



IT'S THE LATEST DARK SECRET OF UFO-LAND

# E.T. phone the Express — have

# you come back to Earth?

by JACK HILL

WHEN it comes to spotting visiting craft from other worlds, the earthlings of Westbury ought to know a little more than the rest of us.

For the Wiltshire village lies within the famous "Warminster Triangle," which is to UFOs what Cowes is to yachting.

But even there, five mystery circles that have suddenly appeared in a fresh green cornfield have got everyone guessing.

It looks almost as if E.T. has come back to earth.

The biggest hole is 50ft in diameter. The four others, 14ft in diameter, are neatly positioned around it to create four corners. Just as though a spaceship has landed.

## Swirling

The corn inside has been flattened close to the ground in a swirling, circular manner, as if by a giant fan or whirling blade.

What has been baffling everyone since 40-year-old farmer Stan Pointer reported the strange sight is that there were no signs of entry by tractor or motor vehicle.

Theories have been flying around like saucers from outer-space.

Stan's wife, Janet, believes the circles were made by a whirlwind. "They can do funny things in a cornfield like this," she said.

But her husband said: "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

Some people say that deer are to blame. But Mr Alan Sheppard, on whose land the circles lie, says: "It is the wrong year for deer to be rutting, which could make them flatten an area."

## Sightseers

Police in Westbury are not ruling out practical jokers. But a spokesman said: "Whoever did it, if they did, put in a lot of hard work and study to get the circles right."

Even that seems unlikely, though. There are several marks linking the circles now because sightseers have walked all over the spot—but there were no clear marks at first, says Mr Sheppard.

One person who doesn't think for a moment that ET has made a flying visit is Steve Duffy, the helicopter pilot who flew me over the field yesterday.

"This is a good old can job," he said, grinning. "You can see where someone walked round and round with a ruddy grass mower."



Circles of mystery... the puzzling holes in UFO country

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