

Describing the episode to us in the clear light of day, they admitted that they had been extremely alarmed. The light had been so large and so bright that they felt somebody else in the village must surely also see it, and might perhaps come down the lane to investigate. Obviously they themselves could not afford to remain there and run the risk of having people see them together. But they cursed their bad luck in not having been able to stay longer and observe the thing.

Since their first telephone call to me, I have met both these people, and I find them very, very credible. (Clearly, for folk in *their* situation, it could not possibly be of any advantage whatsoever to invent such a story. Despite everything, however, they felt that what they had seen was so extraordinary that they simply had to talk to someone about it, and trust that the necessary discretion would be observed as to their identities.)

### The Second Couple, and a Ferris wheel

On the same day I also received a telephone call from a gentleman who lives in that same area, near Honey Pot Lane. Around 1.30 a.m. during that night (July 15), he had been locking up. The back of his house faces towards the site of the cornfield circle, some 1/2 mile distant. As he glanced over in that direction, he was stopped in his tracks by the sight of a huge light in the sky, very white, and stationary. He called his wife, and they both watched this light performing exactly the same movements as the first pair of witnesses had described. However, this second pair of observers watched it for a far longer period of time.

At one point, the light seemed to drop almost to the ground. Then they saw it rise up into the sky again and seemingly to disappear.

At about 2.00 a.m. they finally went upstairs intending to go to bed, but now they saw it again in the sky, and *at the front* of their house. This time, the light of the thing was dimmer, and they could perceive quite clearly *a structure beneath the white light*. They said: "It looked like a gigantic Ferris Wheel in the sky: a wheel-like structure, with all kinds of cross-members in the middle: it had the appearance of steel, and several lights underneath."

At this point as they watched, the lady remembered

that they had *binoculars* in the wardrobe, so she went and got them, and they viewed the object again with them.

As they were breathlessly relating it all to me, the husband was still very excited. He said: "I could see right inside that thing! There is no doubt that it was nuts and bolts!"

They went on watching for some time yet, taking it in turns to use the binoculars. Then the husband suddenly bethought himself that he also possessed a *camera*, and that it was already loaded, so he rushed downstairs to get it, as the whole craft now seemed to be dimming.

He managed to take two photographs, and felt sure that they would provide even more detail. I have seen these pictures, and they show a "steely-looking rim", top and bottom, but the rest of the object seems to have *dematerialized* (?) (There was no Crescent Moon that night.)

### The "Haunted Field"

Finally, while I was investigating this case at Husbands Bosworth, I also received a telephone call from the elderly lady who owns the land in question. And what she told me was astounding.

She said that, in her childhood, nearly seventy years ago, the local children were always forbidden to go anywhere near that field after nightfall, *as there were stories of "fairy sightings" there, and of weird noises heard coming from that field. "The Little People" — she told us — "were often seen there, but had not been observed for many years now"*.

Understandably, I was most interested to learn that "noises" were associated with the Husbands Bosworth field, in view of our previous experience of noises at the Oadby circles!

To date, however, the Husbands Bosworth circle has yielded no "knockings" or "noises" on our tapes.

We have held several "Watches" at Husbands Bosworth, but nothing further appears to have been witnessed or experienced or reported there.

(As regards the earlier case at Oadby, there really is a very strange sequel to that. But it will have to be the subject of another article.)

