

# THE MYSTERY CIRCLES IN THE CORN: PRELIMINARY REPORT (JANUARY — SEPTEMBER, 1986)

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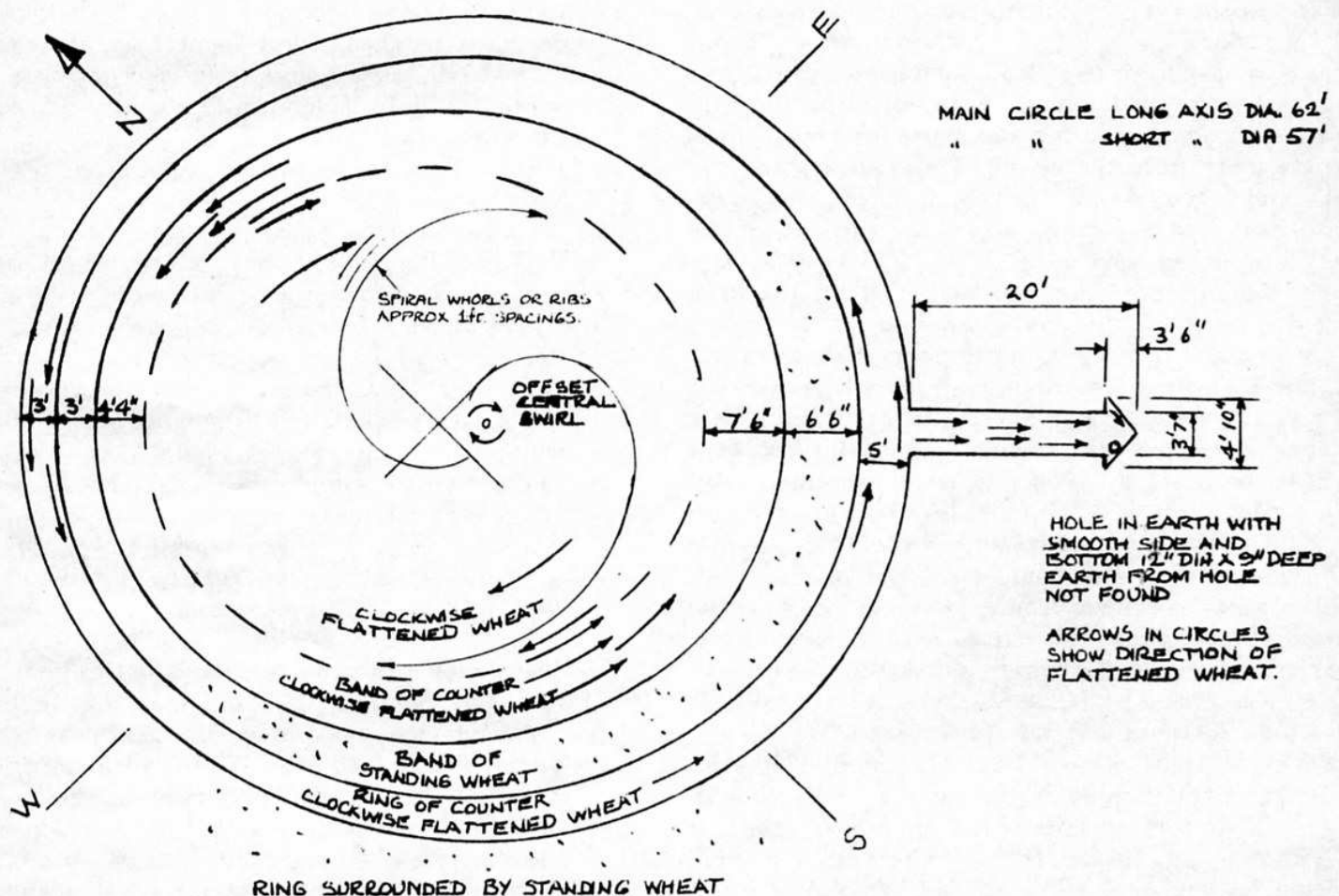
WHILE not to be compared with the current (1987) remarkable year, 1986 was nevertheless a very busy one for swirled rings and circles in the fields and I spent a considerable amount of time in visiting the sites, in measuring the rings, photographing from the air, interviewing the media, and meeting farmers and other eyewitnesses.

Many seriously interested people were now asking

questions as well as contributing towards our investigations.

Some of the farmers with whom we have spoken can recall having seen circles in their fields for many years past and all of these people — without exception — attribute the rings on their land to some natural cause, and so they just accept the circles without wondering how or why! The number of years over

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which farmers recalled having seen the circles was of the order of 32 years, 28 years, 25 years.<sup>2</sup>

One of the most spectacular circle/ring combinations I visited was on Lodge Farm at Childrey, near Wantage (51° 35 N., 1° 25 W.) in Oxfordshire. I attach a drawing of this circle at Childrey.

Mr Matthews, who owns the Childrey farm, and all the members of his family, were extremely helpful to us in describing how they had discovered the circle and what they saw. They also gave me the names of other farmers who have had circles in their fields over the years and even possess photographs of them. It seems that the *Wantage area* is quite a hot spot for circles, and this makes you wonder how many other locations there are like this.

Mrs Matthews said they were walking along one of the "tramlines" (marks left through the fields by the tractors) when they happened to walk right into this circle and ring. They then discovered the pathway to one side, and at the end of the flattened path she found a hole in the ground, of diameter 12"—14", and about 9" deep. It was quite a smooth hole, "rather like looking down into a saucepan", she said. What was curious was that they could not find any earth that had been removed in order to make the hole!

They told me that they had informed the Police, who came and investigated shortly after their discovery of the phenomenon. I have also spoken to the Police investigating officer in question, who was very helpful indeed. I asked him whether he thought that there was anything significant about the circle and ring, and he replied: "While walking round the ring we came upon a path that was flattened and leading directly away from the centre. This path ended in a point, and we could see in fact that the path was an arrow. There was a distinct triangle at the end of the path, forming an arrowhead. If you had been able to look down on the ring and arrow, it would have looked exactly like the symbol for *man*!"<sup>2</sup>

This remark, coming from the policeman, surprised me. For I was instantly reminded of the time when I worked for N.A.S.A., at Woomera in Australia, when, at the conclusion of the successful *Mariner Four* Mission to Mars in 1964, we were presented with gold cufflinks and a tie-clip bearing this very symbol!

When I asked the police-sergeant whether he had noticed anything else that was peculiar, he said: "*There were these raised whorls of wheat spiralling out from the centre, rather like curved ribs.*" This feature is interesting, for it is common to most circles, but is not, in fact, recognized by many observers. I must say that this police-sergeant was very observant...

Professor Archie Roy, of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, Glasgow University, read my article in FSR 31/5, and he considered that there was sufficient substance in the subject to ask to see me. He came here on September 7, 1986, and we had a most interesting two-hour conversation, after which he considered that the evidence put before him in the form of

reports, photographs, and drawings was more than enough to justify him in bringing the subject to the serious attention of his colleagues in the august Royal Society. As he remarked: "*You can't get much higher than that!*". He said that he did not wish to "take over" our investigations, but that they would be able to back us with whatever scientific coverage was required.<sup>3</sup>


Last week, I gave a half-hour talk for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It was recorded by them for their new programme, to be broadcast nationwide, called "*Quirks And Quarks*". This is a scientific programme, lasting one hour, and broadcast every Saturday. In the course of the talk I managed to get in a request for the co-operation of anyone who might be interested enough to collect reports of such rings and circles from anywhere in Canada and send them to me, and I said I would reciprocate with reports from this side. With my already existing Australian contacts, we would thus hopefully build up a world-wide reporting network.

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#### COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

- (1) We now understand from Mr Colin Andrews that, in his exhaustive interrogation of scores of farmers, the oldest report of rings found so far go back much further, namely to the years 1936-1940, and relate to a site or sites at Whiteparish, in Wiltshire. The next year noted by him relates to the alleged UFO landing on Farmer Blanchard's fields at Charlton, also in Wiltshire, in 1962 or 1963. I myself visited the site, and so did Professor Winder. (In fact we first met there.) The large marks there were certainly more or less circular, but it was not in a field of grain but partly on a strip sown with potatoes and partly something else, and not very clear. Nevertheless, I agree that the case might well be included in our list of "cornfield rings."

