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The story of the Devil's visit to Widecombe-in-the-Moor.

There's the other story, of course, of the 21st of October 1638 when they had the terrible thunder storm at Widecombe-in-the-Moor and that of course was recorded by one Richard Hill who wrote up the story of the happenings of the time, so its very well documented and recorded that the thunderstorm of that day, when there was a lot of people in the church at Widecombe and when lightning struck one of the pinnacles of the church and brought it crashing down through killing, I think, four people instantly and a lot of others recounted that died, at that time but around that built up a legend and the story of the Devil, the Devil coming to Widecombe.