

A YEAR TO THE DAY, THAT GREAT UFO MYSTERY IS BACK

We are going round in circles again!



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One of the circles yesterday

Picture by CHRIS WOOD

LIFE has turned full circle in the mystery of the Great White Holes.

Another set of five perfect circles has been found in a Hampshire barleyfield — exactly a year to the day after a similar set of rings was discovered nearby.

No-one knows how the circles were made, although theories abound.

Romantics insist that UFO's are to blame. Realists put it down to helicopters.

Other ideas range from freak exploding whirlwinds to druids carrying out weird ceremonies using stakes and chains.

But the real mystery of the latest find, in Dogleg Field, near Winchester, is that the circles can only be seen from the air.

Helicopter

They were only discovered when four farm managers went up in a helicopter to inspect their crops.

From the ground they are completely hidden from view, which would seem they were not meant to be found.

The holes consist of a large centre circle measuring 42ft 6in in diameter. It is surrounded, 45ft away, by four baby circles which are each 13ft 6in across.

And it looks for all the world as if a four-legged spaceship has landed.

Farmer Dennis Kendell, on whose land the circles were found, said: "It's uncanny. "I didn't know they were

White Holes defy experts

By DAVID THURLOW

there but this is the fourth year out of five we have had them on the farm in different places.

"It's anyone's guess what's causing them, but I think somehow it's got to be mechanical.

"But the disturbing factor is that there are no marks at all for two of the smaller circles.

"Three are on the drilling tracks made by the tractor along which someone could walk.

"But the other two are not. There is not a stalk disturbed

around them and the barley is laid down in a strange way outwards from the centre."

Petronel Payne, a tractor driver's wife who has made a study of the circles, said: "It gets more and more intriguing every year.

"We just don't know what is causing them and we are as much in the dark as ever."

A year ago similar sets of circles were found a mile away from Dogleg Field at Cheese Foot Head.

At the same time, another formation cropped up at Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Express sent Jean Rook down to investigate. But her verdict was: Case unproven.

John gives family a £25,000 holiday

ENGINEER John Edwards left Britain with 16 relatives yesterday for a two-week "holiday of a lifetime."

The super Mediterranean cruise was accounting for half of a £50,000 industrial injuries award made to John recently.

John, a 61-year-old widower from Hainault, Essex, said: "Getting a big cash award for a lung disease is no real reason for celebrating.

"But I wanted to give my relatives the holiday of a lifetime so I went ahead and booked the cruise for everyone.

"Half of them are on the dole and none has ever been on a cruise before."

John who was forced to retire after years of working with asbestos said he had no idea how long he had left to live.

The family flew out to join the Canberra in France because of the British dock strike.

Gift of hope

THE Sultan of Brunei has given £130,000 to an appeal to keep going a Cambridge research unit investigating cat deaths.

One-eyed Jack is top underdog

● JACK the one-eyed chihuahua stole the show yesterday when he won a top trophy beating 178 competitors in the Dog Least Likely to Win class.

● The two-year-old stray, is a howling success story for the RSPCA animal centre in South Godstone, Surrey, who organised the show. A fortnight ago, when police brought him to the centre, he was so thin that staff thought he would not survive.

● But now Jack has blossomed into the centre's top underdog. His RSPCA master, Mr Richard Ball, is dreading having to part with him. "He is a super little dog and really deserved to win," he said.

● He added: "He was in a terrible state when he first came to us, but he is a real fighter and pulled through. Jack is so full of life you forget he has only one eye."

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