The next case found by Mr Andrews was at Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire, in 1966, and is dealt with in some detail in his article, *Circles In The Corn: Strong Evidence Of A "UFO Connection"*, which will follow this.

- (2) The police-sergeant's remark is not quite accurate. The symbol , which, as Mr Delgado correctly says, was used on NASA's famous plaque fired out to Mars in 1964, and bore representations of a man and a woman, *does not indicate mankind*. It is a long-established and internationally recognized symbol, used especially in zoos and in books on all forms of wildlife, to indicate *MALE* or *MASCULINE*. The corresponding sign for *FEMALE*, which

naturally also figured on NASA's plaque to indicate our *woman*, was of course ♀. Students of Astrology are especially well acquainted also with these two symbols, as they have been employed in Astrology for centuries past to indicate *MARS* and *VENUS* respectively.

In view of all this, I doubt very much indeed that the entities who left this mark in the corn were such *macho* chauvinistic pigs that they wished to indicate anything specifically *masculine*! (Maybe, if they know about our Astrology,

they were trying to fool us into thinking that they hail from Mars!. At any rate, such would be a better theory!)

- (3) *One of the most dramatic and significant features, in the whole of our investigations of the cornfield rings, has been the fashion in which Professor Archibald Roy subsequently denied he had ever made such statements, and there are witnesses for this. Has the Glasgow astronomer been silenced? We may have more to say about this later. — G.C.*

# 1986 MYSTERY CIRCLES: FINAL SUMMARY

*Pat Delgado, FSR Consultant*

Dear Editor,

Here is the 1986 "Circle" Summary.\*

I found that I was re-living it all again as I wrote about all the circles. Having been so deeply involved in it, I was able to compile the entire report without reference to any of my notes. Naturally I could have written many reams more about all the complexities of the various configurations that we have found. Maybe I'll save it all for a book.

I have just received a letter from Hugh Cochran, author of the book "GATEWAY TO OBLIVION", which contains the information about "swirled circles" in Canada. He wrote to say that he has actually seen swirled circles in tobacco plants and in marsh-grass in that country, and has given me the locations.

He also says that he thinks along the same lines as I do, namely that UFOs could be manipulating *Earth-Forces* to create these circles with such clean precision. This same precision may be responsible for the animal mutilations. This idea is not so preposterous when you remember the clean-cut circular hole in the Wantage circle and ring!

You will probably be hearing from Hugh Cochran. He asked me for information about FSR and about my articles in it, and I have sent him all details. (I hope he'll become my seventh recruit!)

Yours,  
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January 1, 1987.

\*As soon as we can, after the close of this year, we shall also publish Mr Delgado's even more extraordinary Report for 1987! — EDITOR

## The Summary for the year 1986

What a most interesting year 1986 was for those who are interested in the mystery swirled circles in the corn fields.

Since the mid-70s there has been a steady progression of numbers of circle sightings, group configurations and the intricacies of circle construction. 1986 has outshone all other years in all three of those departments. It is tougher now for those of us who are endeavouring to discover a pattern, system and cause of what is going on and what they are all about.

As with most mysteries, the more facts that come to light, the more questions arise, spreading like a network of avenues.

For readers who wish to avail themselves of the details of all the 1986 circles investigated, the following list will probably give much food for thought. (And our *Summary for 1987*, when we come to it, will give even more!).

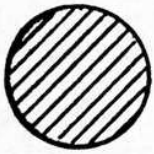
SITE NO.	DATE OF APPEARANCE OR DISCOVERY	MAP NO. O.S. CO-ORDS	LOCATION
1	5th July, 1986	185 529 282	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
2	6th July, 1986	185 529 281	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
3	10th July, 1986	199 027 686	Rathfinney Farm, Alfriston, Sussex.
4	13th July, 1986	184 898 517	Near White Horse, Bratten, Wiltshire.

5	25th July, 1986	174 356 869	Childrey, Wantage, Oxfordshire.
6	1st August, 1986	185 475 325	Upper Farm, Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire.
7	14th August, 1986	185 528 2815	Punch Bowl, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
8	24th August, 1986	185 532 275	New Warren Farm, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire.
9	25th August, 1986	197 698 252	Venthams Farm, Froxfield, Hampshire.

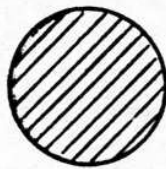
### Site No. Descriptions

1. Two of us, Don Tuersly and myself, commenced a pre-dawn vigil after checking the site until darkness fell the previous evening. A fine rain was falling and we neither saw nor heard anything unusual until, in the first dim light of dawn, about 3.40 a.m., with the aid of good light-gathering binoculars, we made out something had been created in the field. Investigating right away I found a flattened, swirled circle with a flattened, swirled ring around the outside of it. Circle dia. 20.72 m., width of ring of standing wheat, 1.52 m., width of ring, 1.52 m. average. Wheat in the circle was flattened in a clockwise direction except for a peripheral band, 1.22 m. wide, which was flattened in a counter-clockwise direction. The outer ring was flattened in a counter-clockwise direction. The central swirl had a neat tangential pattern but was displaced from the true centre towards the north by approximately 0.8 m (See Fig. 6.)
2. This circle with a ring around it was created at this popular beauty spot between 7 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on a bright, sunny evening; there were no witnesses. Actually, when measured, it turned out to be flattened, swirled oval shape, 14 m. short axis, 16 m long axis, with an oval shaped ring around it. Width of standing wheat averaged at 0.5 m. and width of "ring" 0.6 m. Both "circle" and "ring" were flattened in a clockwise direction. The "circle" had two distinct central swirls about 2 m. apart in an E.W. direction, equally spaced either side of true centre. There was a straight flattened "path" about 3 m. long, 0.3 m. wide and flattened towards the north running between the two central swirls. Close to the eastern central swirl was a short plaited path with braids facing alternately north and south. (See Fig. 10.)
3. Two circles, not well defined, 10.6 m. dia. and 4.8 m. dia. Both had clockwise swirls with some of the crop not flattened to the ground but leaning over. This may have been due to the circles being created in a young, green crop as some of it had partly recovered from being flattened when it was discovered. (See Fig. 2.)

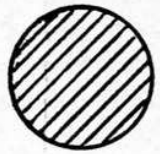
4. This was a 20.4m. dia. circle with an outer ring. The circle was flattened and swirled clockwise. Width of standing wheat surrounding the circle, 1.2 m. and average width of ring, 1.2 m. The circle was swirled clockwise and the ring was swirled counter-clockwise. The wheat in both the circle and the ring was not all completely flattened; much of it had a lumpy appearance similar to circle 3. It appeared to have suffered some disturbance or trampling. (See Fig. 5.)
5. This was a most sensational oval and oval ring. The two axes of the oval were 18 m. and 20 m., the greater axis being in a S.E. — N.W. line. The flattened wheat was swirled similar to circle 1, with contra-rotated swirled wheat in the main oval. The peripheral band of the main oval varied from 0.8 m. at the N.W. side to 2 m. at the S.E. side, just as though a slip or sliding motion had occurred during the creation of the oval and its ring. The ring width varied from 1.5 m. at the N.W. side to 2.4 m. at the S.E. side. In addition, the ring had a flattened "path" jutting outwards in an easterly direction. This "path" was approximately 0.8 m. wide and 3.5 m. long. The end of this "path" terminated in an arrow-head. The police investigating officer, who examined this oval the day after it was first discovered by the farmer, described this ring and "path" as follows. "If you were in an aeroplane looking down on this circle and ring, the ring would look like the symbol for man — a ring with an arrow head at the bottom right hand side". The farmer and his wife also described how they had photographed a hole in the ground inside the head of the arrow. "The hole, about 300 mm. dia. and 250 mm. deep, was clean and smooth, just like looking into a baking tin! We could not see any of the earth that had been removed from the hole. We did not touch the hole for fear of contamination". The police sergeant also confirmed the existence of the hole to me.  
I was able to photograph the disturbed remains of the hole the day after the field was harvested.  
The wheat in the arrow path was flattened away from the ring. (See Fig. 8.)
6. This circle, unaccompanied by a ring was discovered the morning after it was created. It was first seen by Busty Taylor, who noticed it while driving away from Winchester.  
The circle was in a barley field. When I asked the farmer if I could measure it, he asked me which field it was in. When I told him, his remark was, "Oh, it's in that field this year, is it?" I asked him what he meant by that remark, and he replied, "My father used to point these circles out to me when I was a lad. They have appeared in one of my fields almost every year for the last 28 years that I can remember". The diameter of the circle was 17.4 m. and almost a true circle. The swirl was all flattened in a counter-clockwise direction with a tightly wound central



