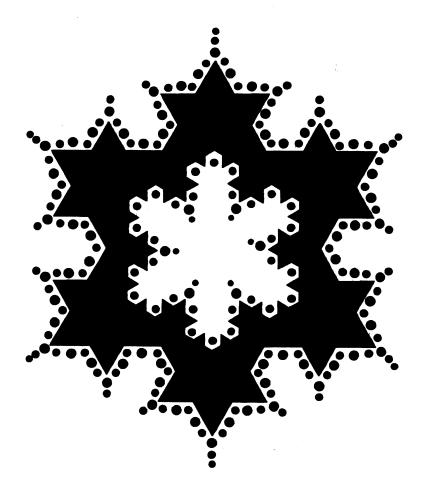


BARBURY CASTLE 1991

Perhaps the most significant crop circle of all, this huge triangle appeared July 17th below the Barbury Castle hill fort. Its sacred geometry depicts a tetrahedron (3-sided pyramid). John Haddington noticed a strange little mark, well between the tramlines, which appeared near two other formations that year (on right, above).

Diagram © 1996 Peter R. Sørensen



KOCH SNOWFLAKE II

Appeared August 8th, below Milk Hill at Alton Barnes, 200[±] feet, in wheat Very similar to the earlier Silbury formation, except this one is slightly smaller, and it's interior has standing crop with a lovely fractal pattern.

It has a record 144 straight edges and a record 198 circles!

Discovered by Nick Riley, on his way to work at 6:AM

Koch was the mathematician who formulated fractal triangle geometry.

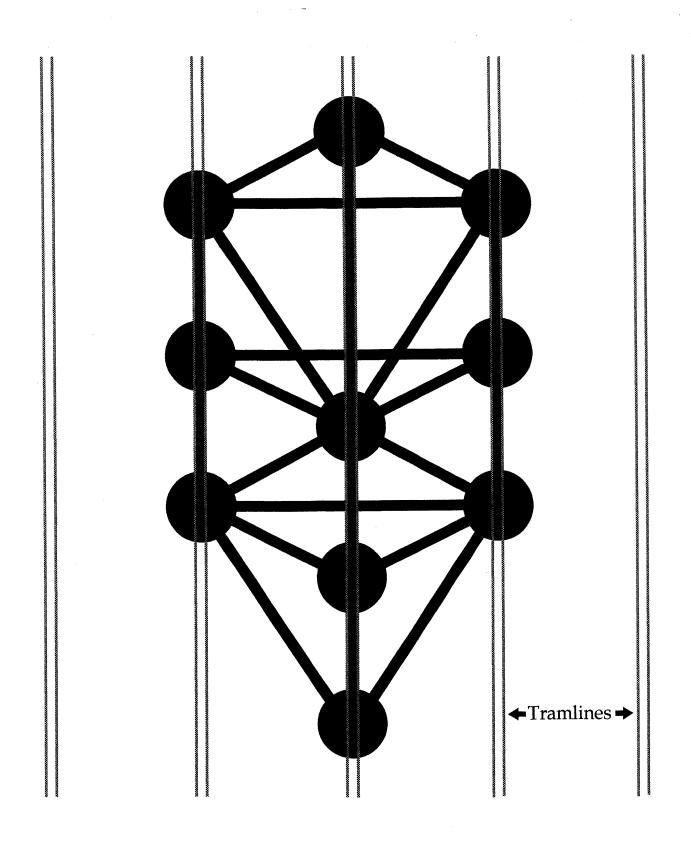
© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen

110 STARS LEFT



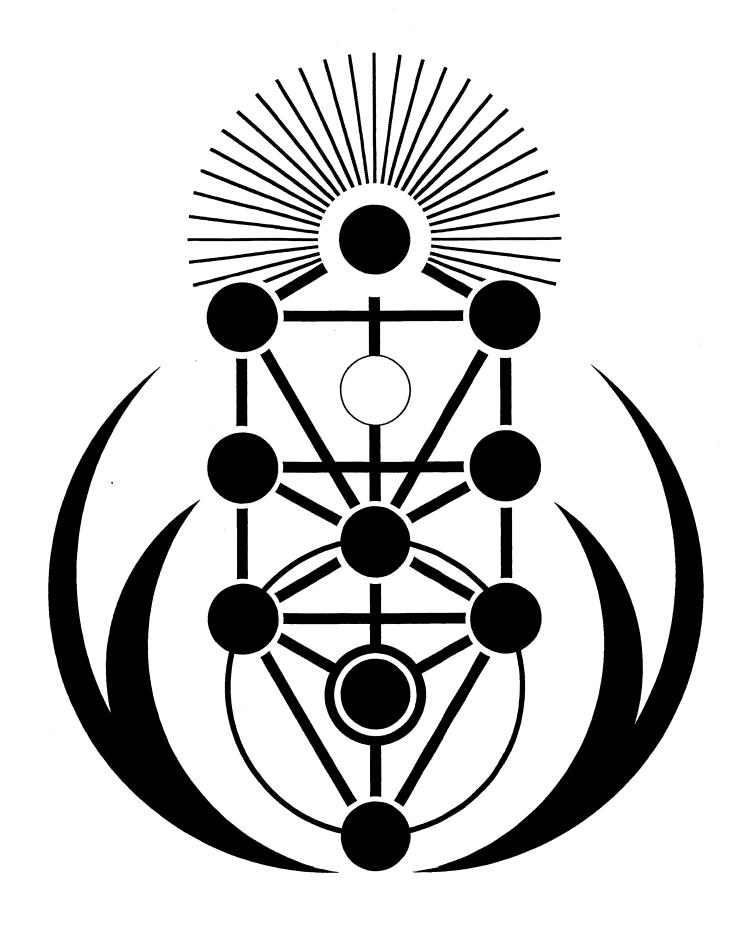
SPINNING CRESCENTS

The first crop formation of the year arrived April 20th in canola (rapeseed) near the Barbury Castle hill fort — one field East from the site of the 1991 Triangle. The 160+ foot diameter "Circular Saw" (as some call it) is accompanied by a single 4 ft. grapeshot, way off near the South-West corner of the field. When I visited the circle on its fourth day it had not been heavily visited, yet every single stalk of hundreds that I inspected was crimped or broken in two. And unfortunately, many also had severe "stomper" scrapes along their length.



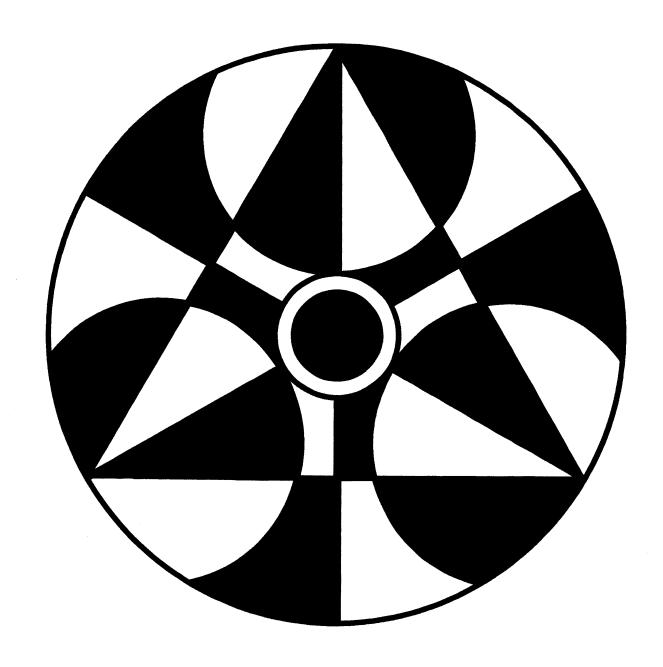
TREE of LIFE

This 150+ footer appeared at Burderop Down, two miles East of Barbury Castle (Ord. map grid: SU 170-770), on the 3rd or 4th of May, in canola/rapeseed. The design is an efficient but artless rendition of the "Key to the Kabballah." Compare with the 1991 Barbury Castle Triangle — the CircleMaker's masterpiece — which was actually the triangular root of this very Tree. This is a pale imitation! It's incorrectly proportioned: the big triangles, which should be equilateral, are too wide. Perhaps the first investigator in it, I found only crimped, broken, and scraped stalks.



