



# The Clarion

Newsletter for the  
Barony of Ben Dunfirth



September 30, 2023 - AS 59

## Events Calendar:

Events as listed on the Kingdom of Ealdormere Calendar from July- September 2023:

**Date:** July 8, 2023

**Event:** Step Spritely

**Location:** 6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir, Mississauga, ON

**Description:** Join us for a day of dance and music classes followed by an evening ball.

**Hosted by:** The Canton of Monadh

**Date:** July 21 - 23, 2023

**Event:** Baron's Brouhaha

**Location:** 973 Concession Rd 8, Tiverton, ON

**Description:** Welcome to their Excellencies Penda and Sibylla's Farm! Enjoy a weekend of A&S, Marshaled Activities, Camping, Potluck Feast and a really big bardic bonfire at night. Bring your own lunch.

**Hosted by:** The Canton of Northgeatham

**Date:** July 28-August 13, 2023

**Event:** Pennsic War L (50)

**Location:** Cooper's Lake Campgrounds, Slippery Rock, PA USA

**Description:** The annual gathering of combatants, artisans, bards and medieval enthusiasts of all ages! Come for the War, stay for the friendships!

**Date:** August 26, 2023

**Event:** Middle Ages on the Green

**Location:** 1 Adam St, Tavistock, ON

**Description:** Free event! The day is a great chance to bring out family and friends to see what fun we have! BYO lunch, optional potluck dinner. This year we will have a Thrown Weapons range to add to our local "Just Play Day"!

**Hosted by:** The Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog

**Date:** September 16, 2023

**Event:** Icelandic Althing

**Location:** Telford Farm, 3421 Concession Rd. 5, Orono, ON

**Description:** activities, the traditional law case, and a shared dinner (bring your own feast)

**Hosted by:** The Barony of Septentria

**Date:** September 23, 2023

**Event:** Huntsman's Harvest

**Location:** Germania Park, 4221 Trinity Church Rd, Binbrook, ON

**Description:** Fighting! Fencing! Competitions! Baronial Champion Tournament! Luncheon on site and a potluck feast!

**Hosted by:** The Barony of Ben Dunfirth

**Date:** September 30, 2023

**Event:** Fall Coronation

**Location:** 3976 Galt St, Shakespeare, ON

**Description:** Come witness the Line of the North secured for another term!

**Hosted by:** The Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog

Please refer to the Kingdom website [www.ealdormere.ca](http://www.ealdormere.ca) for the most recent and updated information with regard to events and meetings.

Ben Dunfirth Business Meetings/Fight Practices for Summer/Autumn 2023:  
Mondays at 7pm from July-December 2023

Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre: 10 Market Street, Dundas ON

No Meetings on: July 3 (Canada Day stat), July 31 (Penssic), August 7 (Civic holiday),  
September 4 (Labour Day), December 25 (Christmas Day)



# Fall for Autumn

Pennsic was a glorious event and left many of our fighters and fencers looking for more, which we like to believe Huntsman's Harvest delivered! New Baronial Championships were chosen in the four martial disciplines of fighting, fencing, thrown weapons and archery. Wassail to our new Champions!

A new event celebrating Ealdormere's 25th anniversary as a Kingdom, Gwyll y Flamm, was hosted in the east on Labour Day weekend, to which our beloved Baron Jorgen was chosen by her (then) Highness Brea as her Archery Champion. While HRH was not the ultimate winner of the day, Jorgen acquitted himself admirably with a near-perfect score on the field. Wassail!

The Line of the North was secured for another term by the Coronation of TRM Baldric and Brea into the high seats, on a beautiful fall day at a lovely event in Shakespeare, ON in late September. A third Wassail to our High King and Queen!

- *Her Majesty, Ben Dunfirth Chronicler*

## Territories Claimed

### Territories claimed by the far roving members of the Barony of Ben Dunfirth:

- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- High Commission in Skraeling Althing
- Several more of the 999 islands, Ontario/NYS
- Waimea Canyon, Hawaii
- Joshua Tree National Park's "Skull Rock", CA
- Palm Springs Air Museum, CA
- The Hague, Netherlands
- Holguin, Cuba
- Ben Braha, Prague, (Orloj)
- The Rock of Gibraltar, Drachenvald (Spain)
- The North East Fountain, Louisville, Kentucky
- Tekit Easy Island, Jamaica
- Rincón de la Vieja Volcano, Costa Rica
- The Hall of lights in the Laurel Caverns, PA
- Isla De Jocea, Cuba
- A newly declared Ben Dunfirth bar, the Bastion of An Tir, and a little land along the trail nearby
- The 3rd Red Rock on the Right, Denver CO
- Fumarole at NÁMAFJALL, Iceland
- Den of Evil, Blood Moor (Diablo)
- New Ben Dunfirth, Neo-Ealdormere (No Man's Sky)
- Mind Palace, Ealdormere proper
- Spooky Hallway, Gatineau, QC
- The Moon (in Lunar Eclipse only), Earth
- H62C (H-Block), Howard Springs Quarantine Facility, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- Steak & Shake, Erie PA
- Porcine Signpost, Elkhart Fairgrounds, IN
- "Bacon Rock", Luray Caverns, VA
- Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- Willemstad, Curacao
- Basseterre, St. Kitts



# From Their Excellencies



## Greetings to Ben Dunfirth from Your Benevolent Baroness and Baron

Autumn has arrived, and with it has come marginally cooler temperatures, not to mention a giant exhaled sigh of relief from the excitement (read: STRESS) of Pennsic and hosting our wildly successful Huntsman's Harvest in late September.

We have witnessed the Line of the North secured for another term, and look forward to assisting our new Royals with whatever They require of us as their Liege Lords holding the lands of Ben Dunfirth on Their behalf. We also look forward to the Fall Crown Tournament to see who shall fight for the honour and duty of being the next Royals. It shall ever be a glorious chain, whose links forged in the glory of battle continue to uphold that for which our land of Ealdormere stands.

Yours In Service,  
Baron Jørgen and Baroness Meredyth  
Baronials of Ben Dunfirth



# Biography: Our New Seneschal

## Emily Townsend / Emyr James of Town's End

Hail and well met! I am Emyr James of Town's End, and I am your new seneschal. My job, as I understand it, is to run meetings, fill out paperwork, and to know all the rules so I can make others follow them. I enjoy this. Reading policy manuals is fun for me. Why are you looking at me like I'm weird?

Mundane Emily was big into student government and event planning in university, and did a four-year stint on the Queen's University Senate. I'm currently a security guard, background actor, and Girl Guide leader while biding my time until my theatre career takes off. I joined the SCA in September of 2022, so I am very much still discovering all there is to do and be here.

Emyr James of Town's End was born in Cornwall circa 1570—something and ran away to London to become an actor. They sew, write, fence, and cause chaos. They may or may not work with a certain bard you've heard of. Life is too short to follow sumptuary laws.

~ Emyr James

*Photos by Emyr James of Towns End.*





# Call For Entries

Our Clarion editions of old are a perfect example of what can be done when we all contribute article ideas and A&S Project Show and Tells. Let's keep the participation flowing, as I'm always happy to include your suggestions in the next edition.

This is your invitation to share; please contact me about photos you may have taken at events, stories (new and old) you want to tell or be told, and other article ideas that involve Ben Dunfirth.

Please contact me (HE Meredyth Llwellyn) at [bdchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:bdchronicler@gmail.com) and make sure to include your SCA name and contact info where I can best respond to your message.

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The website is the most up to date source for announcements, dates and information.

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