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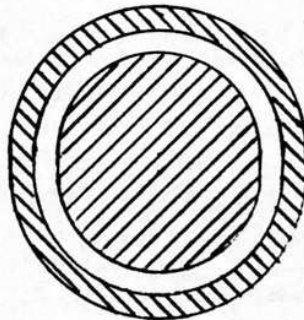
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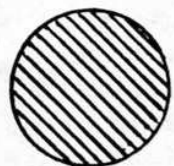
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swirl looking rather like a 100 mm. dia. vase made of wound barley stems. (See Fig. 9.)

7. A circle with an outer ring created close to the side of the Punch Bowl wheat-field containing circles 1 and 2. You could look down into it from the A272 road. The circle was 18.3 m. dia. A standing wheat ring around the circle was 1.5 m. wide. The ring averaged 1.5 m. in width, being slightly narrower at the southern side. The circle swirl was flattened in a clock-wise direction and the ring was swirled flat in a counter-clockwise direction. There was no central swirl, instead the wheat stems were facing radially away from a central point covering a circular patch of about 2 m. dia. The wheat then commenced to swirl in a clockwise direction. (See Fig. 5.)
8. This was a group of five circles similar to the 1985 sets. A large circle with four smaller satellite circles positioned approximately N.S.E.W. The difference this year was the startling fact that the main circle also had a ring around it. This group, accidentally discovered by Busty Taylor while flying over Cheesefoot Head, could not be seen from anywhere while one was standing on the ground. The main circle was 12.8 m. dia. swirled in a clockwise direction. Around this circle was a ring of standing wheat, average width, 1 m. The ring around the circle had an average width of 1.3 m. swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. The four satellite circles had a diameter of 2.8 m. and all were swirled in a clockwise direction. The centre of each small circle was 17.6 m. from the centre of the main circle. (See Fig. 7.)
9. This circle with a ring has a question mark against its being genuine. It was reported to me two weeks after it was created. It seems the person who originally had this circle reported to him by farm personnel, decided it would be a good idea to claim to be its creator for publicity reasons. The main circle was 9.7 m. dia. swirled clockwise. The ring of standing wheat was 0.8 m. wide and the surround ring was 1.2 m. wide swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. This circle could only be seen from the air and it was  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile from the nearest road. The people who claimed to have created this circle and ring gave me a demonstration of how they allegedly did it. They created a 9 m. dia. circle with a ring around it, for the benefit of the media, in another field. The result after 1 hr. 15 mins. was a poor roughly trodden circle without the special characteristics with which we have become familiar. *We were very fortunate to witness this demonstration, for it highlighted the outstanding differences between man-made circles and those made "otherwise".*

It may interest readers to know of a quite spectacular incident that occurred in the Punch Bowl at Cheesefoot Head at the beginning of September,

1986. Flying to this site after photographing the Froxfield circle, Busty Taylor and I were very surprised to see words had been formed in the same field that contained the three circles. The words were joined up and appeared thus: WEARENOTALONE. I took some photographs of the words and a view which included all three circles with the words.

I visited the Punch Bowl on foot after landing. Measuring the letters I found they were all 12.2 m. from top to bottom and from end to end they measured 61 m. The width of the letters varied from 1.3 m. to 0.6 m. The shape of the letter N in ALONE was formed backwards.

I calculated the time it would have taken four people to tread out this message. The calculation was based on the time the demonstration circle took in circle 9, and gave me man-hours per square metre. The four persons would have taken two and a half hours. It was created at night and because of this it would not be easy to form the straight parts of the letters in such a perfect manner as the photographs show. Neither would it be easy to form any of the letters in such a well-defined manner. The farmer, quite rightly, had obliterated the words by midday the same day. If they had been left, I feel it would have been an invitation for irresponsible people to create graffiti and destroy a further amount of the crop. *I am undecided about this creation. At first sight it was an obvious hoax, but prolonged study makes me wonder.*

Here are known circle configurations, to date, for 1986:-

The configurations of these circles seem to be strongly symbolic. The increasing complexities may be in the form of a challenge to us to de-code. They could symbolise all manner of subjects from evolution in cell structures to planets or asteroids revolving around the Earth. The contra-rotated swirls are a mystery in themselves.

Maybe these circles are created by alien beings using a force-field unknown to us. They may be manipulating existing Earth energy, the mysterious energies we know exist.

In September last year I was invited to give a talk about these circles by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. It has twice been transmitted nationwide across Canada in their "Quirks and Quarks" programme. The Corporation received numerous requests for photographs by interested listeners, who, hopefully, will keep a look-out for any circle formations appearing in Canada.

Among the letters I have received as a result of this broadcast was one in which the writer makes the following remarks.

"What struck me was what would seem to be a deliberate provocation on the part of 'the cause of the circles', to entice people to work on the clues given, i.e. at the same time each year." He goes on, "Being in the

marine industry, we observe strange intelligence- directed echoes on the radar, which should be, but are not, visible to the eye".

He is an amateur radio operator; his call sign is VE3CF.

Most of us have probably read about the above phantom echoes, but it has greater impact when verification of this is received from an operator who has observed them at first hand.

Our investigating group is looking forward to 1987, and what may be forthcoming in the way of new circle

configurations, new complexities, and, most importantly, whether we will be offered any clues as to how they are created and for what purpose.

If intelligent beings or an intelligence of some form is responsible for these circles, then the progressive complexity we have experienced in the past should provide some even more exciting investigations in 1987.\*

\*And, as will be seen, it *did*! — EDITOR

## CIRCLES IN THE CORN: STRONG EVIDENCE OF A "UFO CONNECTION"

*Colin C. Andrews, M.A.S.E.E., A.I.L.E., FSR Consultant*

We welcome to the pages of FSR yet one more honoured Consultant. Mr Colin Andrews, an electrical engineer by profession, lives in Andover, Hampshire, and is the Communications and Emergency Planning Officer for the Test Valley Borough Council in that County. He is an extraordinarily keen and active investigator who, since July, 1985, has devoted a vast amount of time and energy to the study of the famous rings and circles in the corn and, with the special skills and technical knowledge which he has, he is extremely well fitted to probe these mysteries with great acumen and efficiency. Like his equally active colleague Pat Delgado of nearby Alresford, in the same county of Hampshire, he, moreover, enjoys the inestimable advantage of living *right on the spot*, in the delightful "circle country" of Southern England — for which many of us might well envy them both! EDITOR

