

rotation is clockwise. There was no evidence of disturbance to the soil beneath the circle, and the vegetation did not appear burned or dessicated.

I accompanied Ed on a second visit to the site the next day. We took both still and video cameras and a ladder to help in taking pictures.

While there we attempted to tread out a similar circle in an adjacent stand of beach vegetation. Ed recorded on video as round and round I shuffled, doing my best to duplicate the wallow and thrash of amorous alligators; — we have no hormone-heavy hedgehogs in Florida. The only important thing we learned by this exercise is how difficult it is to make the vegetation lie down and stay where we wanted it to.

This may be a point of serious interest. The beach vegetation in which the circle occurs is a heterogeneous mixture ranging in height from ten to thirty inches, and with several wiry components; some such as smilax, and what I call "spear grass", are especially recalcitrant as regards their prostration potential. I simply could not get them to lie down for even the few minutes we were trying our experiment. However,

in the original circle most of the vegetation was still lying down as if it had been "steam-ironed" into place. A violent storm with heavy rain and winds gusting above 50 m.p.h. had passed through the area on the evening of the 15th, — 36 hours before I took these pictures, but several hours after the circle was first reported to *TV-3*. At the time of my photos the circle was amazingly intact, considering what it had been through.

Although Ed Walter's UFO "photo-op" window closed 18 months ago, the Florida Panhandle continues to be a locus of strange activity. UFOs are still being reported at this time of writing (November 20, 1989), but unfortunately nobody seems to be taking pictures these days (— Ed did take two photos of an object seen by a whole group of people attending a MUFON meeting in downtown Pensacola a couple months ago, but that's a different story). No contemporaneous UFO sightings or other anomalous activities have been correlated with the genesis of this odd circle in the American grass.

II. AND NOW . . . CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN AUSTRALIA!

By Paul Norman, Vice-President, Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS); FSR Consultant

Mr Max Jolly and his wife Nancee and their 29-year-old son Stuart own the 9000-hectare West Park Farm in the Mallee region of the western part of the Australian State of Victoria. ("*Mallee*" is the aboriginal name of a particular species of scrub-land tree growing plentifully over the region before it was cleared and found suitable for farming — especially for *wheat crops*. ED.)

For about two years past odd things have been happening on the Jolly's farm.

For example, in 1987, they had sightings of "eerie aerial lights". Then Mrs Jolly discovered that the farmhouse's 4,000 litre water-tank had been totally drained overnight. To a journalist from the Melbourne newspaper *Weekend Truth* (December 16, 1989) she said: "We haven't a clue what happened. All we know is that someone — or something — took every drop of water."

(In 1981 I investigated several similar cases of seemingly UFO-related "water disappearances". All were in the northern part of the State of Victoria.)

A Shattering Noise from the Sky

One night in December 1988 the son, Stuart Jolly, was rudely awakened from his sleep by a shattering noise outside his bedroom window. He told the newspaper: "I thought the racket would puncture my eardrums. It was like the scream of jet engines revving up and down, with the shrilling of thousands of cicadas mixed in!

"My dog would normally have been on the spot, and barking, but he seemed to have shot through.

"I rushed outside, but saw nothing. The racket seemed to be coming from empty sky."

"Beserk"

In May 1989 the Jolly family experienced an even



Mrs Nancee Jolly and her son Stuart.

more bizarre brush with the unknown.

Stuart said: "About 9.00 o'clock one night, I heard a commotion and I went out to see what was happening. The trouble was centred on the sheep-paddock.

"Our 700 ewes and lambs had gone beserk. They were dashing about and bleating in total panic — AND THEN I SAW WHY!!

"A Huge Yellow Light"

"Hovering above the paddock was a huge yellow light that seemed to be pulsating.

"At first I thought someone was spotlighting our sheep, but then I realized that the light was far too big for that.

"Also, it was making a weird, high-pitched noise, like the blades of a helicopter with its engine off and slowing.

"I'd never seen sheep go wild in that way before.

"If a dog had been threatening them, they'd simply

have huddled together, reasonably calm and disciplined. But this mob were stumbling all over the paddock.

"I could see it was the light and noise that were driving them crazy. And it was happening to Brian Finch's wethers too." (Brian Finch is a neighbouring farmer. ED.) "They were clambering over the fence on the next block, desperately trying to get away.

"After a few more minutes of chaos, the light started to move. Foolishly, perhaps, I got into the car to chase it. But before I could start up, it had vanished behind the pine trees."

When, more than an hour later, Stuart's parents Max and Nancee Jolly, arrived home from a meeting, the sheep were still bleating in distress.

