'Walk with the Vikings' to celebrate city's rich past

ELEBRATE Chester's Viking the patron saint of Norway, St Olay history by taking part in this year's St Olav's Day Viking Walk.

The walk, tomorrow (Friday) starts at the National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port and participants are asked to meet at 10am for a 10.30am start.

The route will follow the towpath of the Shropshire Union Canal, around Chester City Walls to St Olave's Church off Lower Bridge Street, in what used to be the Viking part of the city.

The walk has been organized by Professor Steve Harding in conjunction with the re-enactment group Viking Chester and this will be the ninth year of the walk.

Steve - co-author of the recently published book In Search of Vikings – said: "The idea of the walk started in 2007, the 1,100th anniversary of the Vikings coming to Chester.

"Although it didn't get off to a peaceful start they established a vibrant community to the south of the city, alongside the English, and surprising to some many were Christians. St Olave's Church on Lower Bridge Street, named after

Haraldsson, originated from these people."

Every year around St Olav's Day, on July 29, in Norway there is a major pilgrimage to Trondheim where he is buried, with thousands taking part.

Steve added: "We thought it would be a great idea to have a similar walk here, so every year since 2007, 50 or so hardy souls, including Norwegians, have been trudging the nine miles or so to St Olave's.

This year, as previously, the fine warriors from the Viking Chester re-enactment group will ensure the safe passage of 'pilgrims' along the way.

As they walk along the City Walls they will be joined by the Rev David Chesters, Canon of St John's.

The walk will end with a blessing (in both English and Norwegian) and a cup of tea.

Steve added: "People can come on the whole walk or just part, but in common with the main walk in Norway, people do the walk at their own risk, we just provide a

To take part email steve. harding@nottingham.ac.uk.



BBC historian Michael Wood (left) and Steve Harding outside St Olave's at the end of a previous walk

Cloudy2Clear Announce Which? **Trusted Trader Partnership**

Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the - not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.
Group Managing Director
Marcus McGee believes

that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing

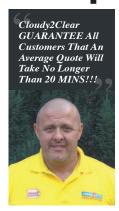
company policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. atthough that obviously helps.
Whilst a number of tradespeople
perhaps don't focus on customer
care as much as they should do,
we make sure we turn up when
we say we will, do the job the
customer requires and leave their

house as clean as a whistle.

Locally Cloudy2Clear service
the Chester, Wirral & North

Ball agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.' So, if your windows are

steamed up, broken or damaged give Alan a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118** and he'll be happy to help!





STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING? Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!

Cloudy2Clear Are A... **Trusted trader**

All Glazing Backed By Our JARANT



Priority Freephone www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?