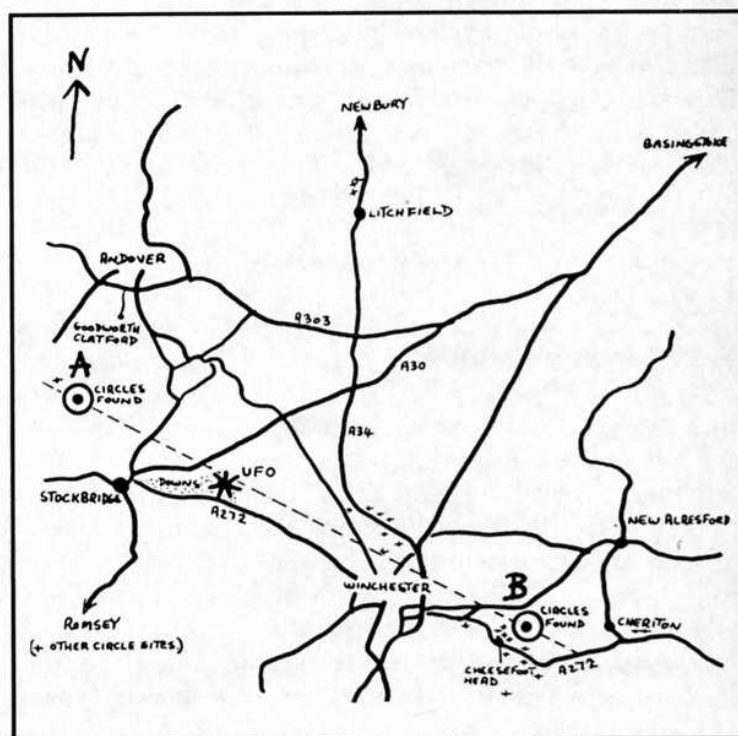
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ON July 14, 1986, at a BUFORA meeting in London, I was astounded to hear the statement made that "No reported UFO sightings have ever been associated with these circles at Goodworth Clatford".

My own interest in these matters had started a year before, on the night of Saturday, July 6, 1985, after returning with my family from watching the local Carnival Procession. I am a Local Government Communications Officer and, having just entered the house, I switched on one of my radio monitors, and found myself listening to the Hampshire Police Control at Winchester. At approximately 11.30 p.m. I heard them instruct two Police cars to go to the A272 (British highway) at Stockbridge Down, just east of Stockbridge, where a couple travelling in their car towards Winchester claimed to have seen a UFO hovering above the hedgerow and close beside the road. So I told my wife, who was also listening to the message, that I proposed straight away to take a ride too, out there to Stockbridge Down, which was about five miles distant from my home. (See map.)

As I drove out there, I now had my radio monitor on in the car, and heard Control insisting to the Police Officers that they must treat the report seriously. Control said: "We have the couple here in Winchester with us now. They are very shaken up by what they saw".

When I got to Stockbridge Down, I watched the Police Officers with torches, searching the Downs, but



The UFO sighting on night of July 6, 1985, at Stockbridge Down, and the circles found just afterwards at (A) Goodworth Clatford, and (B) at Matterley Farm, near Alresford.

they neither found nor saw anything.

A few hours later, just over the hill towards the north-west, a five-ring set of circles was found, *near Goodworth Clatford!* And indeed, during that very same night, another set of five rings is known to have appeared about the same distance away towards the south-east. This was at Matterley Farm, on the east side of the A31 road, near Alresford.

*Can it be mere coincidence that this UFO sighting and report which were taken so seriously by the Police should have occurred on the very same night, and at that time, and at a spot lying on a line between these two reported "five-ringer" sites: (See map.)*

Having heard the Police giving their directions, and having read the published accounts of the "*Goodworth Clatford Circles*" in the local press a few days later and, of course, being myself resident but a short distance from the site, I went to see the newspaper reporter who had written the story. He listened to what I had to say, and then, in my presence, he began to telephone around and make enquiries. First, he asked the Andover Police Station whether they had sent anyone out to Stockbridge Downs to look for a UFO. They replied that yes — they *had* sent Officers to the Downs after somebody had reported seeing something unusual there, but there had turned out to be nothing in the story. He then telephoned to the Press Officer of the Hampshire Police, in Winchester. This official also admitted that a Police vehicle from Andover and another one from Romsey had indeed been sent to the Downs, but that nothing had been found at the time. And this of course was true. But it is also true that sets of mysterious circles were found in a field close by, the very next morning, and that, several days later, more were found. The Press Officer also spoke with the Army Air Corps, at Middle Wallop, who replied: "*We had nothing flying that night.*"

### The Eyewitnesses Traced

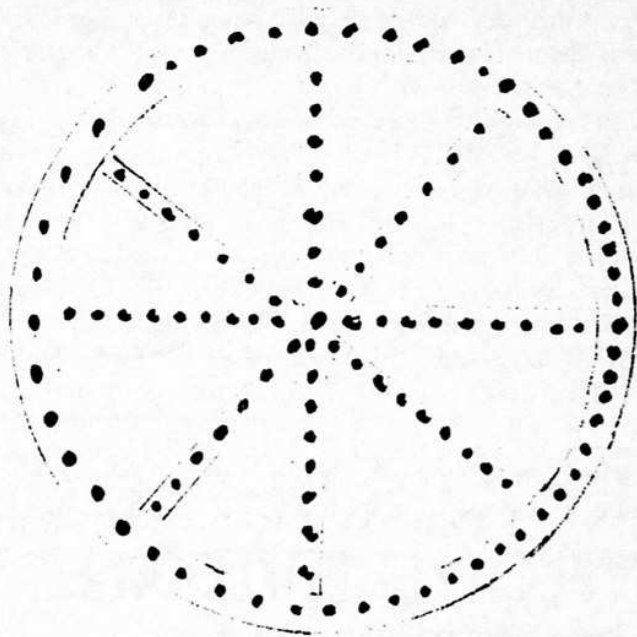
Eventually, a persistent press-reporter managed to trace the couple who had had the UFO sighting on the night of July 6, 1985. I give below an extract from their story as it appeared in the newspaper *Southampton Reporter* for July 19, 1985:—

"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.



**Fig. 1. Sketch by Mr Jack Collins of UFO seen at Stockbridge Downs, July 6, 1985.**

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

I interviewed Mr and Mrs Collins, and requested them to give me a sketch of their UFO, indicating as well as they could recall the positioning of the lights on it, and here it is (Fig. 1.):—

### Other UFOs Seen Near Circle Sites

*In any case, this is no isolated eyewitness account of a UFO observed near a spot where, and about the time when, rings or circles are found.*

For an even more startling account was given to me in April of this year by a farm-hand whom I met while travelling around surveying and listing the circle-sites. This man, who asked me not to reveal his name, told me that he had been a passenger in a car driven by his wife on the night of Friday, July 4, 1986. They were travelling from Winchester towards Petersfield on the A272. At about 11.45 p.m. they were approaching Cheesefoot Head (one of the most famous "ring and circle sites" for some years past) when, as they turned right around a bend on the western side of the Head, he saw a chain of lights over the top and slightly behind the fir trees on the eastern side. He said they looked "*like a string of molecules — about seven of them*". Each one of them emitted a white light which was bright at the centre, but diffused before it reached the light from the next centre, and so on, along the chain.

The attached sketch (Fig. 2) was made for me by this man when I interviewed him. And he told me that, when they got home that night, he had said to his wife: "**THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING IN THE BASIN TOMORROW!**"