A Stunned Eagle

"— *And they weren't the only victims*", said Nancee. "We went out with torches — and were amazed to find a wedgetailed eagle, with a wingspan of about two metres, stumbling around the paddock, seemingly in shock. I've never seen a wedgetail walking around on the ground like that. They like to perch up high. But this one seemed totally disoriented. Although it kept flapping its wings in a slow, drunken way, it seemed incapable of lifting off.

Something associated with the yellow light seemed to have destroyed its sense of balance. But happily the effect must have finally worn off, because the bird was gone next morning."

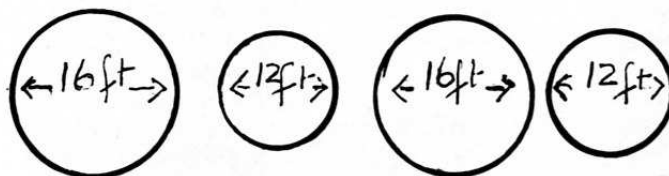
Other Local Cases

Farmers in the Mallee Wheat Belt are by now accustomed to uncanny intrusions.

Several days after the Jollys' paddock had been buzzed by the UFO, a mysterious light hovered over a dam on the farm of another neighbour of the Jollys — Mrs Aileen Casey.

Mrs Casey stood and watched it for more than 15 minutes before running into the house to alert her husband. But when he came out, the object had vanished.

"I'm scared, but I'm also fascinated", said Mrs Nancee Jolly to the journalist. "The UFO activity around these wheat areas definitely seems to be intensifying. I



The four Cornfield Circles at Beulah, Victoria State, a few years ago.

sometimes have the hunch that we might soon be seeing much more — possibly even an actual craft, landing."

"Five Perfect Cornfield Circles"

Finally, to cap it all, in December 1989, a pattern of five perfect circles — in which unbroken wheat stalks whirl anti-clockwise — were found on the Jollys' farm.

The first persons to notice the circles were the Jollys' neighbours, Brian Finch and Austin Grace.

Describing the discovery, Mrs Jolly explained: "Brian Finch and Austin Grace had brought an International Combine Harvester on to our property, to strip wheat. Sitting in an elevated cabin about five metres above the ground, they spotted what everyone else had missed, two large, swirled circles of wheat, about 3 metres in diameter, surrounded by three smaller circles, each about one metre.

"Obviously", she continued, "Something exerting colossal force has set down there. *Outside the circles you can scratch dirt up with your fingers. But inside, the ground is incredibly compressed, like cement.*

"The wheat appears to be woven, almost like a straw basket. The stalks are quite amazingly undamaged, with the grain fully matured in the heads — which suggests that the landing might have occurred last week."

Four Cornfield Circles at Beulah, Victoria

Finally, I would mention that I investigated four cornfield circles, set in a straight line, on a farm at Beulah a few years ago. Two of them were 16 ft. wide and two were 12 ft. wide. (See sketch.)

III. AND MORE CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN CANADA

According to reports in the newspapers, *Edmonton Journal* (November 4, 1989) and *The Prince George Citizen* (November 7, 1989) there have been more cornfield circles in Canada, so it is evident that the team of student hoaxers from the Wantage School of Art in Berkshire are getting ever further afield in their travels.

In a field of growing hay about 30 kms. north of Winnipeg, in Manitoba, on a farm owned by Ray Crawford, an almost perfect circle six metres in diameter was recently found.