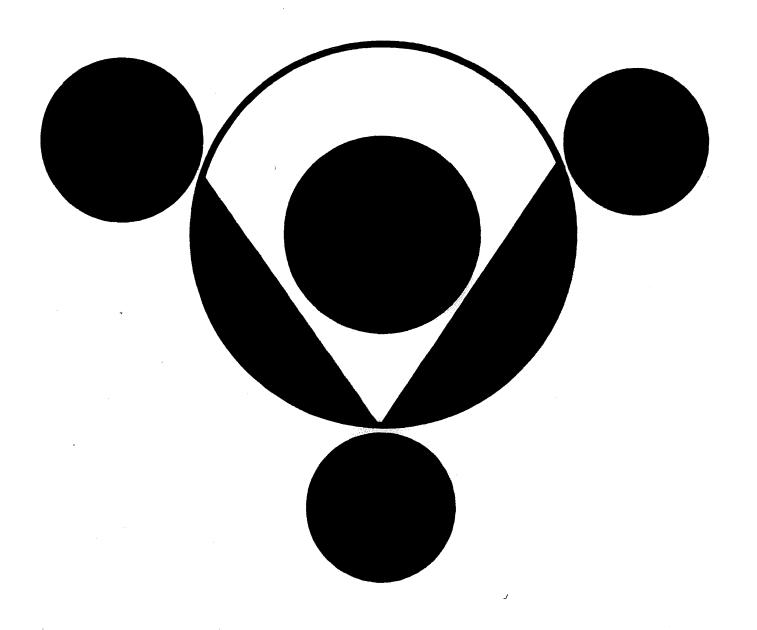
HYPOTHETICAL "GENUINE" TREE of LIFE

The Kabbalah formation that appeared near Barbury Castle this May is *not*, in my opinion, genuine. It represents a map of matter/consciousness/spirit of the highest order, yet it was rendered in a most banal way — lifted straight out of a textbook. The *real* CircleMakers would have exalted it (as they did the 1991 Barbury Castle Triangle), with spectacular grace and glory. Here I've just let my mind roam free in an attempt to imagine what they *might* have done.



HARLEQUIN CIRCLE

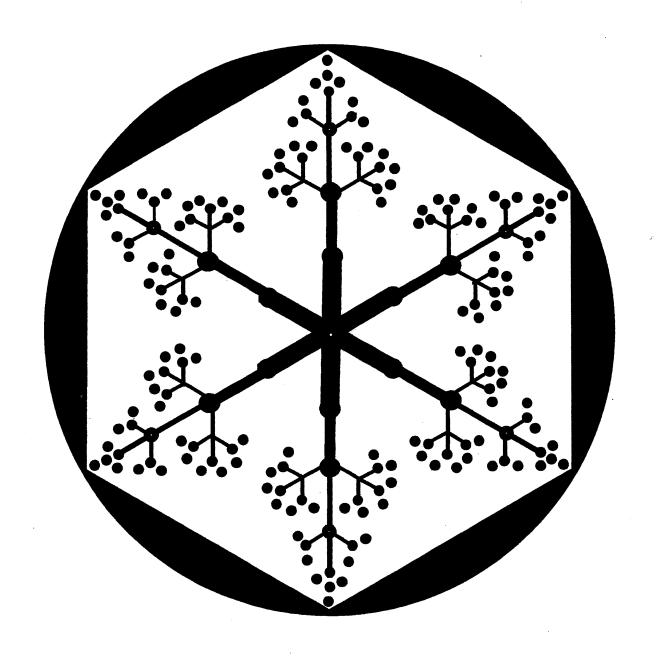
Appearing June 1st, the first formation in cereal (barley) this year in Wiltshire is located three miles north of Avebury, in Winterbourne Bassett (SU 093-753). The 150± foot circle features a triangle bisected three ways and cutting through three circles in the corners to create the unusual design. Although someone had been there before us, the stalks otherwise had no footprints or scrape marks on them — but, neither was there a single magical bend.



SOUND TRUMPETS

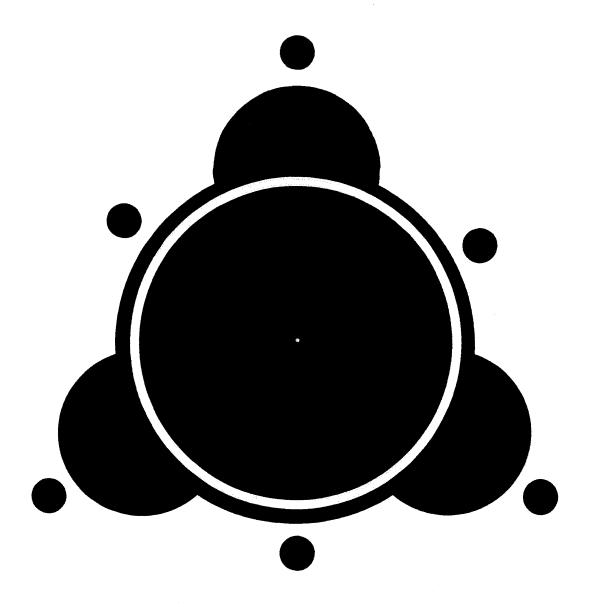
Found on the Marlborough Downs, it was under 100 feet, in barley. Probably dated to first week in June, but not discovered until the 14th. Crop had stomping board marks, and no magic stalks.

The name derives from ilyes' theory of crop formation in which sound is used to define the design of crop circles.



STONEHENGE SNOWFLAKE

Perhaps two days old when discovered June 10th, this 400+ footer is in the same field South of Stonehenge as the first Julia Set (1996). With 194 circles, it ties last year's *Triple* Julia Set for the record number. The details are irregular, and the craftsmanship of the circles varies greatly. While impressively complex, the design lacks real sophistication or finesse. It is *not* the work of a Picasso — let alone of ETs or Angels!

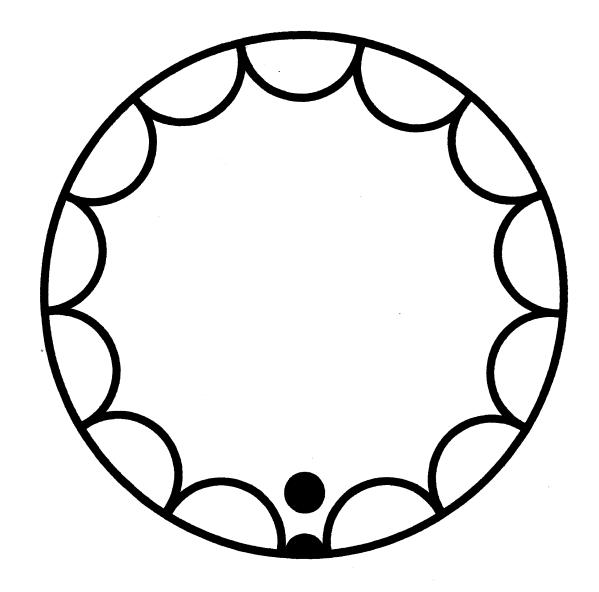


DANEBURY TRIAD

This barley formation, discovered in late June near Danebury Ring (south of Andover, Hants.), is only about 60 feet on a side.

After inspecting the crop and dowsing the circles, Richard Andrews, who can be difficult to please, said enthusiastically, "It's a cracker!" The design, while original, has the classical crop circle look.

And while there were no "magically bent" stalks, there were thousands of "magically standing" ones.

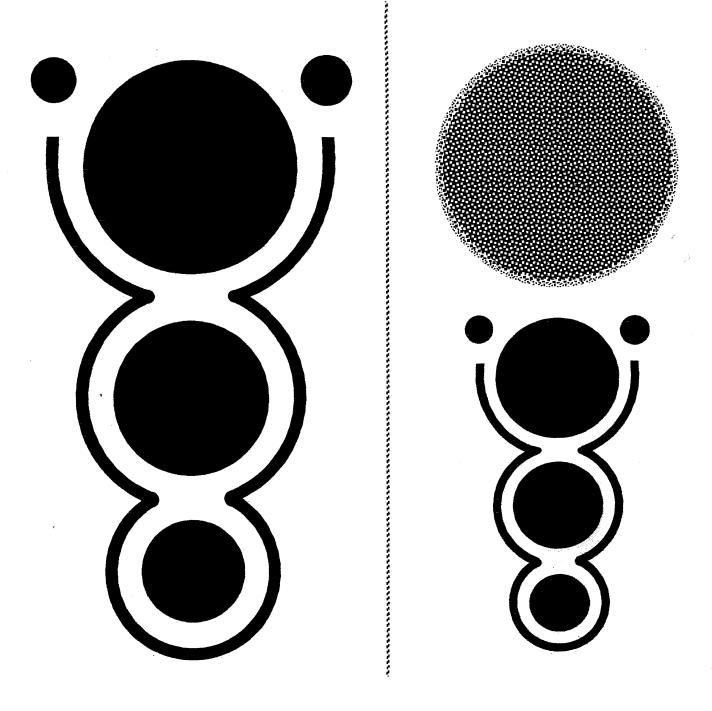


SCALLOPED RING

Perhaps the first formation in wheat this year, this 70± footer was discovered by Steve Patterson from the air on June 30th, East of Corehampton, in Hampshire.