**AND THEY DID ... AT ABOUT 3.30 A.M. ON THAT DAY, PAT DELGADO FOUND THE FIRST**

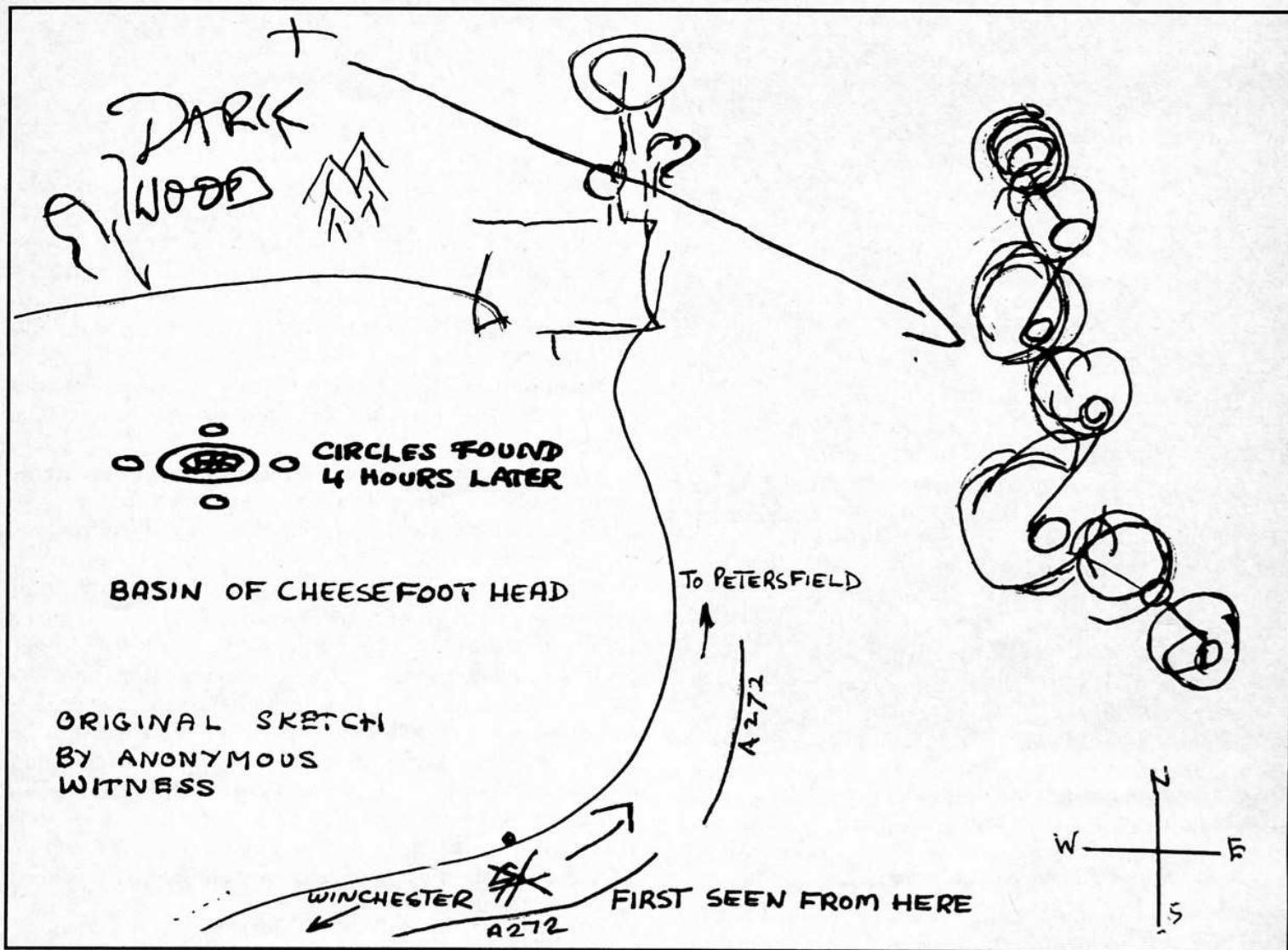


Fig. 2.

# **CIRCLE OF THE 1986 SEASON! AT CHEESEFOOT HEAD!**

And I have records of other cases too where the UFOs have been seen over fields where rings and circles have been found soon afterwards. These include Findon, in West Sussex; Fonthill Bishop in Wiltshire; and Childrey in Oxfordshire.

All of the evidence that I possess so far indicates that *AN AERIAL COMPONENT* is at work. And our research goes on.

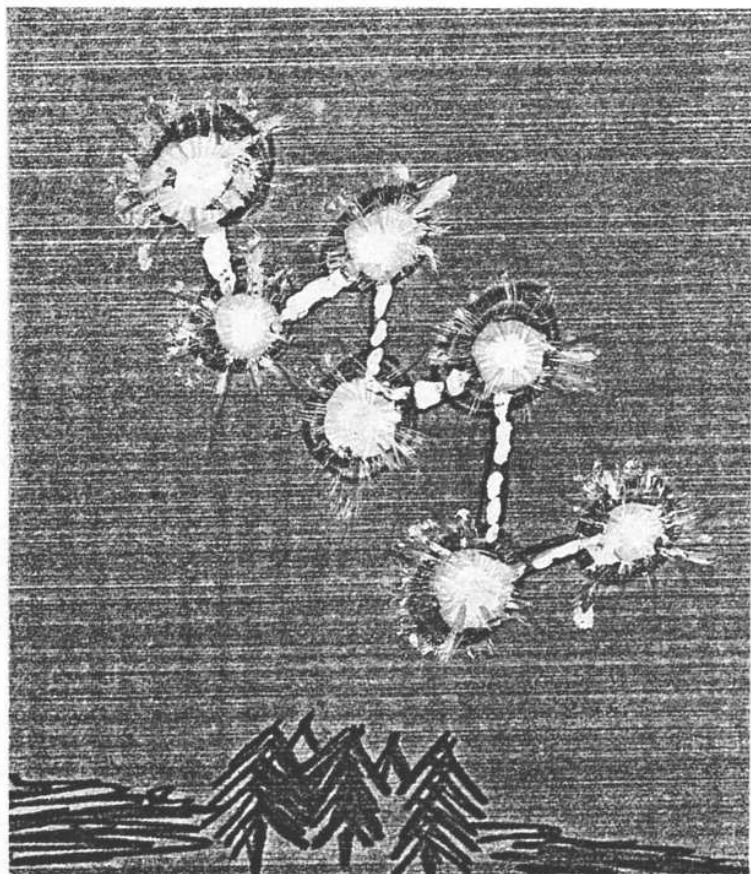
## **Farmers Interviewed**

Since that first night, July 6, 1985, I have spent literally hundreds of hours researching the rings and circles. My companions, almost daily, have been Mr Fred Taylor (known to all as "*Busty Taylor*"), who is a licensed civilian pilot, and the meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden. Together we have scoured the countryside in search of clues to this most extraordinary mystery, often in a helicopter piloted by Mr Taylor. And I have also spent much time with FSR Consultant Pat Delgado. My files now contain details of 108

separate "events" (rings and circles in fields, etc.) since I started my investigations in July 1985.

During April 1987 I spent many days interviewing farmers, who have been good enough to fill in questionnaires distributed to them. (Questionnaires issued by the T.O.R.R.O. — *Tornado And Storm Research Organization*.) And the sad, sad fact is that many of the most stubborn "believers" in the "Tornado and Storm Theory" are now beginning to see that, in fact, their theories won't work and won't hold up!

The questionnaires went out to more than 400 known cereal farmers in the County of Hampshire, some thirty in the County of Wiltshire, and one or two in Oxfordshire. All of the returns indicating circles on farms have been dealt with by me by a visit to the farm, and an interview with the farmer. Full results of this survey will be published in due course. Interestingly, some new formations have been reported, namely a set of four, and also a set of three arranged in a triangle. Several of the farmers told me that they themselves had been the first to discover the circles, and confirmed that when they did so there were no *tracks* of any kind in the fields concerned. (And that



Artist's impression of 'molecules'.

involved cases relating to the period *before the use of the tractors* which leave the now familiar "tram-lines" visible in the cornfields.)

### The Recurrent Rings at Headbourne Worthy

In August, 1986 there appeared, in a wheat field at Headbourne Worthy, in Hampshire, the only (so far) reported *anti-clockwise circle*, and I had the fortune to be one of those who took part in the first-known scientific investigation of a circle, namely that one. The information and construction details secured by us were quite staggering.

*Most ring or circle sites are now known to the general public, and Headbourne Worthy is one of these.* It is also one of the areas of high activity, and therefore one of major interest to us.

Circles started appearing in the cornfields at Headbourne Worthy during the summer of 1976. This first event was just off the A34 trunk road, near the Winchester Bypass. *And was it by mere coincidence that the famous "close encounter" of Mrs Joyce Bowles (see FSR 22/6), occurred at a spot also just off the Winchester Bypass and only a little further along the road from this first circle site at Headbourne Worthy!*

And from that time on, there have been many more rings in this same area, and some highly interesting UFO reports have been gathered by us from people dwelling near by.

