

## Trailway News 8



**Figure 1 Stourpaine from Gains Cross**

You may be surprised to get another news letter after getting one in July.

This is about three things

### **The Fun Day on 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

To celebrate the opening of a section of the Trailway from Spetisbury to Charlton Marshall and beyond we are having a walk /race/ run / from Spetisbury School to Wards Drove and back.

There are 4 possible courses

**Adults 10km course** which covers a circular route from the school and back. This is for the Trailway Cup. Start at 2.15pm and for all those who finish there is a cream tea.

Entrance fee £4.50

**Adults 5km course** for the not so fit but keen to get out into the countryside it is less demanding. As above fee and cream tea. Start is at 2.15pm

**Children's run** is shorter than the adult one is really a dash about 2.5km. Entrance fee is £1.00. There is an ice cream for all who finish and £10 for the winner. Start 2.15pm

**Children's bike ride.** This from the school to Wards Drove and back it is about 6km and starts at 2.30pm. The entrance fee is £1.00 and there is an ice cream for all who finish.

**Children's walk** covers the same distance as the bike ride and starts earlier at 2.00pm.

The entrance fee is £1.00 and an ice cream for finishers

You do not have to join in all the activities you can simply come for the tea, scones cakes, ice creams and music. The French exchange people from La Vast who are twinned with Spetisbury will be joining us to experience an English event.

Graham West and Jimmy Penfold will be entertaining us.

**We need more helpers** to serve the cream teas and ice cream as well as marshal the walkers, runners and riders. So far there has not been a huge response so if you are free and would like to support the Trailway we need your help. Please let me know if you can do something. Respond to this email on [imgasson@btinternet.com](mailto:imgasson@btinternet.com).

**The bridge over the Stour at Gains Cross.** You will be delighted to know that the Liveability Fund has made a grant towards the Trailway for the bridge of £150,000. There are conditions attached to the money but with a further grant is being made by Dorset County Council the chances of it being built are much increased. A start can be made once the birds' nesting season is over and all the rights of way are settled. We shall let you know as things develop.

**Finally a new leaflet** for the Trailway has been produced by the Countryside Rangers which gives a more up to date map of the Trailway and shows both where the gaps are and where the new extensions have been made. We must congratulate the rangers especially Giles Nicholson on all his hard work in advancing the Trailway and making it such a pleasure to walk along.