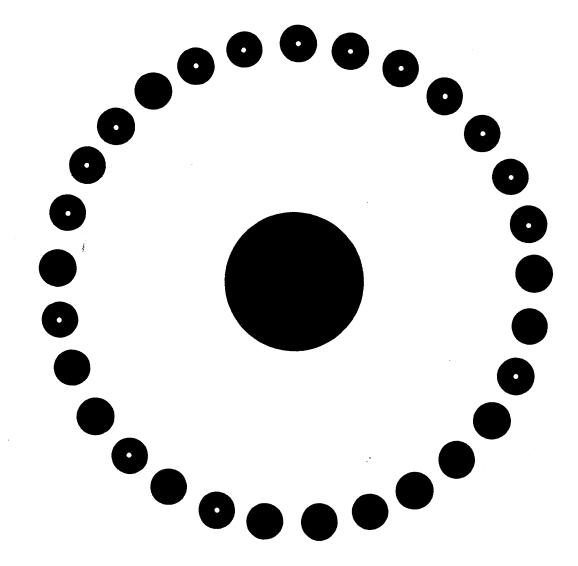
The arcs are remincent of some of the 1995 Hampshire formations.

The 13 arcs are cruder than shown — my computer doesn't do irregular shapes easily.



THE GODDESS

Appeared at Upham, Hampshire, June 15th, 90± feet, in wheat.
An absolutely *lovely* formation — arguably the most beautiful of the year — with positive reports from researchers who inspected it on the ground. It was in line with an old bomb crater(!) which was part of the design *(on right)*.

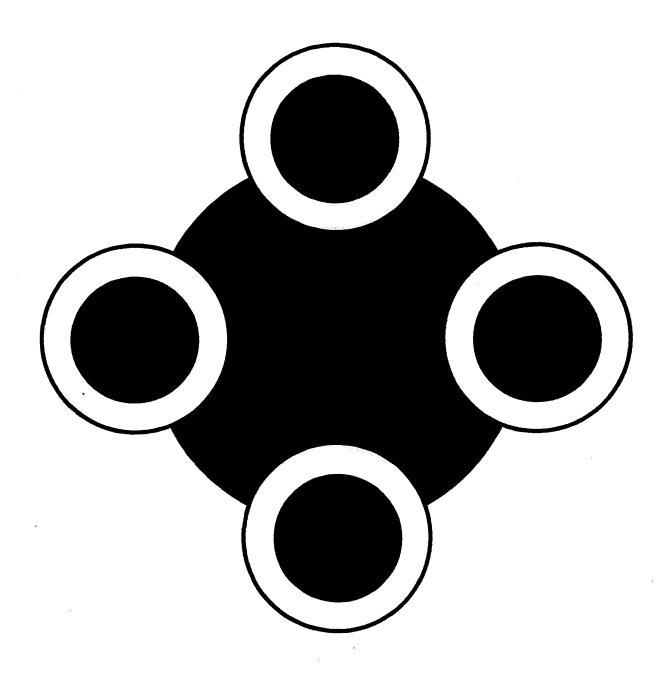


RING of 29 CIRCLES

South-east of Winchester, July 6th, Barley, 80± feet diameter. The crop in the central circle had a rare radial lay (no swirl).

Many of the outer circles had standing centers with as little as a single standing stalk (white dots).

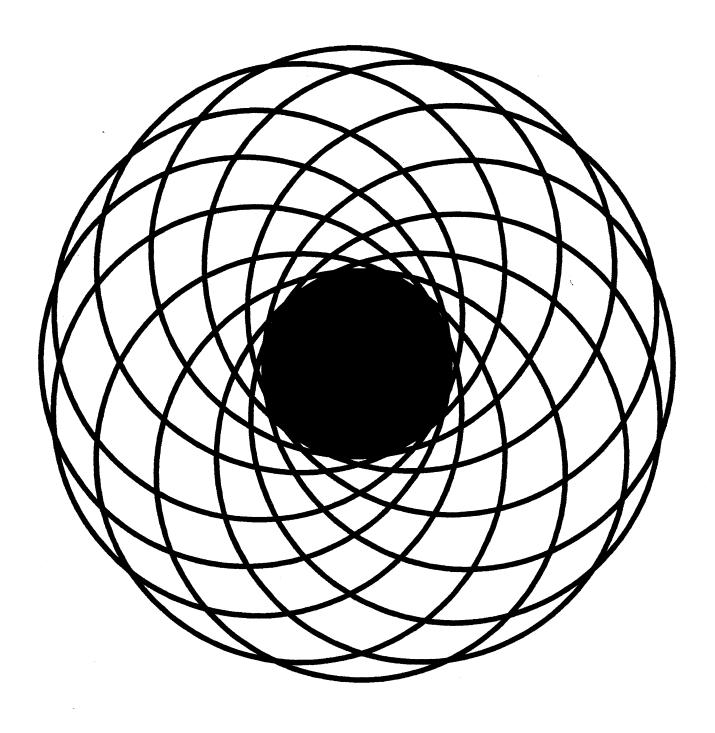
(Two horrible-looking "galaxy" arms made of squiggles curved out from the center. Extremely crude compared to the circles, they were almost certainly not part of the original. Depicted at left for the record.)



RING QUINTUPLET

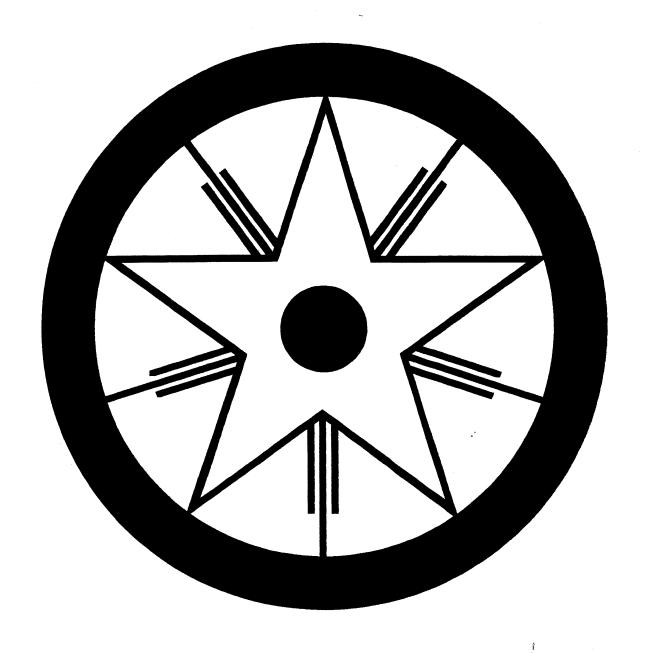
This excellent formation is in wheat at Headbourne Worthy on the northern outskirts of Winchester (SU 475 329).

The 256-footer was discovered July 7th.



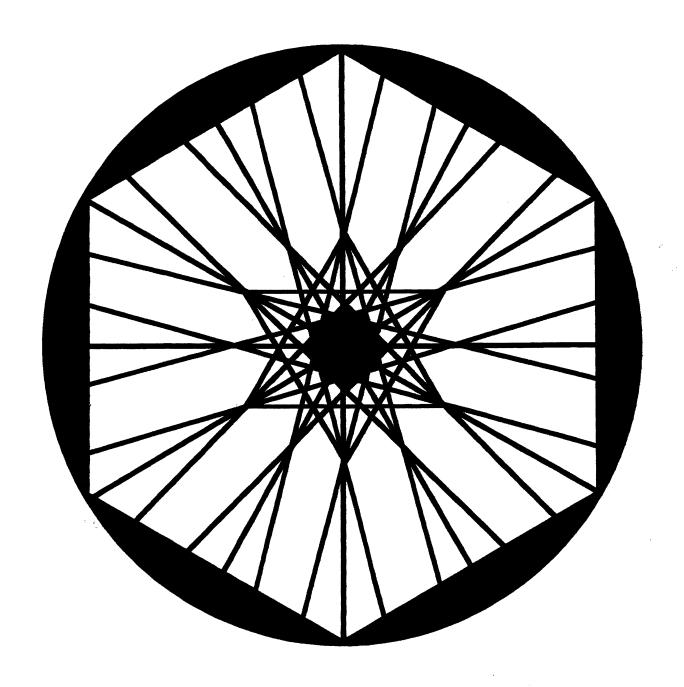
WOODBOROUGH RINGS

Discovered July 11th by farmer Tim Carson at Alton Barnes, Wilts. in wheat, across the road from the East Field (SU 116-619). It is 300[±] feet in diameter. The lay of the crop looks like it was smoothed down by flowing water — beautiful! The placement of the rings is slightly irregular — approximately as shown.



