

# Thereby Hangs A Tale

The News for the Canton of Lions End within the Crown Province of Ostgardr



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# **Medieval Happenings in the Mundane World**

## **Person Buried in a Finnish Medieval Grave May Have Been Non Binary**

According to an article released on August 12, 2021 by CNN, a 1,000 year old grave of a Finnish person may be of a woman who may have been non binary.

When the grave was first discovered in 1968, the theory was that it belonged to either two people or a warrior woman, but a new theory is emerging that the occupant may have been nonbinary.

"This burial has an unusual and strong mixture of feminine and masculine symbolism, and this might indicate that the individual was not strictly associated with either gender but instead something else," said Ulla Moilanen, the lead author on an article published in European Journal of Archeology told CNN.

The woman was buried in feminine dress, with brooches and a sword, the sword being placed on top of the body and showing no battle wear. This is leading researchers to believe that the sword is "a less violent and genderless" symbol.

## The Cat's Corner

The Cait Sidhe is a fairy cat described as being large and black with a spot of white fur on its chest. It is believed the cait sidhe could steal a person's soul, so dancing and games were engaged in during a wake to distract the fairy cat.



Photo: Fran Avnet

## Upcoming Events

**September 11, 2021. *John Barelycorn Returns.*** Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park  
201 Gipsy Trail Road ,Kent, NY 10512. Site Opens: 10 am. Site Closes: 6pm. Provincial Heavy  
Weapons Tournament, Provincial Archery Champions Tournament, and Provincial Fencing  
Champions Tournament. Demonstrations, Bartertown and various children's activities. No feast.  
SCA Member Discount Adult/Youth reservation fee of \$10.00. Non- SCA Members  
Adult/Youth reservation fee of \$15.00. Children under 5 are free. Reservation deadline  
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