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Riddle is no 237+ corny joke!

THERE'S something very strange going on in the cornfields of Hampshire ...

Giant circles have appeared in the fields around Winchester again this month ... as they have every harvest for the last 50 years.

Farmers thought the rings, some as wide as 68ft in diameter, were caused by freak-winds. "No" say the weathermen. "We think they've been made by hooligans."

"No" say the police. "We've kept overnight watches on the fields and never seen anyone."

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"Anyway, some of the original vandals when it first started 50 years ago would be dead by now ... or they're passing secrets down through the family!"

"How could a human do it, anyway?" asked a perplexed inspector. "The rings are so big, they'd need hundreds of men — or machines. And someone would hear it. We are certain they are definitely NOT man-made."

Was it a space ship? The British UFO Association thinks not. "The corn would have been burned where the ship landed," said a spokesman.

Meanwhile, American visitors are flocking to the fields, which the locals know only as the ... Devil's Punchbowl.