STAR of BETHLEHEM

At Bishop's Cannings, near Devizes, July 13, wheat, 150± feet. This beautiful formation is "cookie-cutter" perfect — almost too good! The experts are divided on this one.



BICYCLE SPOKES

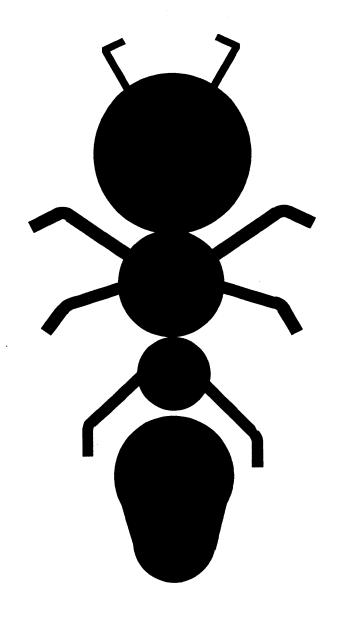
Below Cley Hill, west of Warminster, July 14th, 250[±] feet, wheat. The design formed around a small circle that was some weeks old. The preexisting circle may be genuine.

The preexisting circle may be genuine.

The hexagonal border is the same as the one on the Stonehenge Snowflake.

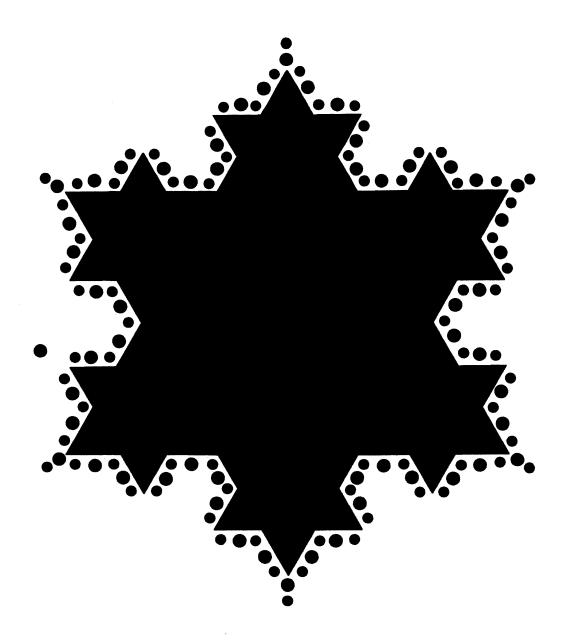
The placement of the lines is slightly irregular — approximately as shown.

FIRST DRAFT
© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen



THE ANT

Hatched in Hen Wood (Meon Valley), July 17th, in wheat, 100^{\pm} feet long. Researchers report a beautiful lay and thousands of standing stalks. It is not an "insectogram" in the traditional sense — those formations were quite different, more abstract and lyrical.

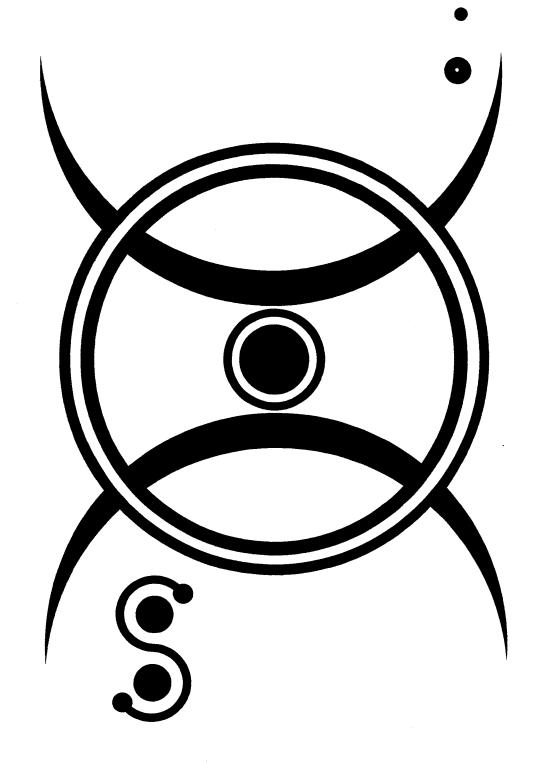


FRACTAL STAR of DAVID

July 23rd, NNW of Silbury Hill, 250+ feet, wheat Exclusive of the 126 little circles and two grapeshot (one 600 ft. away), the geometry is known as a *Koch Snowflake*, named after a pioneering fractal mathematician.

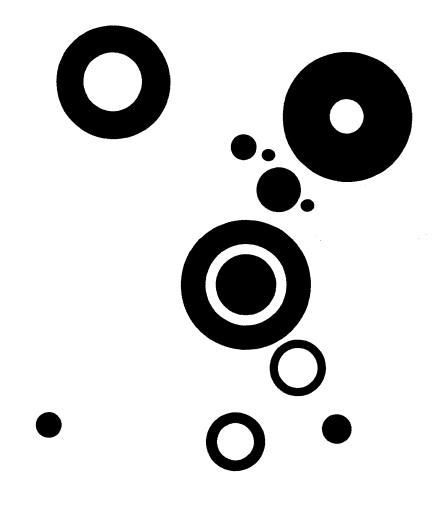
Spectacular lay of the crop, like the Liddington Crescents in 1996.

© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen



THE WATERBUG

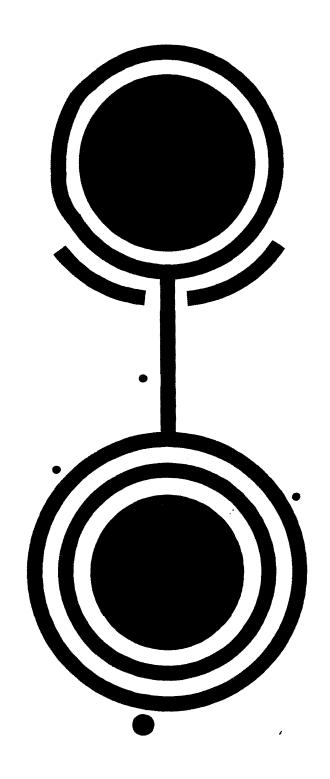
This 200± footer appeared July 23rd below Oliver's Castle in Wheat. It is in the same field as the 1994 Nested Crescents. Is the **S** a signature? (I didn't make it!!!)



SARAH'S CIRCLES

This formation was made July 21st by two German researchers, Joachim Koch and Hans Kyborg, "in cooperation with the CircleMakers." They dowsed the field, and marked it's energy points with the circles. The resulting design is a star map which will reveal the CircleMaker's origin. 14 year-old Sara Bailey's horse acted strangely when riding by the field after dark, and she told her friend she was sure there was a crop circle in the field. She's thrilled by her discovery. I am quite interested by the interaction of people with the Circle making Intelligence, and I feel there is something telling about Sarah's experience — it may be more than coincidence.

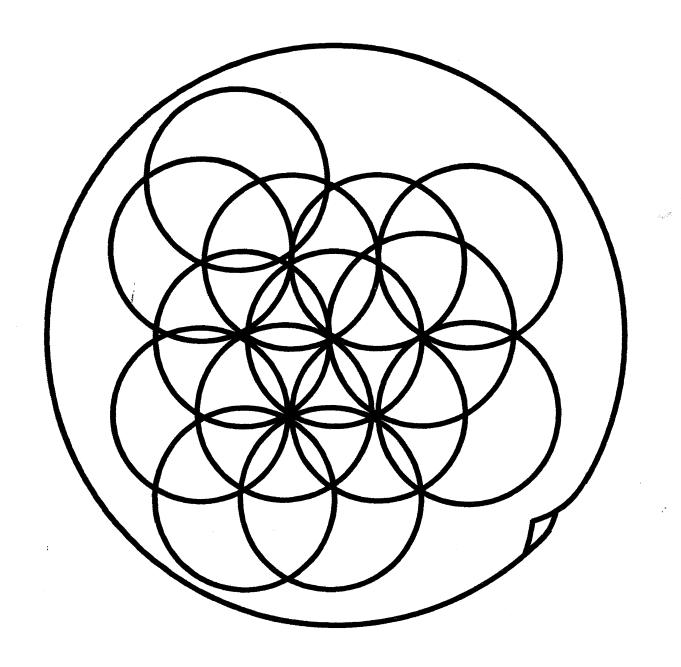
© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen



CLASSICAL DUMBELL

On Keysley Down (south of Warminster), 100 feet long, in wheat.

I got an anonymous tip in the post, dated July 24th,
that there was a formation NE of the junction of the A303 and the A350.
It's a 1990s style dumbell with "gap-seeking" on the upper ring.