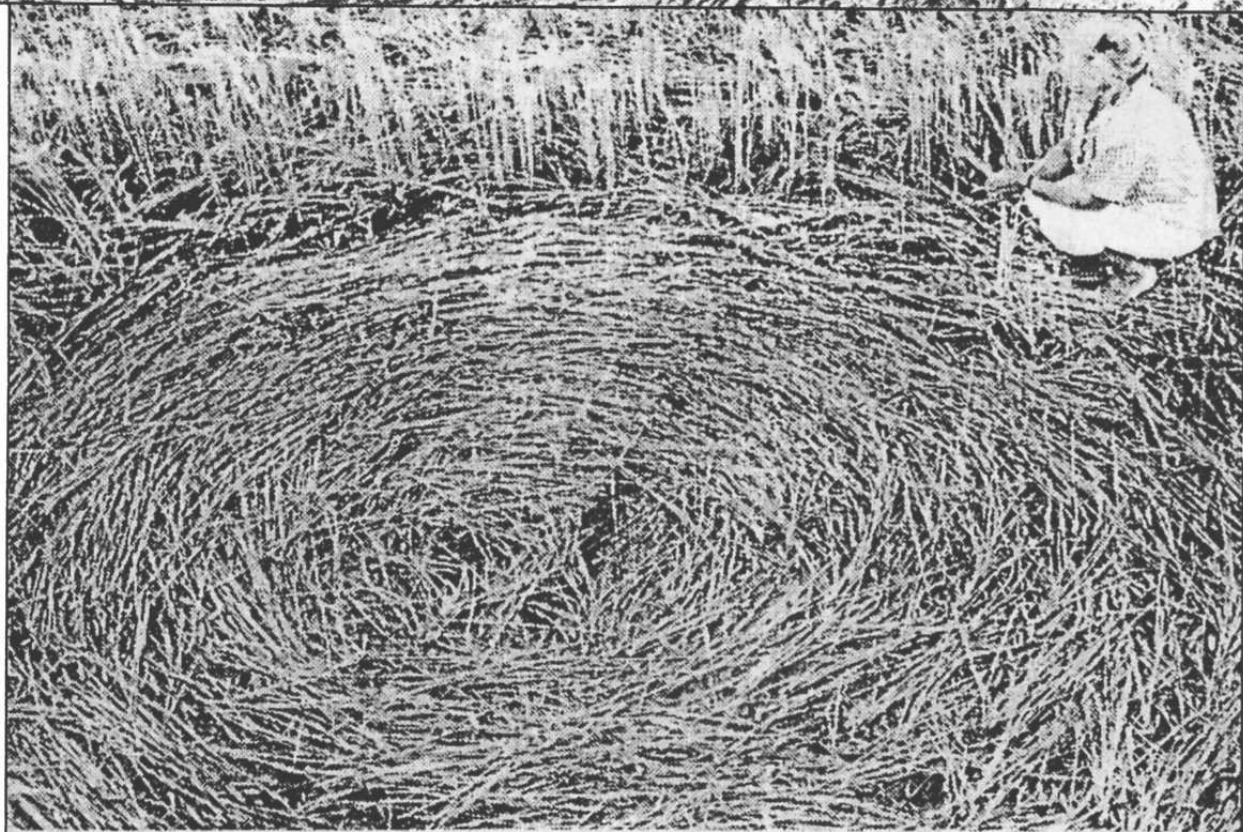
Unexplained crop-circles have also been reported from elsewhere in Manitoba.

"Overlapping rings of swirled grain" were found just south of Riding Mountain National Park in Western Manitoba.

Another case was near Halbstadt in Manitoba, on the Canadian/U.S. border, where a 24-metre circle of dehydrated grain, "accompanied by three depressions looking like the marks of tripods", was discovered in an otherwise healthy field.

In yet another Manitoba case, a farmer found a near-perfect circle close to a barbed-wire fence which had been partially melted by intense heat.

Nothing is reported to have been seen in the skies in connection with the latest circle on Ray Crawford's cattle farm, but people in Winnipeg and Langenburg, Saskatchewan Province, have sighted several strange flying objects lately and are convinced that they were "spacecraft".



★ *NANCEE Jolly examines a perfect circle of flattened wheat, swirled anti-clockwise. Outside the ring the earth is soft — but inside, it's cement-hard, as though compressed by a colossal force.*

IV. SOME NOTES ON CORNFIELD CIRCLES AT TWO SITES IN LEICESTERSHIRE, (1988 AND 1989)

By Rita Goold

Mrs Rita Goold, herself a resident of Leicestershire (in Central England) is a noted medium and sensitive, who has taken part in many experiments in various fields of Parapsychology. In particular, she has been closely involved in much of the research into the famous "cornfield circles" in Southern England. — EDITOR

[A.] OADBY (June 1988): Lat. 52° 37N., 1° 7W.

IN June 1988, just outside Oadby, on the eastern outskirts of the city of Leicester, we investigated a set of circles consisting of one large central "double-ringer" about 75 ft. wide, with three smaller outer circles.

The Policeman's Amazing Story

During our investigation at Oadby, I was contacted by a policeman, who said that his childhood home had been directly behind the field where the Oadby circles had appeared.

This man told me that, all through his early life, right up until he was in his teens, *he had a recurring dream about a UFO landing in that very field!* Many a morning, he said, he had awakened to find himself leaning against the sill of the window giving out onto that field. The whole affair had become a sort of standing joke in his family, about his "little green men".

That day, when I first met the policeman, he was looking really ashen, standing on the Oadby circles, because they were on the exact spot where, as he recalled it, the UFO in his recurrent dream had stood!

