy as his family owned land and coal mines in the area. He chose to build Wollaton Hall.
Sir Robert Smythson	English architect who designed a number of stately homes including Wollaton Hall

Vocabulary

Ancestors	Family members from long ago
Architect	A person who designs and draws detailed plans of buildings
Elizabethan	From the time when Queen Elizabeth I ruled England
Landed gentry	Wealthy families who own vast areas of land.
Natural history	The detailed study of plants and animals.
Naturalist	A person who studies natural history.
Open pasture	A large grassy area where animals such as deer live and graze.
Stately home	A large impressive house or mansion often lived in by the landed gentry.
Treason	Plotting to kill or remove a King or Queen.
Woodland	An area where many trees grow.