

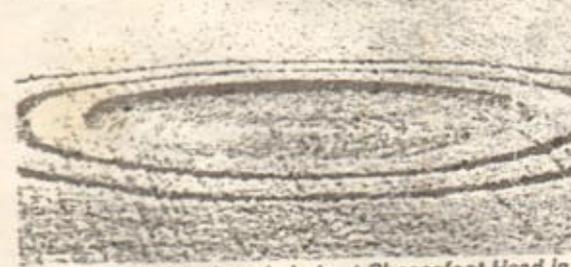
Ever-increasing circles

Phenomenon could hit Dorset cornfields next

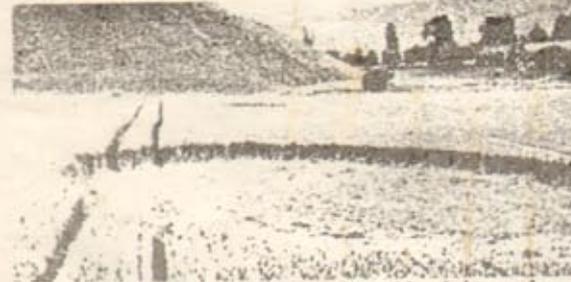
Report by David Haith



● This circle was found at Chilcomb near Winchester and suggests enormous vertical pressure fanning plants outward.



● A rare double ringed circle at Cheesefoot Head in Hampshire's Punch Bowl.



● A mystery circle - one of 51 found in eight weeks - close to that other mystery, ancient Silbury Hill man made earth mound near Avebury.

SCIENTISTS are going round in circles trying to solve the riddle of the flattened crops.

And for Dorset growers the warning is: "Beware - your farm could be hit next."

So far our county seems to have been spared the invasion of giant circles appearing overnight in cornfields across Britain - some with double rings and others grouped in perfectly symmetrical patterns.

But most are being reported in sister counties Hampshire and Wiltshire and are highlighted in *Circular Evidence*, a new book about the phenomenon by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews.

In an exclusive interview with the Advertiser, Colin Andrews, chief electrical engineer with Test Valley Borough Council, asked Dorset farmers to watch out for the circles and urgently report them to his research group.

He assured them: "We won't go public so you won't have lots of people tramping through your crops. But one grower has reported 28 of these things in a ten acre field and more and more are happening all the time. So it's in farmers' interest that we get to the bottom of what's going on."

Nobody yet knows what causes the strange circles with flattened corn swirled in set patterns.

But Colin's Circles Phenomenon Research Group is certain they're



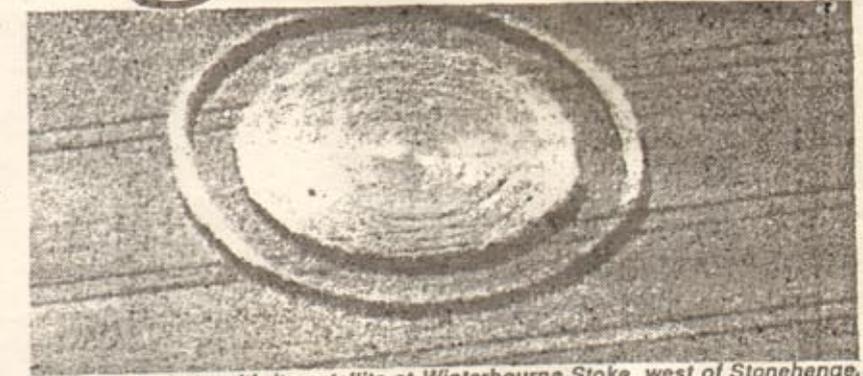
● The front of the controversial book showing a double ringed circle and a separate centre swirl with four satellites.

not the result of whirlwinds, rutting deer, rabbits... or hoaxers.

One or two wags have created their own circles but Colin can spot them a mile off and they don't match the 'genuine' ones.

There is a strong UFO connection - flying saucer shapes have appeared on photographs of circles and have regularly been seen in their vicinity.

And strange phenomena - crackles, hisses and flashes - often happen while researchers are inside circles plus other bizarre paranormal events at their homes.



● A ringed circle with its satellite at Winterbourne Stoke, west of Stonehenge, which "looked so real you could visualise it spinning."

The pilotless plane was "shadowed" for 410 miles and finally ditched 500 miles out in the Atlantic.

Nobody knows why the pilot ejected - but some have surmised that some force field which has inexplicably whirled circle researchers' compasses could have affected the plane's equipment or even the pilot's mind.

The idea of unknown earth energies is a strong contender to provide the final answer to the circles mystery.

Author Colin told me that research has moved on space since the book - published by Bloomsbury - was finished a year ago.

He said: "We have a team of 35 scientists and engineers and we're also using dowzers. We are looking at corridors of energy for we know there are energy patterns associated with these circles."

The Ministry of Defence is concerned enough to send helicopters out to photograph the circles.

The phenomenon - now being reflected across the globe - was first noticed in the mid-seventies.

Said Colin: "Something started happening around 1975 and it's stepping up. It's leading to something. The circles are now being reported in Britain at a rate of five a day. We've looked at 222 in the last four months. This is a far bigger phenomenon than most people believe."

One idea being considered is that the circles could be a symptom of a yet unknown form of pollution - possibly magnetic and connected with planetary environmental damage.

Said Colin: "If it's a quirk of nature why is it manifesting now and never before in recorded history?"

Perhaps sick Mother Earth is breaking out in boils!

● If you find a circle there is a hotline to the scientists studying the mystery. Phone 0264 - 56402.