FRIGHTFUL FLOWER of LIFE

Alton Priors, July 31, 100+ feet, in wheat.

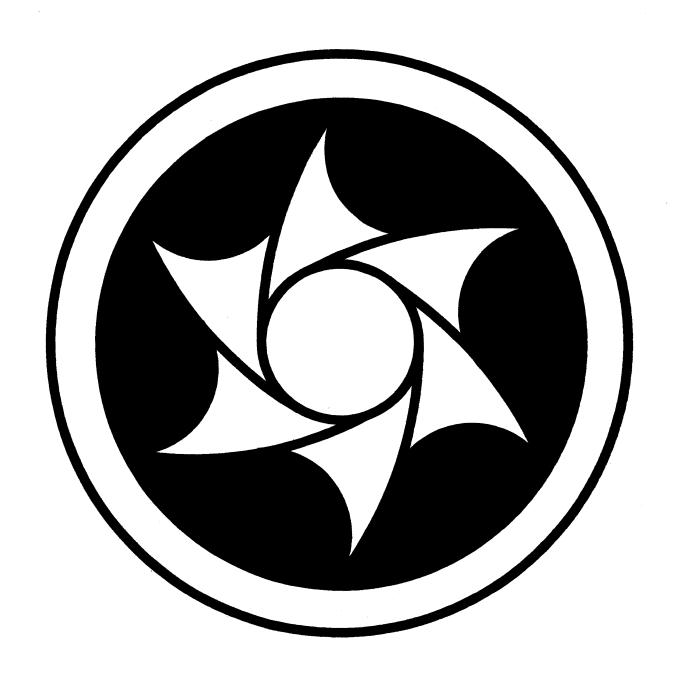
From ground and air, everything about this formation is terribly sloppy.

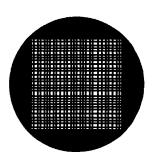
Since my computer doesn't make irregular shapes easily,

try to imagine every ring looking like it was made by drunks.

If ETs made this hideously deformed insult to geometry, they should be ashamed!

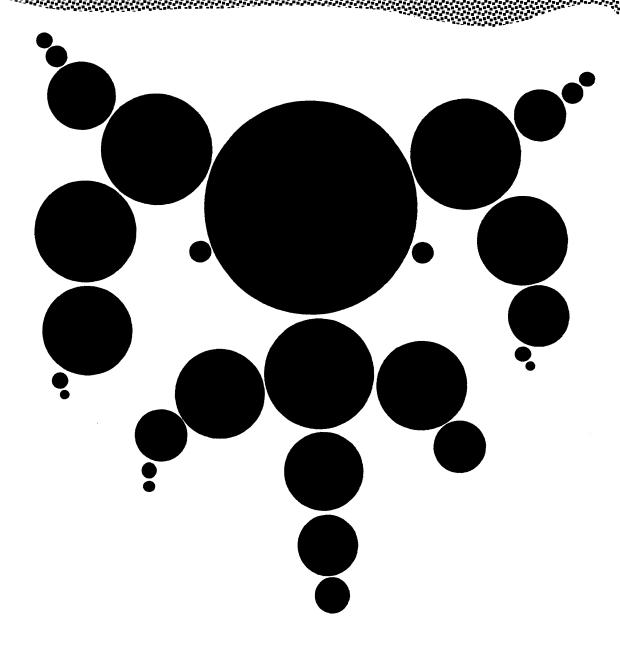
The farmer would appreciate it if people would ignore this one.





TWO at ETCHILHAMPTON

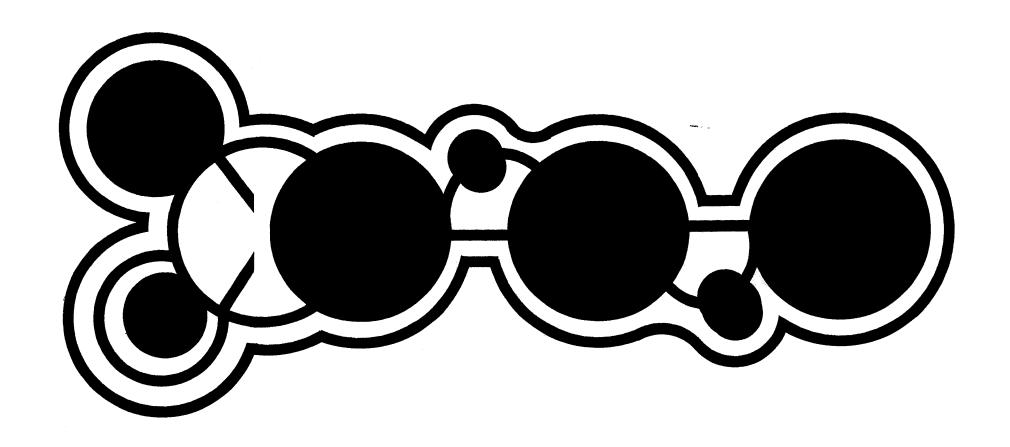
These 120[±] foot wheat circles arrived August 2nd, in the same field the ⁴/₅ mile formation was last year (the "ghost" of which can be seen as wind damage). The square is roughly divided into 754 tiny rectangles.



LIDDINGTON NECKLACE '97

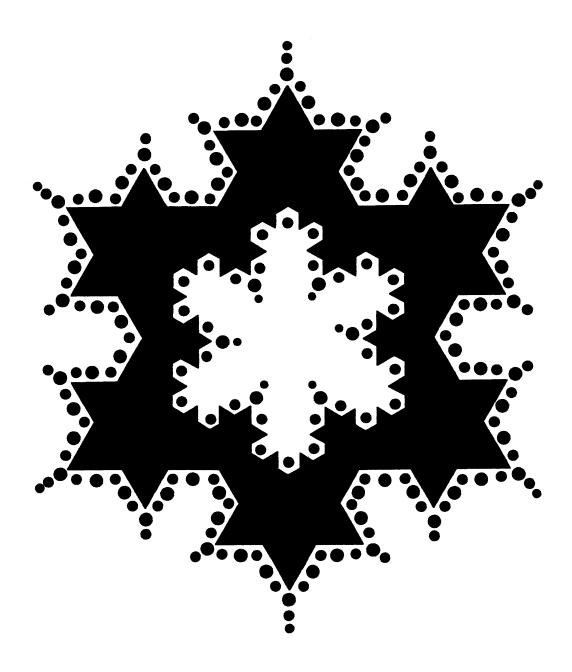
Near Liddington Castle, Wilts., first weekend in August, 150 feet. It's an elaboration of last year's "Strand of Pearls."

There was a construction path that did **not** cut the standing crop between the circles or their centers!



WARP DRIVE ENGINE

About two weeks old when discovered below Fosbury Fort, Wilts. (SU 325-560), August 5th, in wheat. The 130± foot formation can be well viewed from the road up Conholt Hill, south of Vernham Dean. The encompassing outlines suggests a family resemblance with the Upham "Goddess" formation. The name was inspired by Doug Ruby's idea that crop circles may be clues to free energy devices and space propulsion.



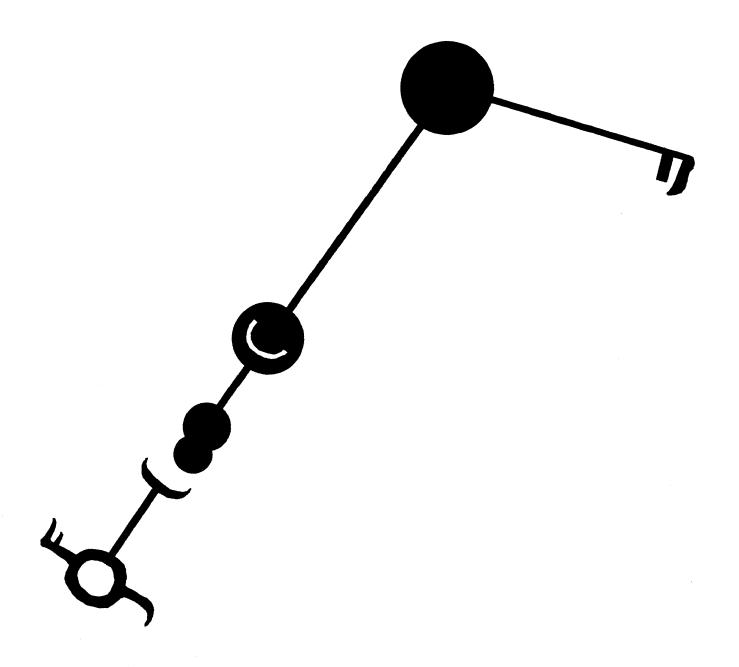
KOCH SNOWFLAKE II

Appeared August 8th, below Milk Hill at Alton Barnes, 200[±] feet, in wheat Very similar to the earlier Silbury formation, except this one is slightly smaller, and it's interior has standing crop with a lovely fractal pattern.