## V. "A FERRIS WHEEL IN THE SKY"

By Rita Goold and Steve Goold

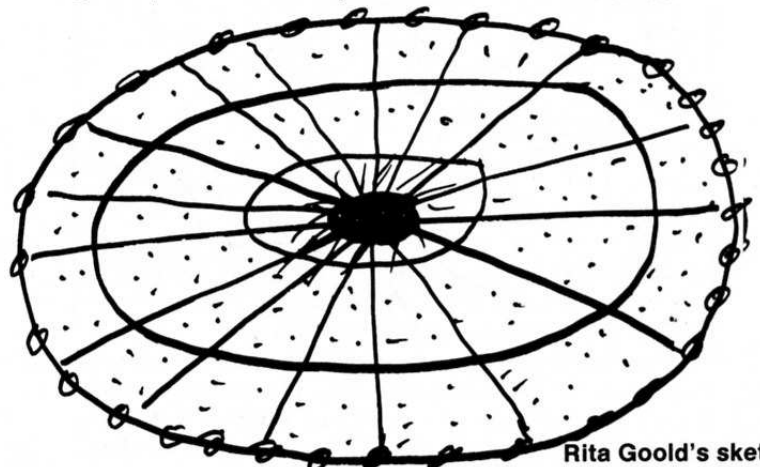
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ON the night of September 21, 1986, we were driving southwards on the *M1* motorway, and approaching *Junction 22*, which would mean that we were nearing Markfield, in the western part of Leicestershire. (Our position would have been at about Lat. 52° 40 N., Long. 1° 16 W.)

The time was 7.45 p.m., and traffic on the motorway was naturally extremely busy.

Steve, who was driving, noticed some lights, which dipped away to the right of us (i.e. westwards), and he asked me to "look out for them", as his attention was concentrated on the road.

Then suddenly, without further warning, from right



Rita Goold's sketch.

to left, across the motorway in front of us, came an immense "wheel". It was so large that it spanned both carriageways.

Ahead of us the brake lights of every car came on, and traffic slowed almost to a halt. There was no doubt whatsoever that everybody had seen that "wheel" in the sky!

It looked exactly like a "Ferris Wheel" at a fair — except that it was *not rolling "on its rim", as a Ferris Wheel would do. Instead, it was travelling in a horizontal plane, like a plate above us, and spinning as it went.* (See my sketch.)

The whole "Wheel" had coloured lights. I know of no craft that would have acted in such a fashion, or have been of that shape. Its trajectory was downwards, and it duly went down out of sight behind the left-hand bank of the Motorway. (Being on the Motorway ourselves we naturally could not stop to investigate.)

On the right-hand (western) side of the road, from which direction it had come, there is a large quarry, the centre of which is filled with water. We did not, of course, see it emerge from there; we only saw it in the

sky above us. But it may be of interest or importance to mention the large quarry, in view of the known fact that many UFOs have been sighted around that area.

I have since had an opportunity to look at the field into which the thing might have dropped, or very close to where it might have dropped. *There are wheatfields there*, but I have no idea what crops were planted there at that time (September 21). The harvest that year was a late one, because the weather had not been good.

(I mention the matter of wheatfields in view of the definite possibility — as asserted by some — that the "Ferris Wheel Phenomenon" is associated in some way with our cornfield circles.)

*The object that we both saw definitely looked like a nuts-and-bolts structure*, and, whatever it was, anything or anybody inside it must have known that all the people in the cars on the Motorway must have seen it. It might have caused a massive pile-up of vehicles on the road. (Was that the intention, I wonder? . . .)

## VI. AND . . . AN EARLIER "FERRIS WHEEL" SEEN FLYING OVER THE DOWNS NEAR WINCHESTER DURING THE NIGHT OF JULY 6, 1985

Gordon Creighton

FOR details of this case, I would refer readers to the important article by Mr Colin Andrews which we published in FSR 32/6 (1987) under the title: CIRCLES IN THE CORN: STRONG EVIDENCE OF A "UFO CONNECTION".

From page 10 I quote:—

'I give below an extract from their story as it appeared in the newspaper *Southampton Reporter* for July 19, 1985:—

"Shaken pensioners Jack and Pat Collins spotted a brilliantly-lit object hovering over desolate downland as they drove home at night.

"Jack, of Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, described it as 'a perfect circle'.

"And Pat added: 'It was a huge circular thing, and it was divided out like the spokes of a wheel. Around the outside of it there were very bright lights like huge light-bulbs, and other lights in the sections. It was so bright — like something out of a fair-ground'.

Jack, who was driving the car, put his foot down when he spotted it hovering about thirty feet above the open fields.

The couple were so shocked at seeing the fiery circle that they called the Police.'

Mr Colin Andrews subsequently interviewed Mr and Mrs Collins, and got them to make this sketch for him. It was included in our Report in FSR 32/6.

