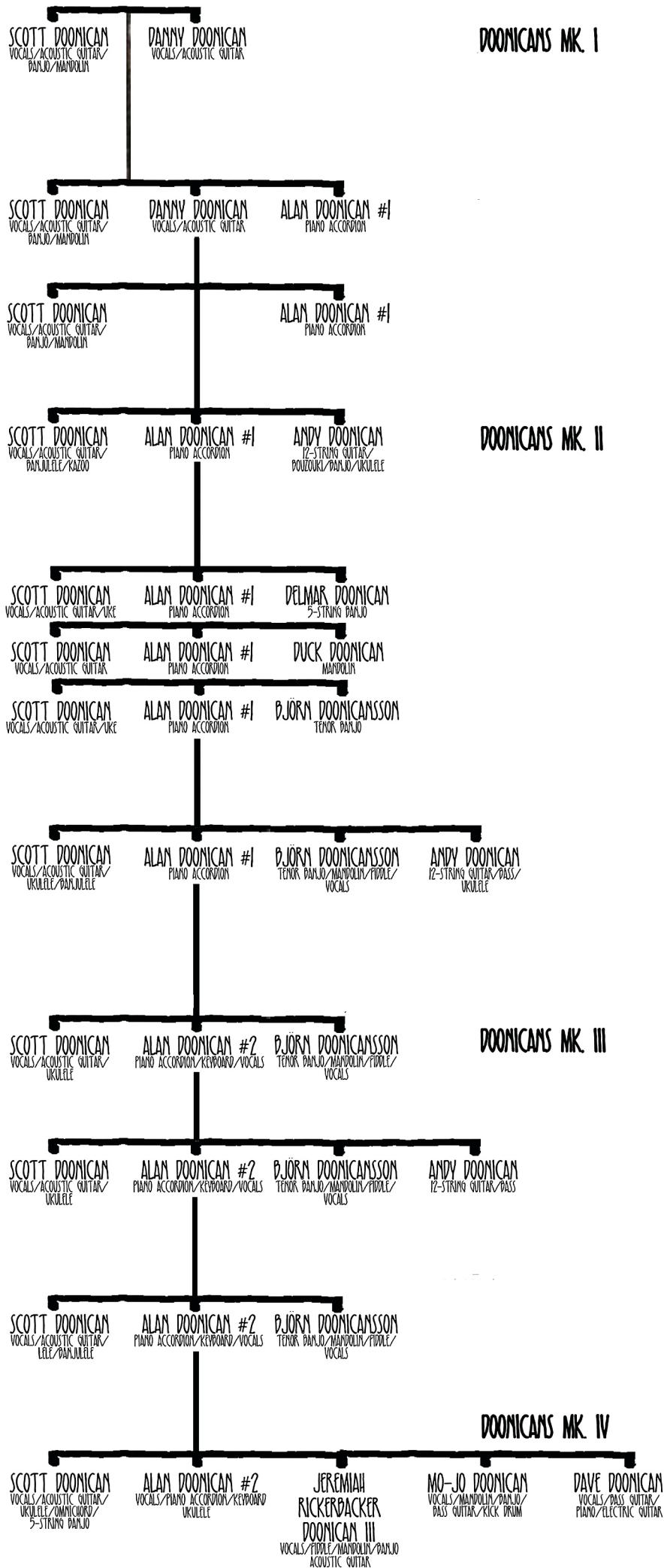


ROCK FAMILY TREES: THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN



THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. I-A 17TH JUNE 2006 - 29TH SEP 2009
The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican played their first show at Thawleys pub in Wombwell, Barnsley on 17th June 2006. Their intention was to play a 'one-off' show at the Barley Mow in Bonsall, Derbyshire, but they did a warm-up show at Scott's local pub. The planned Barley Mow show followed a week later, and the line-up expanded to a threesome (not in the Biblical sense!). The ensuing 3-piece line-up is considered to be the original Mk. I line-up of the band.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. I-B 26TH SEPT 2009 - 17TH MARCH 2011
The addition of Alan Doonican #1 on accordion was exclusive to shows performed at his pub, the Barley Mow, Bonsall, Derbyshire, until he sold the pub and joined the band as a full-timer on 26th Sept 2009.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. I-C 17TH MARCH 2011 - 8TH APRIL 2011
Danny left the band on 17th March 2011, after playing his 98th show at The Beggar & Gentleman in Hoyland, Barnsley. Scott & Alan #1 continued as a duo, whilst looking for Danny's replacement. Danny returned for one more show on 1st May 2011 and guested at 'Doonifest' in Oct 2019.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. II-A 8TH APRIL 2011 - 20TH APRIL 2014
Former Barnum & Bailey Circus lion-tamer, Andy Doonican, joined as second guitarist on 8th April 2011, taking over additional instrument duties on tenor banjo and bouzouki... both tuned to guitar tuning. This was to ensure that Alan #1, who believed the band didn't need another guitarist, thought that Andy was a talented multi-instrumentalist. Alan never found out. This became the band's Mk.II line-up.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. II-B 19TH APRIL 2014

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. II-C 20TH APRIL 2014

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. II-D 20TH APRIL 2014 - 16TH MAY 2014
Line-ups Mk.II B-D all took place over a 48 hour period that Scott would refer to as 'The Lost Weekend'. In Andy Doonican's absence, three new Doonican brothers made guest performances with the band. Shortly after this, Björn Doonicansson, joined on a part-time basis to cover for Andy. He went on to become a full-time member of the band, and stayed until 2023.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. II-E 16TH MAY 2014 - 4TH OCT 2014

With Björn joining as a full-time member, a now expanded 4-piece line-up played their first show together at the Butchers Arms, Swinton, Rotherham on 16th May 2014. After the show, Andy announced that he was going to become a dad, later in the year. This line-up worked flexibly as a duo, trio and quartet, depending on who was available to play. Andy started to appear more sporadically, and more often than not, the trio of Scott, Alan #1 and Björn were the core part of the band from April to October 2014.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. III-A 25TH OCT 2014

Alan Doonican #1 left suddenly after a show in Newcastle on 4th Oct. The first appearance of what eventually became the Mk. III line-up of the band, was at Scarefest at Harefield Hall, Pately Bridge on 25th Oct 2014. Alan #2 was auditioned in front of a live audience and passed with flying colours.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. III-B 1ST NOV 2014 - 17TH JUNE 2016

This four-piece line-up first appeared on stage together at the O2 Academy in Sheffield. The core band of Scott, Björn & Alan continued to do most shows, whilst Andy's increasingly rare appearances continued. Andy finally retired after the band's 10th birthday show, a year and a half later.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK. III-C 17TH JUNE 2016 - 16TH DEC 2023

After the band's 10th birthday show, Andy retired in order to spend more time with his family. The core of the band continued as a trio for the following seven years. Occasionally guests joined them, including Martin Allcock, Mo-Jo Doonican, Keith Moonican, Mushroom Doonican and Dalgas Doonican.

THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN MK.IV 10TH FEB 2024 - PRESENT

When Björn Doonicansson announced he was leaving the band at the end of the 2023 Winter Woolies Tour, this signalled the end of the band's Mk. III line-up. A flexible quintet Mk. IV line-up made its first official appearance after it was revealed to the public on stage at the Rescue Rooms, Nottingham. New members J.R. and Dave joined Mo-Jo, who returned with further instrument duties on a more permanent basis. The new line-up played that year's Glastonbury Festival on a bill featuring Lulu, Skindred and Frank Turner.