It has a record 144 straight edges and a record 198 circles!

Discovered by Nick Riley, on his way to work at 6:AM

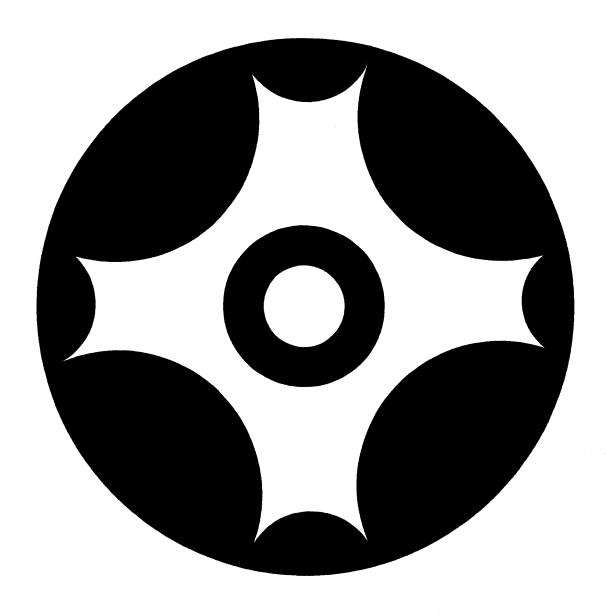
Koch was the mathematician who formulated fractal triangle geometry.



ETCHILHAMPTON PICTOGRAM

What are we to make of this 250± footer that appeared August 9th?

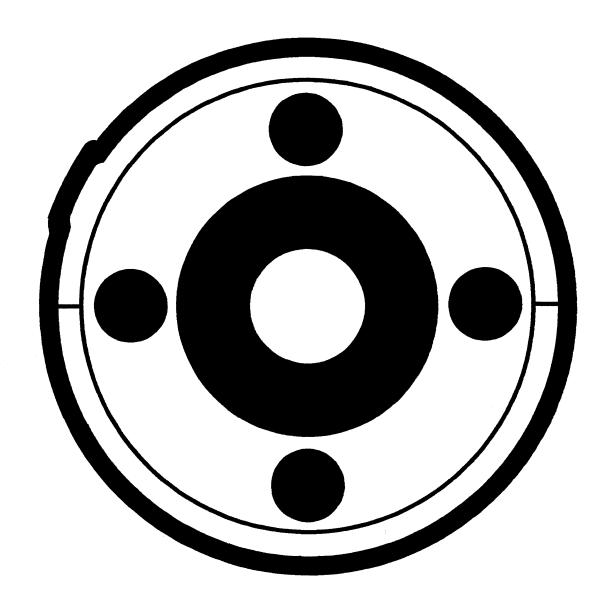
One of the — dare I say it — ugliest formations ever, and yet,
most agree it has the most interesting lay of crop ever, as well!
It also seemed to work with the wind damaged crop in the field
in a manner that seems intentional — all very difficult for me to swallow!
A 75± foot diameter simple circle is about 500 feet to the East.



"MALTESE" CROSS

Near Morested, Hants., July 27th, in wheat, 110± feet Researchers are hotly divided 50/50 on this one.

All the curves are mechanically perfect, yet inaccurately placed, and, personally, I think the proportions are very disharmonious.



UPHAM QUINTUPLET

Aug 14th near the Upham "Goddess" formation (Hants.), 100± feet, wheat. Very pronounced gap seeking distorts the outer ring (note upper left). It looked pretty good from the air. Did anybody inspect it on the ground?



PSEUDO-FRACTAL TRIANGLE

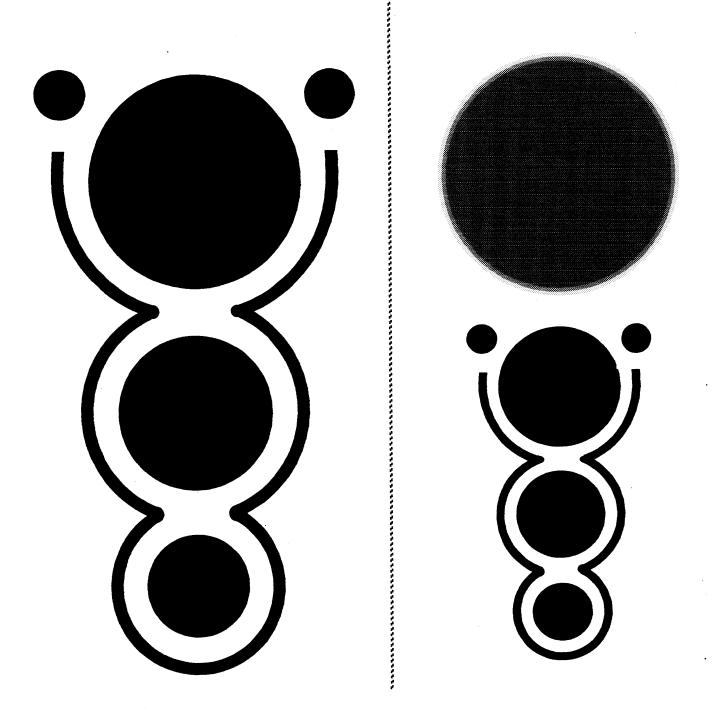
Reported Aug. 18th, West of Hackpen Hill (SU 123-745), in wheat.

The triangle's sides are about 75 feet long.

Similar to the spectacular fractal stars of David earlier this season, this sloppy and much smaller formation looks like a copy-cat job to me.

And, it is not a proper fractal like the others, because it jumps from one triangle to three without an intermediary.

Perhaps humans are trying to reply to the CircleMakers.



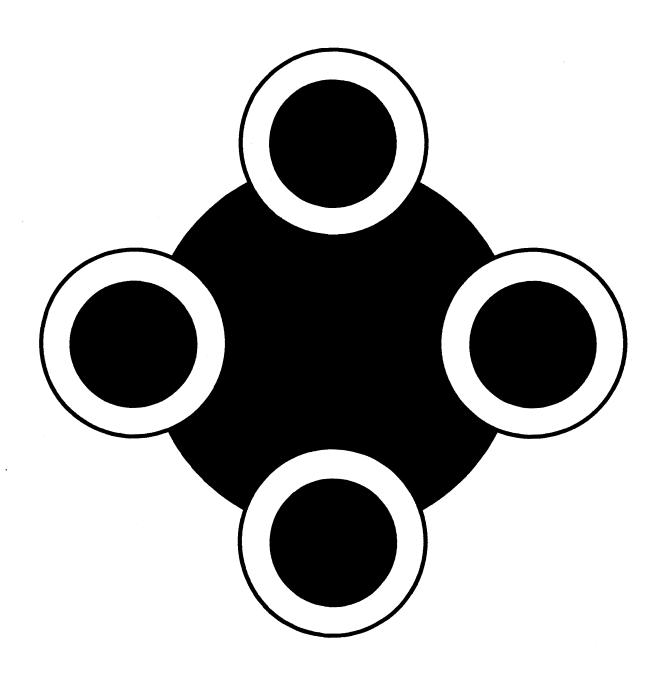
THE GODDESS

In Hampshire (where?______ when?_____, 100 feet? _____ wheat.

An absolutely *lovely* formation — arguably the most beautiful of the year — with positive reports from researchers who inspected it on the ground.

It was in line with an old bomb crater(!) which was part of the design (on right).

© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen



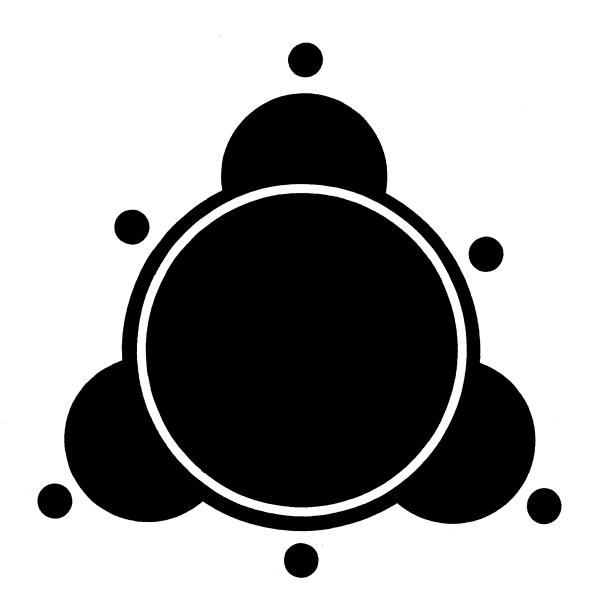
RING QUINTUPLET

PRELIMINARY DATA:

This excellent formation is *probably* at Headbourne Worthy on the northern outskirts of Winchester (SU 475 329).