### UFO Seen by Author

I myself, while waiting in 1986 for the meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden to join me at the Headbourne Worthy site, saw a very small grey disc stationary overhead. Just as I caught it with my eye, the disc suddenly darted sideways very rapidly. In one jerking movement, it entered a small isolated cumulus cloud a short distance away. I waited to see it re-appear from the cloud, and took care not to blink. But the disc did not reappear!

Headbourne Worthy falls within a fairly well defined "corridor" from which many circle reports have come.

The whole phenomenon of these circles in the fields seems to be evolving at an accelerating rate, and the swirl details which I discovered at Headbourne Worthy and which are shown in the attached sketch (Fig. 3) are of particular significance. On my first and following visits there in August 1986, I made a thorough study of the circle along with the other members of our team. Then I returned there on October 8, 1986, after the farmer had finished harvesting the corn, to see what sort of features were now to be observed. Very heavy germination of the barley had taken place within the circle, as was quite normal in all these cases. But, as a result, the circle was now more easily visible from the outskirts of the city of Winchester than it had been when first discovered early in August.

On this later visit in October 1986 I noticed the remains of barley stems laid down positively in their primary contours in such a way as to resemble the "skeleton" of the circle. Now that all the surface barley stems had been removed by the combine-harvester, only the "bones", as it were, remained. Much other valuable information was to be secured now in comparison with my earlier visits. We have learned over the years to take full account of the lower layers of plants as well as those on the surface of the circles, since all these features help to form the picture of how the plants had fallen and what had happened at the site and how the circle had been made.

(At this point I might add that, while we continue to use the term "*circles*" in general, very few of them are actually perfectly round. Most of them are in fact *elliptical*— some more so than others. And this in itself indicates either a horizontal movement in the energy field or — more possibly — perhaps *an angled aerial approach*.)

The surface plants, when I inspected the site before the harvest, were laid out along the same veining contours that we had already come to associate with all the cornfield circles. When I viewed the site again *after* the harvest (in October 1986), with the full co-operation of the interested farmer, I discovered that there was a sine wave pattern running around the

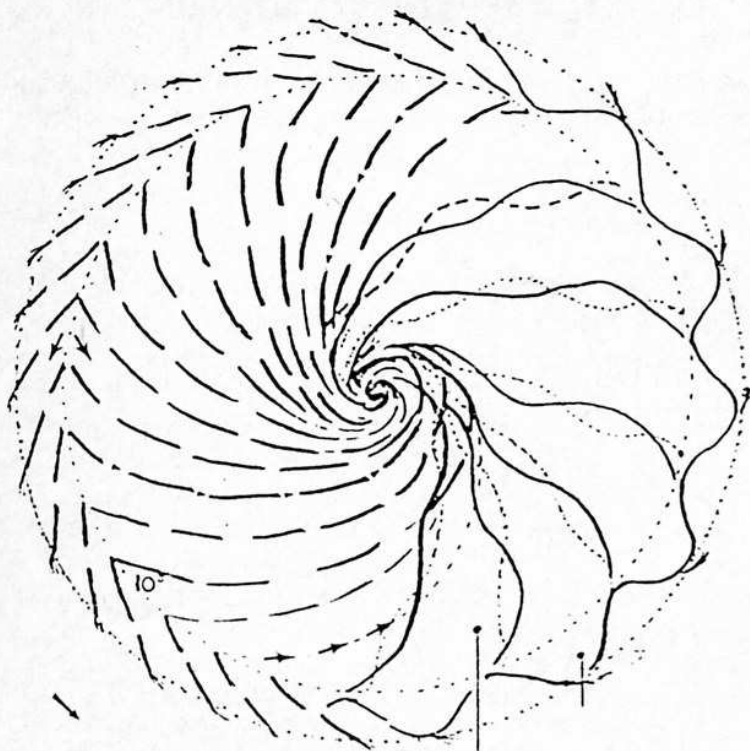


Fig. 3. Sine Pattern.

outer edge of the circle. The position of the plants at ground-level lay along sine-waves similar to what one finds in A.C. voltage. Also heavy pressure-veining was to be seen, running in an anti-clockwise direction into the centre. The veining flow was very unusual, and had not been seen before. Two sine waves appeared to be at work here, each spiralling around its own axis, as well as rotating around the centre in a perfectly balanced formation. (See Fig. 3.)

A fuller account of this particular investigation of the circle found in August 1986 at Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire, has been published by Dr Terence Meaden in Vol. 12, No. 116, of the *Journal of Meteorology*.

While attending the Home Office College at Easingwold recently, I took the opportunity to discuss my findings with scientists on the College staff, and they were most surprised. Looking at the sketch that I had made, they noted the great similarity to recent findings associated with the effects produced by the detonation of a nuclear device.

Very great interest is now being displayed in the phenomenon of the rings and circles, and coming from individuals at all levels — scientists, farmers, engineers, press, members of the ordinary public, and indeed, *even the Ministry of Defence itself*.

#### A Few Hoaxes

One or two circle formations are known to have been hoaxes. But these have been very easily discernible, and have been on publicly known sites. But Headbourne Worthy is a prime example of a genuine and very complex force-field which leaves marks on the ground such as we are beginning to see in increasing numbers throughout my area of Southern England.

During recent years it has been my pleasure to eliminate a number of alleged or possible causes for this phenomenon. These include: hoaxers; animals; man-made aircraft; weather and meteorological conditions; and chemicals. We are then left with some highly interesting and indeed bizarre possibilities.

One thing remains certain. There are ever increasing indications that the source of this phenomenon is paranormal.

Any reader who is able to contribute information that will assist us in this most important research is requested to contact me.

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# AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM "BUSTY" TAYLOR

In view of the foregoing article by Colin Andrews, I think FSR readers may be provided with more food for thought by the following letter from Mr. F.C. Taylor. EDITOR

The Editor

July 15, 1987

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

Dear Sir,

I have been working with Pat Delgado, Omar Fowler, and Colin Andrews with regard to the circles in the corn-fields. On reading the article on *cloning by aliens* in FSR 32/3, certain things which had happened at Stockbridge, about six miles south of Andover, where I live, and were reported to me by my brother in 1985, began to fall into place.

My brother had been out for the day, and had decided to, first, take his children to visit their grandmother, and then go out himself, with a lady friend, for a drink. They arrived at the "Waggon & Horses", the local pub at Stockbridge, and passed a man who was just leaving. On entering the pub, they found that everybody there was laughing, and when he asked them why, and what was going on, they said it was over a man who had been in the pub and had just left. Apparently this man didn't know why he was there, or what money was for, or how the slot machines worked in the pub.

I questioned my brother closely about the incident, and in the following paragraph I give the gist of what he and his girlfriend could remember of the story:—

They said that on arriving at the "Waggon & Horses", they were told about a man who had not known how to order drinks or to pay for them; he didn't seem to know what money was for; and he seemed to be bewildered about everything. He went over to the juke box and asked what it was, and how it worked. He then went to the cigarette machine and asked why it was different from the juke box? They told him that it was to get cigarettes from, but he didn't understand. My brother also seemed to remember that the other people in the pub said the man had appeared strange in the way he was dressed. They said he had departed very quickly, leaving a lot of change on the counter.

*Subsequently, my brother's girlfriend added that it had happened very close to the date when a UFO report had*

*reached the local Police and when the "Goodworth Clatford Circles" had been found close by, about two miles distant.*

I am trying to find out more about all this and will let you know in due course.

Yours faithfully,

F.C. Taylor,

52 Appletree Grove,  
Andover,  
Hampshire.

## NOTE BY EDITOR

Over the years, FSR has received several strange reports of this sort, usually, however, too vague or elusive to do anything about or to publish. However, it will be recalled that Charles Bowen did publish in FSR an account of an extraordinarily eerie and suspect individual who actually came to see him in his own house. Some years earlier Dr Bernard Finch had also told me of a very strange case of which he had heard something. Not long ago (FSR 31/4, pp. 11-12) we gave Antonio Ribera's extraordinary story about the "sosia" ("double") of a Spaniard allegedly seen walking around in Barcelona in wintertime, still wearing the same flowered Hawaiian shirt in which he had been seen in July!

