

# 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**

### **Medieval Diamond Ring Found in England**

CNN's website reported on November 18 that a medieval diamond ring, estimated to be valued at \$47,000 was discovered by a metal detectorist. At first David Board thought his discovery was a candy wrapper. Instead he found a near perfect diamond wedding band.

The ring was found near Thorncombe. And due to the location of the find, experts believe the ring belongs to Joan Brook. She married Thomas Brook in 1388.

The ring is a golden hoop of two intertwined bands with an inverted diamond set into it. Additionally there is an inscription in French that translates to "I hold your faith, hold mine."

## The Cat's Corner

Viking men would often give their brides kittens as wedding gifts. First to keep house, cats are good mousers and secondly because of their association with Freyja, the goddess of among other things: love, sex, beauty, and fertility



This cat's performing its duty by keeping the marital bed warm.(photo by Fran Avnet)

## Upcoming Events

**January 14, 2023.** *Deck the Hall of Valhalla.* Purgatory, 675 Central Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Site Opens: 10am. Site Closes: 5pm. 11am - Class block 1, 12:30- Bardic Competition, 2pm - Class block 2, 3:30pm - Ostgardr Court, 5pm - Site Closes. Registration: Member registration fee will be \$25. Non-Member registration fee will be \$30. Children 4 - 17 will be \$15. Children under 4 will be free. **Send Reservations to:** Deck the Halls of Valhalla, 273 Argyle Rd., Brooklyn NY 11218. **Make Checks Payable to:** Canton of Brokenbridge.