Seen from the air, it appears to be in wheat, is about 150 feet across, and is beautifully laid.

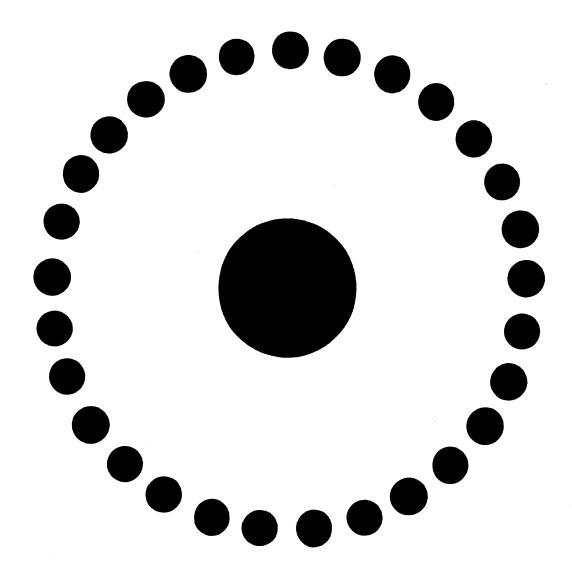
© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen



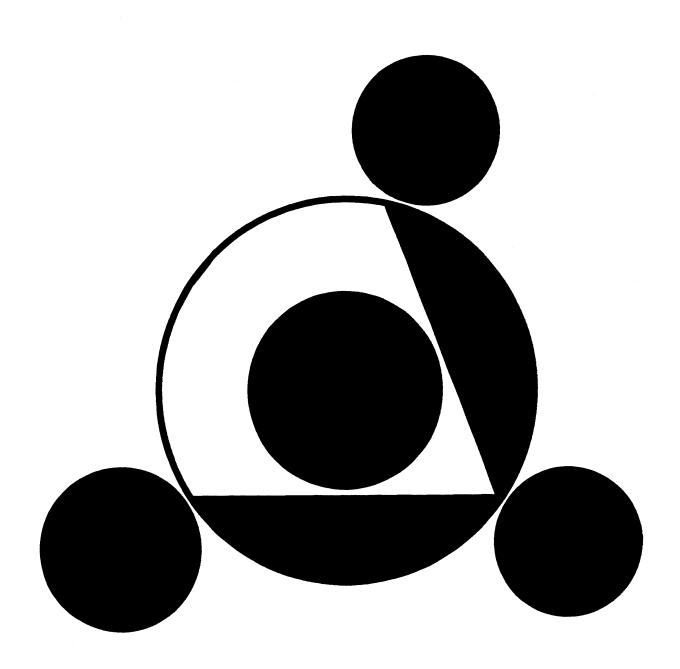
DANEBURY TRIAD

This barley formation, discovered in late June near Danebury Ring (south of Andover, Hants.), is only about 60 feet on a side. After inspecting the crop and dowsing the circles, Richard Andrews, who can be difficult to please, said enthusiastically, "It's a cracker!" The design, while original, has the classical crop circle look.

And while there were no "magically bent" stalks, there were thousands of "magically standing" ones.

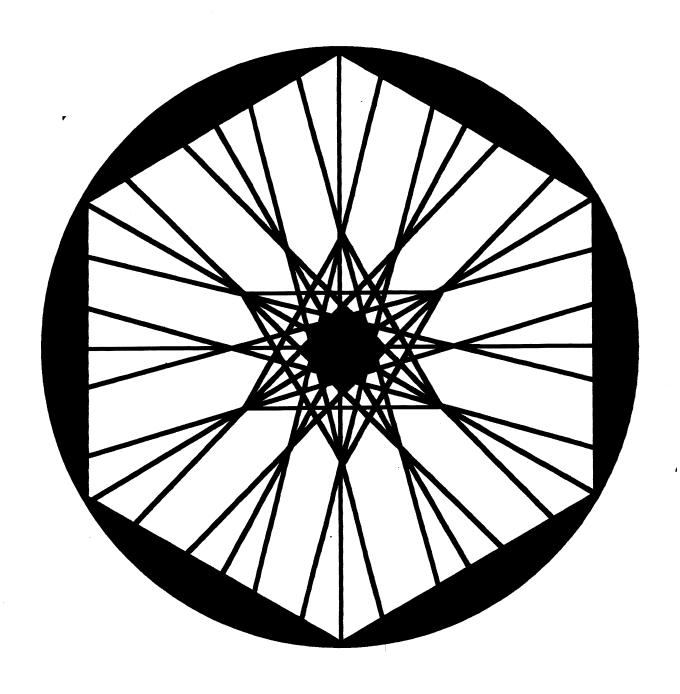


29 Circle RingSouth-east of Winchester Where? Barley?



Lopsided Formation

On the Marlborough Downs at SU 156-731; under 100 feet; barley. Probably dates to first week in June, but not known until the 14th. Crop has stomping board marks; no magic stalks. Again!

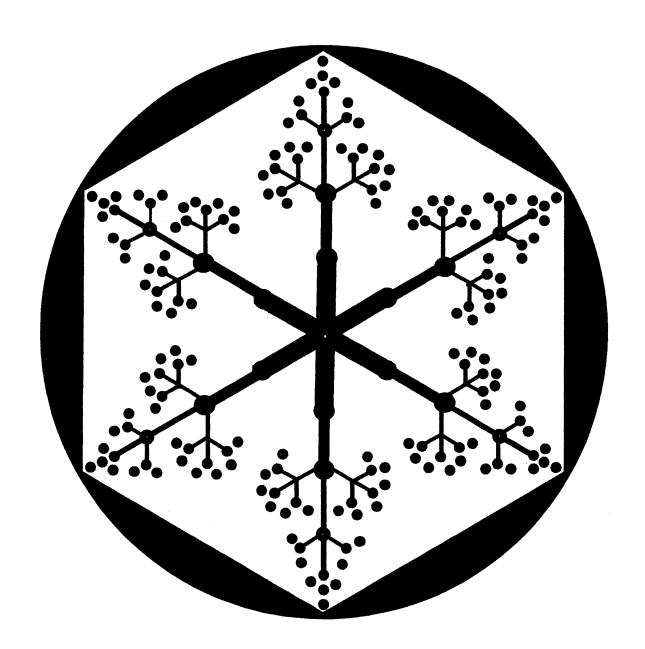


BICYCLE SPOKES

Below Cley Hill, west of Warminster, July 14, 250±, wheat. The design formed around a small circle that was a few weeks old. The hexagonal border is the same as the one on the Stonehenge Snowflake.

FIRST DRAFT © 1997 Peter R. Sørensen

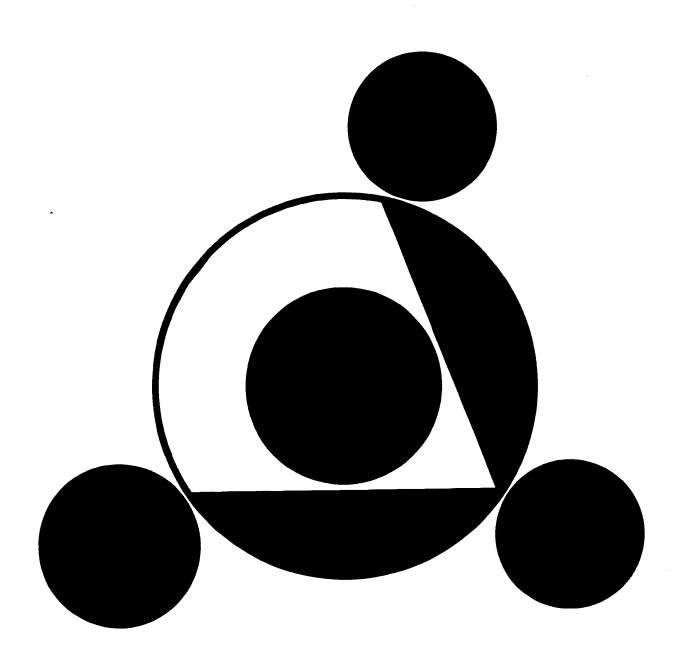




SNOWFLAKE

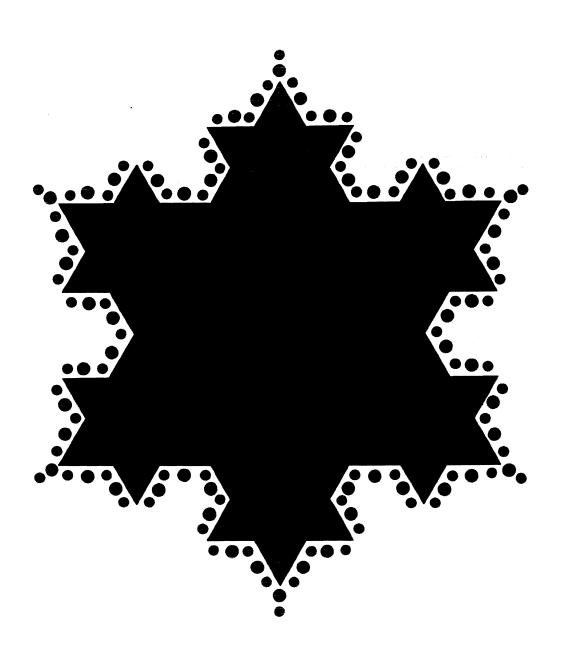
Perhaps two days old when discovered June 10th, this 400+ footer is in the same field South of Stonehenge as the first Julia Set (in 1996). With 194 circles, it ties last year's Triple Julia Set for the record number. The details are irregular, and the craftsmanship of the circles varies greatly. While impressively complex, the design lacks great sophistication and finesse.