It looks as though it really is true that there are "weird folk walking around among us". *No doubt there always have been.*

For those who read Spanish.

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# TENTATIVE LIST OF UFO SIGHTINGS SEEMINGLY ASSOCIATED WITH NEARBY CIRCLE PHENOMENA

1. *Tully, Queensland, Australia. March 1966.* (See FSR 15/3 and FSR 29/1.) In the canefields of Queensland, where several "UFO nests" have been discovered, in connection with the "*North Queensland UFO Saga*" as reported by Stan Seers and William Lasich, an automatic device (presumably a camera triggered off by a compass?) was set to capture any visiting UFO. In March 1966, after a UFO had again been seen, the film, found to have all been exposed, was sent off by post to Kodak, Melbourne, for development. But Kodak claimed that, when it reached them, the spool contained no film! No explanation was ever forthcoming. Most folk assume the film was confiscated by the Australian Intelligence Services. (*If not by them, then by whom? By aliens?*) *The Report in FSR 29/1 by Seers and Lasich also gave details of five other Australian cases in which photographs or films showing UFOs had "vanished without trace".*
2. *Winchester Bypass, Hampshire, England. Sunday, November 14, 1976, about 9.00 p.m. Case of Mrs Joyce Bowles and her passenger Mr Edwin Pratt.* (See full account in FSR 22/6 (1976). As she turned off the A272 on to the road to Chilcomb, a few miles east of Winchester, Mrs Bowles' car (*Mini Clubman*) "began to shudder and shake as though coming to pieces," and careered off the road on to the verge and halted about 15 ft. from a glowing, orange craft some 15-20 ft. wide and hovering about 12-18 inches off the ground. It appeared to be "spewing out gas jets beneath it" and producing a vapour, and had a curved window through which they could see three heads of occupants. A blond, clear-skinned individual about 6 ft. tall, in a silvery one-piece suit, emerged and walked over to the car and, putting one hand on the roof, peered in at them. They said his eyes were "entirely pink, like an albino rabbit". *The rings in the field at Headbourne Worthy began in the same year, 1976, and in fact the field where the first ring appeared was just a short distance from the scene of Mrs Bowles' encounter.* (And this lady is understood to have had three more UFO experiences since.)
3. "*Devil's Punchbowl*", *Cheesefoot Head, near Winchester, Hampshire: Summer 1982.* According to a report now published for the very first time ("*Winchester Gazette*", August 20, 1987) a local resident, Mr Frank Barnes, aged 58, of Vale Road, Winches-

ter, has revealed that, "seven summers ago", that is to say, in 1980, while out walking with his dog one evening at this famous local beauty spot, *he saw a UFO land in one of the cornfields.* And he told the newspaper that he was quite sure these craft are responsible for all the mystery rings which have been appearing in the "Devil's Punchbowl" and elsewhere ever since, year after year.

Describing his experience, he said he had heard a whining or humming sound that seemed like that of a combine-harvester and, looking round, *he beheld a gigantic grey "spaceship-like" object floating across the top of the cornfield. The craft had portholes. And he watched it land in the field, where it remained for five or six minutes, before rising up again and "shooting off at a tremendous speed" towards Alresford.*

He said that nobody emerged from the craft, but that it left in the corn a single flattened ring identical with those that have been appearing every year since.

He said both he and his dog had been extremely frightened by the experience. *And he added that there were also two other eyewitnesses — a women walker, and the driver of a municipal refuse van who was engaged in emptying a nearby rubbish-bin. He said that the vehicles of all three eyewitnesses- (i.e. the cars of the woman and of himself, plus the refuse-vehicle) would not start while the UFO was standing in the field.*

Continuing his account to the paper, Mr Barnes said: "There was this low humming noise, and I felt terrified. My dog will never go up there again. When the object moved off, it travelled far faster than an aircraft. I am convinced that it was a UFO. There must be something 'Up There' trying to get in touch with us."

He explained that he had kept quiet about the sighting until now, "because it had frightened me so much, and seemed so unbelievable".

Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews have now interviewed Mr Barnes at length and, as a result, something else which is very extraordinary has also emerged.

For, what Mr Barnes had not mentioned in his interview with the Winchester newspaper in August 1987 is this: when he had seen the UFO in 1980, he had been carrying a small compact camera (Instamatic) and had secured a photograph of the UFO!

Since he was resolved not to tell anybody about the sighting, he naturally did not tell anybody about the photograph. But he had it developed, and, the following year, 1981, when further rings turned up in the Devil's Punchbowl, Mr Barnes took the unusual step of giving both the photograph and the negative to a photographer-journalist working for one of the local newspapers, stating that he "*knew how the rings were being made*"!

From that point, all seems at present to be swathed in mystery. Mr Mike Biggs, the photographer-journalist in question (of the *Winchester Extra* — associate paper of the *Winchester Gazette*) who is now retired, has been traced and interviewed. He seems to be uncertain as to what became of the print and negative. They *may* have been sent on to Basingstoke, to the head-office of their publishing group. But Mr Biggs, who has recently moved his home, says there is also a possibility they might be found to be in one of the pieces of his baggage which he has not yet unpacked.

So, all we can say at present is that this enquiry continues. We are all, however, familiar with the usual outcome of most such cases. *Consequently, if, in the end, this negative and this print never surface again, nobody will be surprised.*

*(For photographs of the rings at Cheesefoot Head in 1981 and 1983, and Pat Delgado's Report on the 1983 rings, see FSR 29/1, published in 1983.)*

5. *Stockbridge Down, a few miles to north-west of Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, July 6, 1985. Some time before 11.30 p.m.* Mr Jack Collins and his wife Pat were driving towards Winchester, when they saw a UFO hovering above the hedgerow and close beside the road. They described it as "a huge brightly lit circular thing, 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". Next day, a set of five rings were found at Goodworth Clatford, near by, and a second set of five were found to the south-east, at Matterley Farm. *The sites at Goodworth Clatford and Matterley Farm and the scene of the Collins sighting are on a straight line.* (For fuller details, and Mr Collins' sketch of the UFO, see body of main article above.)

6. *Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, July 4, 1986. At about 11.45 p.m.* a farm-worker and his wife were travelling by car along the A272 road from Winchester towards Petersfield when they saw a group of shining UFOs — about seven of them he thought, "like a string of molecules, each with a vividly bright centre." Mr Colin Andrews interviewed the witnesses, who provided him with a sketch of the "string of molecules". (For sketch and fuller details, see body of main report above.)

7. *Headbourne Worthy, Hampshire. August 1986.* While inspecting the site of the rings at Headbourne Worthy, Mr Colin Andrews himself saw a small grey disc overhead. (See body of main report above.)

8. Finally, Mr Pat Delgado has reported very briefly that, at the end of July 1987, a housewife living near Dorchester in the county of Dorset claims that she saw a UFO in the sky and that, while observing it, there came *into her head, as though telepathically*, the thought: "*There will be new patterns in the rings in the fields this year*".

And indeed 1987 has been marked by the appearance of remarkable new patterns.

This lady claims that she knows nothing about, has never read about, and is not interested in, anything to do with UFOs, etc. Fuller details are awaited from Pat Delgado in due course.

## CONCLUSIONS

As we shall show in extensive further material that we shall publish later, Mr Colin Andrews has interviewed farmers who assure him that the phenomenon of the rings or circles *goes back at least as far as 1936. That is more than fifty years.* So, if, as we are told, the whole thing is a pretty bit of hoaxing by the students of the Wantage Art School, all I can say is that we shall be obliged to admit that all this work must have involved many, many "generations" of students, *and we shall have to admire their tenacity. (Not, one may think, a very marked feature of our modern youth...)*

Our tentative list, as set forth above, thus contains eight UFO sighting cases which point to a link with the rings.

By now, the total number of rings and circles found by the farmers over these fifty years must have been colossal. In his own investigations up to the end of 1986, Colin Andrews told me he had collected details of 43 sets, and those were merely for the eleven years 1975-1986, out of the span of fifty years.