Owing to this, and the meaningful coincidence of it all, the policeman teamed up with us in our investigations, and every evening when possible we went to the field together, watching and listening and taking tape recordings.

Sounds on the Tapes

It is important to mention our work with the tape-recorders, for what we got on the tapes was quite incredible.

Although our own human ears have never been able to detect any sounds at the Oadby site other than the normal field noises, our tapes registered "knockings" and other very strange sounds. We were able to eliminate all the obvious natural sounds, such as wind, or field-mice, etc. We employed several tape-recorders and, at one stage, we walked, with the recorder, from the gate of the field, occasionally speaking into it as we went, slowly towards the circles, and there is no doubt that, around fifty yards from them, *the beating started. And as we got nearer, this beating got louder. It is quite interesting to note that I have played this tape to people who have no knowledge whatever of such matters, and every one of them has said that it is like a heart-beat.*

On one occasion we were playing back a tape when a very clear female voice said: "SLEEP". But this word has since totally vanished from the tape.

Since we made these tape-recordings at Oadby, we have learned that the same sorts of "knocking noises" have been captured by the cornfield circles investigators' group at Winchester, in the south of England.

Furthermore, whilst we were at the Oadby circles, *we experienced the disappearance of objects*, and this was on the same evening that identical phenomena were occurring at Winchester!

Moreover it is interesting to note that, when, a year later, a single circle turned up on a hillside at a place called Husbands Bosworth (also in Leicestershire), *this new site was found to be almost precisely nine miles due south of the circles at Oadby!*

[B.] HUSBANDS BOSWORTH (July 15, 1989):
Lat. 52° 27N., Long 1° 03 W.

DURING my study of this single circle, which was in a field at Honey Pot Farm, I put an article about it in a local newspaper, the *Harborough Mail*, and in the article I requested anyone to come forward who had seen or experienced anything unusual that might be related to the arrival of the circle, and as a result I was contacted by two separate couples of witnesses (each couple totally unknown to the other couple) who, during that same night, and at the same hour, had had remarkable UFO sightings in the vicinity of Honey Pot Farm!

The First Couple

These people were in an embarrassing situation and, very unfortunately, it was imperative that their identities and addresses should not be divulged by us. They are a man and a woman (both married to other partners) who were together in a car parked down Honey Pot Lane at around 1.30 a.m. that night. No details will therefore be given as to their names or their addresses.

The sky that night was very clear, and the visibility was excellent. They could see for miles across the countryside. Behind them lay the hillside where the Husbands Bosworth circle was subsequently found. In front of them the land sloped away down towards the east.

The "Light"

Suddenly they became aware of a light coming very slowly towards them, getting larger as it approached. Then it stopped. *"It was like a large Rugby football in the sky: a huge white light that had a 'magnesium effect'".* Their description in these words happens to coincide very neatly with the elliptical Husbands Bosworth circle, which has also been likened to the shape of a "rugger" ball, and measured about 42 ft. × 44 ft.

The light continued to hover for about two minutes. They stepped out of the car, and could still hear no noise from the phenomenon, which by now had descended to tree-top level, only a field away from them. It next began to travel towards them again, and they took fright, jumped into the car, and fled.

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

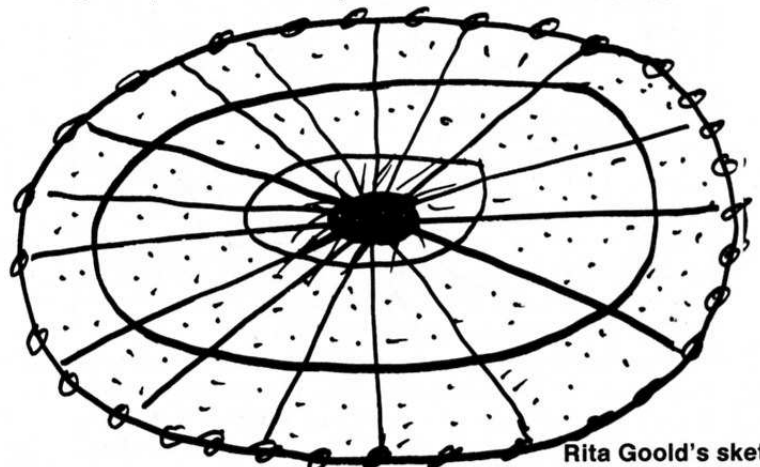
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ON the night of September 21, 1986, we were driving southwards on the *M1* motorway, and approaching *Junction 22*, which would mean that we were nearing Markfield, in the western part of Leicestershire. (Our position would have been at about Lat.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