It is *not* the work of a Picasso — let alone of ETs or Angels! © 1996 Peter R. Sørensen



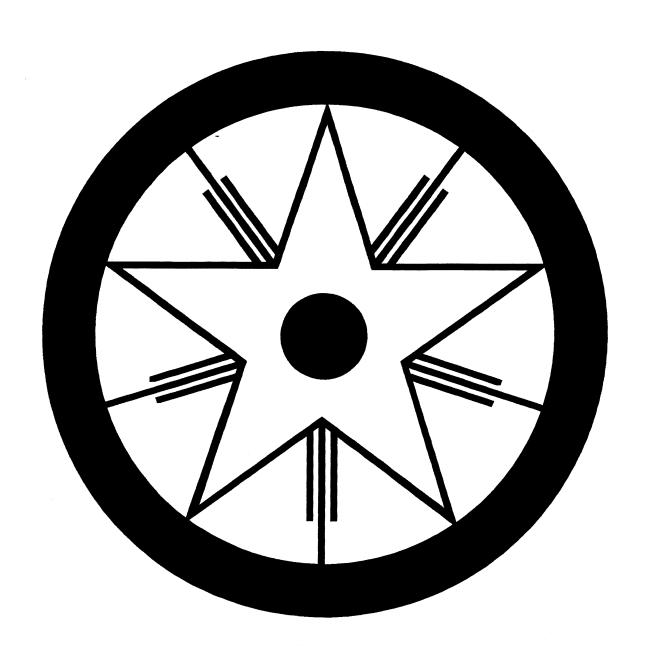
Lopsided Formation

On the Marlborough Downs at SU 156-731; under 100 feet; barley. Probably dates to first week in June, but not known until the 14th. Lopsided, stomping board marks; no magic stalks. Again!



FRACTAL STAR of DAVID

July 23rd, NW of Silbury Hill, 200+ feet, wheat Exclusive of the 126 little circles, the shape is a *Koch Snowflake*, named after a pioneering fractal mathematician. Spectacular lay of the crop, like the Liddington Crescents in 1996. © 1997 Peter R. Sørensen

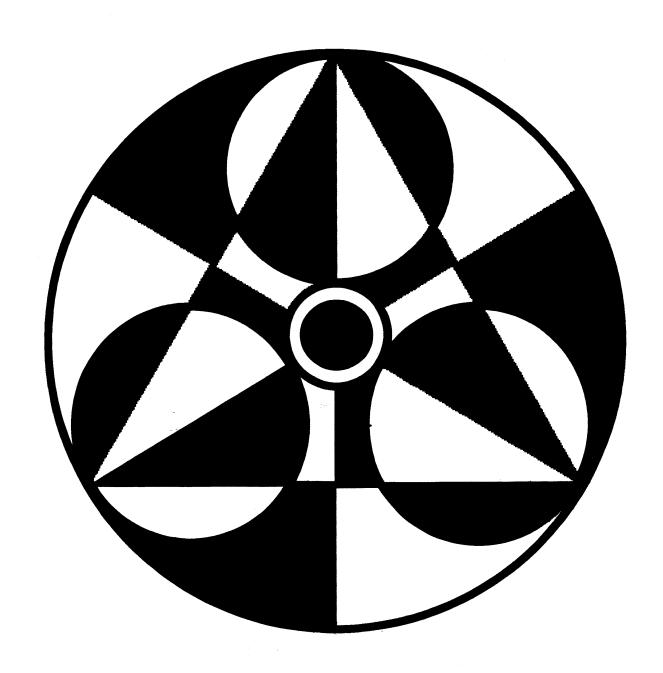


STAR of BETHLEHEM

Bishop's Cannings near Devizes, July 13, wheat, $150\pm$ feet

FIRST DRAFT

© 1997 Peter R. Sørensen
MIXED FEELINGS



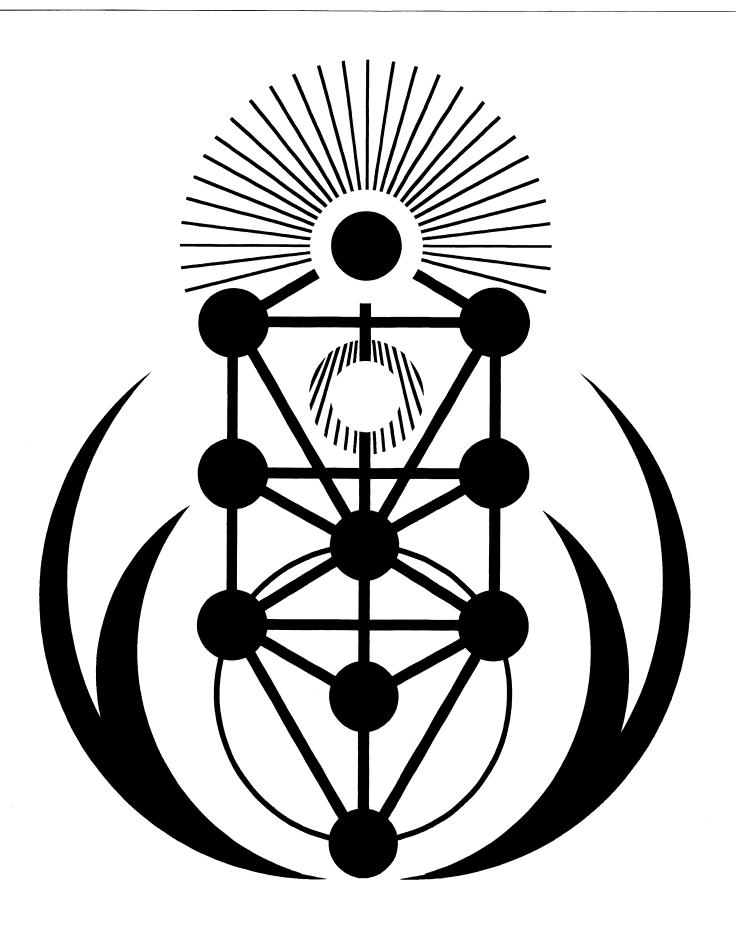
HARLEQUIN TRIANGLE

Appearing June 1st, the first formation in cereal (barley) this year in Wiltshire is located three miles north of Avebury, in Winterbourne Bassett (SU 093-753). The 180± ft. circle features a triangle bisected three ways and cutting through three circles in the corners to create the unusual design. Although someone had been there before us, the stalks otherwise had no footprints or scrape marks on them — but, neither was there a single magical bend.



SPINNING CRESCENTS

The first crop formation of the year arrived April 20th in canola (rapeseed) near the Barbury Castle hill fort — one field East from the site of the 1991 Triangle. The 160+ foot diameter "Circular Saw" (as some call it) is accompanied by a single 4 ft. grapeshot, way off near the South-West corner of the field. When I visited the circle on its fourth day it had not been heavily visited, yet every single stalk of hundreds that I inspected was crimped or broken in two. And many also had severe "stomper" scrapes along their length, unfortunately.



HYPOTHETICAL "GENUINE" TREE of LIFE

The Kabbalah formation that appeared near Barbury Castle this May is not, in my opinion, genuine. It represents a map of matter/consciousness/spirit of the highest order, yet it was rendered in a most banal way — lifted straight out of a textbook. The real CircleMakers would have exalted it (as they did the 1991 Barbury Castle Triangle), with spectacular grace and beauty. Here I have just let my mind roam free in an attempt to imagine what they *might* have done.