If, then, we have already found some eight cases where UFOs and rings seem definitely to be associated, there must be an immense number of other such pieces of evidence that have not yet surfaced. So we hope that FSR readers and members of the public, especially the farmers, will not fail to let us know of any more material that we can add to our list. — G.C.

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# HEDGEHOGS, AUSTRALIANS, OR COWS? MORE MYSTERY CIRCLES DOWN ON THE FARMS — *Gordon Creighton*

THE reports from our experts, Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews, indicate that 1987 is proving to be an absolute "bumper year" for its unsurpassed crop of rings and circles.

But the British national newspapers have in general lost all interest in the subject. The only recent Fleet Street comment to have caught our eye was a delightful little piece in *The Times* of July 8, 1987.

According to this account, the most important group of circles on farmland this year has been in a field belonging to Mr Peter Gale. The main circle there had a diameter of 25 yards, and it had the usual four "satellite" circles arranged around it, constituting what we sometimes call a "five-ringer".

There was also a single circle on the land of a Mr Geoff Cooper, on the north side of the Batton-Westbury Road. In this case the swirling of the grain was in an *anti-clockwise* direction.

We have also learned that this year, for the first time, it seems, there have also been circles in fields of *rapeseed*, and not of corn. Fuller details of all these matters will appear in the Consultants' Reports at the end of this year.

The most fascinating part of the report in *The Times* concerned a statement made by farmer Geoff Cooper to their journalist. Mr Cooper, who has regularly had "several circles per year" for some years past (but has now sold to Mr Peter Gale that particular field that received the most circles) said this:-

*"At first we complained to the Army, because we thought the helicopters were doing it on exercises. But they sent an expert round, and he said a helicopter could only make that shape if it was flying upside down and stationary."*

Well now, this is of course precisely the solution proposed long ago by FSR, and if readers will look again at the cartoon by our artist EVE on page 11 of FSR 31/6 (October 1986), they will there observe a crack team of helicopter Red Devils from the Royal Australian Air Force doing their upside-down act on the fields while the comedians Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett look on approvingly from the hillside.

In his interview with the correspondent of *The Times*, Mr Geoff Cooper also listed some of the other more popular local theories, such as "*rutting deer*" (though he says these are "sadly out of season"), or "*herds of hedgehogs rotating in unison*", with *approximately 40,000 hedgehogs required to do the job*. Well now, here again, FSR has been well to the fore, for as long ago as October 1983, we suggested, on page 14

of FSR 29/1, both rutting deer and rutting hedgehogs as possible culprits, or indeed even rutting Wiltshiremen and Wiltshire lasses.

Personally, we would say that our own money is still firmly on the "*Red Devils*" aerobatic team of the Royal Australian Air Force, who are of course quite used to flying upside down because they live at the Antipodes.

Should the Aussies turn out to be *not* responsible, then we say we must plump for either the rutting Wiltshire folk or the rutting deer. The one thesis that we DO NOT accept is the hedgehog thesis.

As a keen student of wildlife and nature in general since my own childhood on an English farm, I know full well that the numbers of hedgehogs in Britain have decreased dreadfully over the past few decades. Mr Geoff Cooper says the estimated number of hedgehogs required to do the job of making a mystery circle in a cornfield is 40,000. *I do not think we could muster up 40,000 hedgehogs even in the whole of Britain today. They have all been squashed on the roads by our cars, or killed by the farmers' insecticides.*

## News-Flash on the Mystery Rings

Just as we prepare to go to press with this issue, we learn that the latest fantastic score by the end of September 1987 is already a record total of 61 rings on 15 sites.

Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews will have a quite extraordinary over-all report at the end of the year!

G.C.

## FURTHER NEWS-FLASH: BOVINE FLATULENCE IN HAMPSHIRE

As indicated above, I really could not feel that we had got the hedgehogs "pinned down" (forgive the pun) as the culprits, since there aren't enough of them left in Britain now. Fortunately, just as we go to press, it looks as though the true perpetrators have at last been unmasked. I do not wish to appear indelicate but, in the interest of truth, I must now report that a British UFO expert has definitely solved our enigma.

Ruminating cattle, as we all know, are (like some UFO experts) wont to generate an awful lot of gas. And it is this bovine flatulence, says the expert, that "*blows the rings in the corn*". (EVE is at work on a cartoon on this.)

Obviously all that Hampshire and Wiltshire need is better fences.

G.C.

# UFO CHASE IN CHINA

Gordon Creighton

(Translation from Chinese. G.C.)

We have recently had our "Air Force Chase of the Pingpong Balls" over Brazil, and now in a fresh batch of press-clippings for which we are most indebted to our Consultant/Correspondent in Japan, Mr Yusuke J. Matsumura, we have details of a similar but smaller "Air Force chase" in China. Rather than making a general summary of these reports, as I would normally have done, I have on this occasion taken the unusual step of translating the entire batch of clippings in great detail, because I feel this present case gives us an excellent opportunity to observe how the Chinese authorities are coping with the pesky UFOs.

In the early days when they had just got rid of the unusually obnoxious "Gang of Four", and were settling down to a *slightly* more relaxed form of Marxist tyranny, the Chinese authorities cannot possibly have known much about UFOs, and in all the hullabaloo of the Civil War and mutual mayhem since Mao Tse-Tung seized power in 1949 (only two years after Kenneth Arnold's sighting) they cannot possibly have had the desire or the time in which to study the problem. Consequently, when the slight relaxation came, we heard of the establishment of the civilian Chinese UFO Research Society and the launching of their journal (published in Lanzhou, N.W. China) with a total of 300,000 readers — a figure which I am sure was all eyewash. In theory they are supposed to exchange journals with FSR, since we regularly send our magazine to *their* Overseas Representative, Paul Dong. But in actual fact, scarcely one Chinese magazine per year reaches me, and those that do contain nothing but translated re-hashes of articles about Keyhole and Hynek and very old articles of Vallée and Ribera; a few harmless accounts of "things seen in the sky" over China, and the usual padding in the form of articles about hypothetical space-travel by humans.

My own guess is that, now that the Chinese authorities have had time to settle down a bit, and have also had time to take a look at the UFO Phenomenon, they have unquestionably realized at last how dangerous it is. Therefore, despite the usual jabber about the Chinese version of "glasnost", *it can be predicted that they will start stamping heavily on UFO research there, and all groups and publications will soon wither away, as they are doing elsewhere.*

*A few months ago I talked with a foreign expert, a man of world-wide fame in the UFO field, who had just returned from a visit to China. He had been invited to visit that country by a UFO study group there, but I had warned him that, apart from a nice chance to see something of China, the trip would yield nothing of value and that he would not be free to meet people. And so it proved. He told me that local officials had kept up the surveillance and harassment throughout his presence in the town, and had forbidden the members of the UFO study group to let him visit their homes. What talks and contacts he managed to secure were therefore done clandestinely.*

*This little batch of recent reports from China which I give below shows that the Chinese authorities are employing the usual methods to dissuade the public from interest in the subject. It is evident, from the large amount of newspaper space devoted to the case, that they are distinctly worried about it. And no doubt realize that their old hackneyed "explanations" are ceasing to convince. It is therefore all the more amazing that the Chinese press-censors should have been so slipshod and so careless, as they have done in this case, by letting several nice little cats out of the bag. These little cats (so well known to us from all over the world!) are: (1) The reports that, after the UFO had passed through clouds, the clouds still glowed; (2) the reports that many eyewitnesses said their wristwatches stopped; and (3) the reports that, on the Island of Shengsi, off the coast of China, there was a brief electricity blackout as the UFO passed over. All three of these remarkable phenomena, say the Chinese experts, were purely due to chance. — EDITOR*

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### 1. WEN WEI PO, Shanghai, August 28

SHANGHAI VISITED LAST NIGHT BY UFO.  
"FLYING TOWARDS SOUTH-EAST: SIZE OF A WASHBOWL, WITH DARK CENTRAL SPOT":  
SOME SAY "LIKE A SPIRAL WATCH-SPRING"

WEN WEI PO Reporter: At about 7.58 p.m. last night an unidentified flying object passed over the