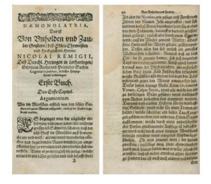
The origin of orally passed tales is hard to date. As soon as written documents come into use, events appearing to be crop circles become part of written history.

Ancient Times

Descriptions of corn circles in ancient legends, folklore and fairy tales around the globe

“What you call ‘Crop Circles’ is the same as what the Zulu call ‘Izishoze Zamatongo’ which means the designs or the writings of the gods. We have known about them for more than 4000 years.” Vusamazulo Credo Mutwa, Zulu spiritual leader and Shaman

1590



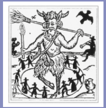
DÆMONOLATRIA.
Das iſt
Von Unholden vnd Zauber Geiſtern / deß Edlen Ehrenveſten
vnd Hochgelährten Herren /
NICOLAI REMIGII,
Deß Durchl. Hertzogen in Lotharingen /
Geheimen Raths vnd Peinlicher Sachen

Erſte Buch.

Das Erſte Capitel.

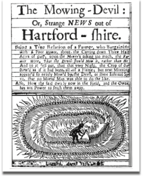
Argumentum.

Wie die Menſchen erſtlich von den böſen Geiſtern



So far oldest document referring to a crop circle

1678

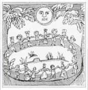


The Mowing-Devil:
Or, Strange NEWS out of
Hartford-ſhire.

Being a True Relation of a Farmer, who Bargainin with a Poor *Mower*, about the Cutting down Three Hal Acres of *Oats*, upon the *Mower*'s asking too much, the Farmer swore, *That the Devil ſhould Mow it, rather than He*. And so it fell out, that that very Night, the Crop of Oa ſhew'd as if it had been all of a Flame; but next Morning appear'd ſo neatly Mow'd by the Devil, or ſome Infernal Sp rit, that no Mortal Man was able to do the Like.
Alſo, How the ſaid *Oats* ly now in the Field, and the Owne has not Power to fetch them away.

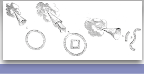
Publication of a pamphlet in which todays characteristics of a crop circle are described
….with that exactness that it would have taken upon above an Age for any Man to perform what he did that one Night.”

During the Middle Ages into the Renaissance the mysterious circles are assumed to be the work of witches, pagan spirits and demons, if not by the devil itself.

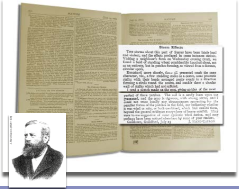


1686

First academic attempt *to explain 'strange markings' in the fields*



In the 18th century heavenly or sky born 'sound trumpets' are discussed as a possible explanation for the strange patterns found in the fields.



Storm Effects

THE storms about this part of Surrey have been lately local and violent, and the effects produced in some instances curious. Visiting a neighbour's farm on Wednesday evening (21st), we found a field of standing wheat considerably knocked about, not as an entirety, but in patches forming, as viewed from a distance, circular spots.

Examined more closely, these all presented much the same character, viz., a few standing stalks as a centre, some prostrate stalks with their heads arranged pretty evenly in a direction forming a circle round the centre, and outside these a circular wall of stalks which had not suffered.

I send a sketch made on the spot, giving an idea of the most perfect of these patches. The soil is a sandy loam upon the greensand, and the crop is vigorous, with strong stems, and I could not trace locally any circumstances accounting for the peculiar forms of the patches in the field, nor indicating whether it was wind or rain, or both combined, which had caused them, beyond the general evidence everywhere of heavy rainfall. They were to me suggestive of some cyclonic wind action, and may perhaps have been noticed elsewhere by some of your readers.

Guildown, Guildford, July 23 J. RAND CAPRON

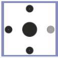
1880

First scientific report
on crop circles published in the
journal *Nature*

During the 19th century storm effects like 'cyclonic (whirl)wind action' are suggested as the cause of crop circles in Surrey.

1940
1945

The phenomenon attracts official interest during the second world war.



In 1946 a man witnesses a crop circle form in Schleswig- Holstein, Welspang, Germany.

During WOII some of the reported circles are thought to have been made as silent communication by foreign Nazi-spies. There are rumors that the Nazis thought it was the other way around.

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the term Crop Circle is coined

Start of research into plant anomalies found in crop circles, such as elongated and bend nodes, and analyses of internal changes (crystalline structure) in the plants.

Discovery that crop circles are not random patterns in the field. Differences in diameters of larger and smaller circles in crop formations result in the discovery of a diatonic ratio.

Tully 'nests' no hoax, say farmers

1966

Report of a 'flying saucer' followed by the discovery of circular patterns or so called 'saucer nests' near Tully in Australia.

Early 1980s

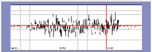
Start organized research into the crop circle phenomenon in the UK

From the late 1980s more and more hypotheses and theories are presented and published.
One of them is the theory that electrically charged whirlwinds (called plasma-vortex) are behind the forming of crop circles.

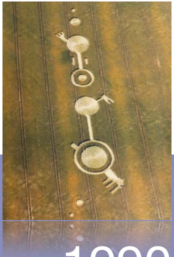
THE CIRCLES EFFECT AND ITS MYSTERIES
CIRCULAR EVIDENCE
BLOOMSBURY

Publication of the first two books that fired the public and media interest in the phenomenon and research work.

1989



First recording of a 'Crop Circle Sound'



12th July 1990

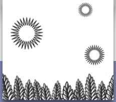
Appearance East Field Pictogram near Alton Barnes in Wiltshire, UK

Start of a new era in Crop Circle History

Many farmers are interested in the crop circle subject and allow researchers to examine crop circles on their property.

