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New riddle of field circles

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MORE MYSTERIOUS circles have appeared in a cornfield in Wiltshire, reviving speculation on the UFO, whirlwind or helicopter theories.

The latest rings — one large one with four equi-distant smaller ones — are in a field of cereals on the slopes of Westbury White Horse hills at Bratton.

One of the first to spot the latest crop of five rings of flattened crops was Mr Maurice Easton, from Coulston, former cement works manager.

He said, "It really is a mystery. There is no sign of anyone having walked to the

circles in the middle of the field. I first noticed them a few days ago and just could not begin to guess what caused them. The corn is still growing."

Local meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden, however, is convinced that whirlwinds are the answer. Helicopters do not appear to be responsible, although the police have been using the craft in the area since the hippie invasion of the hills.