

THE GREAT UFO MYSTERY

E.T. has us all running round in circles again



Mrs. Payne: "No bad vibes"



Picture: CHRIS WOOD

IT looks as if E.T. has been a regular visitor to Britain's countryside.

For here are five more of his mysterious "calling cards" pictured yesterday . . . perfectly symmetrical circles precisely positioned in a remote field.

They are in an 80-acre field beside the A272 Winchester to Petersfield road, Hampshire—60 miles from the spot where a similar ring of circles has been baffling the folk of Westbury, Wiltshire.

The Hampshire circles were as clearly visible yesterday as when amazed villagers first saw them, following a night of violent storms, three weeks ago.

They are carved in waist-high barley—one large circle, 50ft. in diameter, in the centre, and four others, 18ft. in diameter, positioned around it.

It is not the first time they have appeared. Similar circles materialised in the field—again without logical explanation—in 1980 and 1981.

And they have also appeared in the Devil's Punchbowl, a magnificent

Another set of space prints baffle the experts

By DAVID THURLOW

Roman amphitheatre below Cheesefoot Head beauty spot, near Winchester.

Mr. Maurice Botting, manager of a farm at nearby Owslebury, was the first to spot the latest appearances.

Like everyone else in the area he always looks at the field as he passes to see if the circles have come back. And this time they had.

He said: "It was a thunder and rainy night when I went past at 1.30 a.m. and they were not there."

"When I went by again at 6.30 a.m., there they were. It was astonishing."

He added: "We are all mystified and would love to know what the answer is."

In each circle the barley has been knocked down scientifically in a clockwise splayed spiral from the centre, leaving a perfect arc.

Whirlwind

Mrs. Petronel Payne, 37, from Owslebury, said: "The barley is laid perfectly, not ripped, torn, nor crushed."

The locals have plenty of theories. Some say the phenomenon may have been



THE WILTSHIRE 'CIRCLES' FROM YESTERDAY'S EXPRESS

caused by a whirlwind or helicopter, others that the circles were made by members of some secret Druid-like society.

Then, perhaps it was a spaceship, if not ET himself . . . certainly some kind of visitor from outer space.

But others believe it is all just a brilliant hoax.

"What we are looking for is a logical explanation," said Mrs. Payne. "But there just doesn't seem to be one."

"Other circles that have appeared in the area have been nowhere near a road, which suggests that it isn't a hoax."

She added: "People rang

the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Agriculture when the circles appeared two years ago. But no one was interested, so we left it."

"The circles are friendly and the field peaceful. I don't want any bad vibes from them."

Her husband, tractor driver Martin, said: "I have never come across anything like this."

The owner of the field, Lt.-Comander Henry Bruce, will have no truck with "all those fancy theories."

He declared angrily: "I believe it's grown-up people behaving like children and making wanton damage."