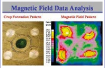
In the 1960s, during the peak time of the world-wide UFO-sightings, crop circles are interpreted as 'landing-markings' of classical flying saucers from outer space.

When strange sounds are reported in connection with the appearance of crop circles, it is discussed if sound could be a key mechanism in the creation of crop circles. This was supported by the Cymatics theory.



Spherical light
crop circle act
crop formation

First magnetometer survey is carried out (Devils Punch Bowl, Oxon, UK). Magnetic flux readings prove to be significant higher inside the crop circle, than outside.



Discovery of magne
soil of a crop circle (
UK) leading to in-de

26th July

Ball of light
Tractor

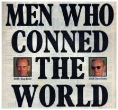
MILK HILL FOOTAGE

First time a moving ball of light near crop circles is recorded on film. The tractor driver confirmed that he saw the object with the naked eye and said the engine stopped as the light went over the tractor.

1991

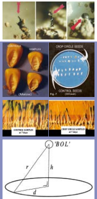
Crop circle showing the mathematical ‘Mandelbrot Set’ appears near Cambridge in Kent, UK.

Appearance of intricate design surrounded by strange events



MEN WHO CONNED THE WORLD

11 Sept. Two men step forward claiming they made all crop circles. Their story turns out to be based on ‘alternative facts’.



1993 onwards

Several publications appear in scientific peer reviewed papers on anomalies found in plants and soil. They present evidence for the involvement of three different types of energy in the creation of crop circles; a heating agency, strong magnetic fields and unusual electrical pulses.

Numbers of crop circles reported worldwide climbing over **200** per year

Farmers feel deceived that crop circles were man-made and gradually start blocking their fields off for researchers and visitors.

*phenomena are often reported from sites with a concentrated
ivity. It is still debated if those lights are involved in creating the
ns, or just a side-effect of the involved energies.*

In September 1991 the all-man-made theory is launched on a large scale and settles in the minds of millions around the world.

Mysterious ‘telepathy-type interconnections’ between organisms and of collective memories within species, known as Morphic Resonance, is introduced as a possibly theory.

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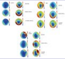
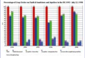
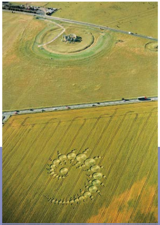
Diatonic Ratio's



Test reveal that the levels of thyroxin fall when people are in a crop circle, while the levels of adrenaline and melatonin increase





7th july 1996

Crop Circle

appears during the day
in a span of ±45 minutes

OLIVERS CASTLE EVENT

Alleged forming of a crop circle filmed on camera

Unexplained healing effects reported in crop circle near Alton Priors

1997

The most complex and detailed crop lay ever

1999

Origami design appears after a specific wish by a Japanese group

Meanwhile the next generation of hoaxers has taken over, sometimes outmatching each other with intricate designs.

As crop circles are often found near ancient monuments, a relation between earth energy and crop circles is hypothesized.

Is the human mind itself powerful enough to manifest crop circles by some sort of conscious or unconscious form of telepathy and telekinesis?

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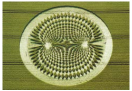
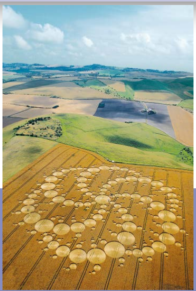
Study and statistical analysis suggest that crop circles mostly appear along water aquifers and chalk grounds.

Mathematical analyses reveal that some crop circles embody the answer to the mathematical question 'Squaring the Circle'.



Very complicated crop formations start to appear

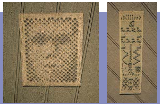
2000



12th August **2001**

409 Circles

4 football fields



14th August

CHILBOLTON EVENT

First rectangular shape appears showing recognizable images of a face and a message.

2002

Finest example of hidden figures and geometry so far

In 2003 a truck driver witnesses a crop circle form in Kekoskee, Wisconsin, USA.

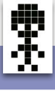
2006

3 dimensional effect start to appear in crop circle designs

2008

Design embodying hidden mathematics of the number Pi and 'Squaring the circle'

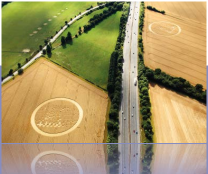
Crop circles often resemble designs found in nature. Could crop circles be the result of natural processes?



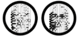
The idea that aliens can be behind the crop circle phenomenon, in the sense of delivering messages, is fueled with the arrival of 'alien face crop circles'.

With the increase of surveillance technology some people assume that crop formations are made by using space satellite laser or secret energy-beam technology.

Some followers of the 'time traveling' believe circles are time-marker



2010

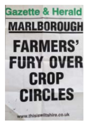


2 individual crop circles, each on different side of the road, depict together the image of 1 face.

MUSEUM
Summer Exhibition @ Wiltshire Museum
Exploring
the Mystery and Beauty of
Crop Circles
WILTSHIRE MUSEUM

2014

First time the research behind crop circles is featured in a Museum



Gazette & Herald
MARLBOROUGH
FARMERS' FURY OVER CROP CIRCLES
www.thisiswiltshire.co.uk

Farmers of the Vale of Pewsey, one of the most important areas for crop circles to appear, decide collectively to cut out all crop circles straight away.

Various initiatives arise to compensate farmers for the loss of crop and privacy. Some farmers start to allow access to their fields again.

concept of
that crop
rs.

The idea that crop circles are the result of so-called 'trans-communication' by the spirits of the dead is followed by some parapsychologists.

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