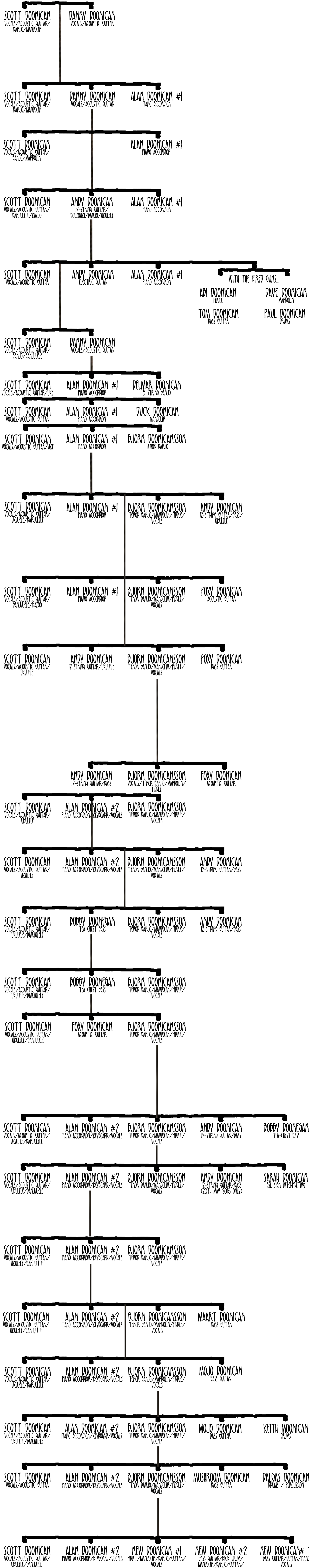


# ROCK FAMILY TREES: THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN



## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #1

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 lineup is considered to be the original Mk.I lineup of the band.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #2

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 #3

17TH MARCH 2011-  
8TH APRIL 2011

Danny left the band on 17th March 2011, after playing his 98th show at The Beggar & Gentleman in Hayland, Barnsley. Scott & Alan #1 continued as a duo, whilst looking for Danny's replacement. This was the last show with the band's original Mk.I lineup.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #4

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 lineup.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #5

15TH APRIL 2011

An ill-fated gig supporting The Bay City Rollers, resulted in Scott enlisting the help of some more family members, forming a backing band for the night, dubbed The Hired Guns. A true one-off show which took place on 19th April 2011.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #6

1ST MAY 2011

Danny Doonican returned for one final duo show on 1st May 2011 in the early hours for the Wath Folk Festival after-show party.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #7

19TH APRIL 2014

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #8

20TH APRIL 2014

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #9

20TH APRIL 2014-  
16TH MAY 2014

Line-ups #1-9 all took place over two days, in the period that Scott refers to as 'The Last Weekend'. In Andy Doonican's absence, three new Doonican brothers performed with the band, introducing new part-timer, Bjorn Doonicansson, who joined to cover Andy Doonican, in his increasing absence from live shows. He became a full-timer, not too long afterwards and stayed with the band until 2023.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #10

16TH MAY 2014-  
4TH OCT 2014

With Bjorn joining as a full-time member, a now expanded 4-piece lineup 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 lineup 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 Bjorn were the core part of the band from April to October 2014.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #11

31ST MAY 2014

At a show at the Acoustic Festival of Britain on 31st May 2014, when Andy Doonican no-showed, a quickly conscripted Foxy Doonican came to the rescue, learning the set in less than an hour, and joined the band for the evening. He later appeared for a few one-off shows during another infamously ill-fated UK tour with The Lancashire Hotpots.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #12

11TH OCT 2014

Line-ups #11 to #17 were the result of a series of unfortunate events, that began as the band commenced a UK tour supporting fellow northern comedy band, The Lancashire Hotpots. Mere days before the tour began, Scott's partner Amanda, was diagnosed with breast cancer, but to make matters worse, on the first night of the tour, Alan #1 quit the band, leaving Scott to have to try and ensure some sort of band was available to play the dates. The lineup wasn't the same for most nights of the tour. This included the only date that Scott hasn't performed with the band, when Bjorn was forced to take lead vocal duties at Nottingham Rescue Rooms. The tour saw the addition of Alan #2 as Alan #1's permanent replacement, but due to previous commitments, he was unable to play all of the shows on the tour.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #12

18TH OCT 2014

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #13

25TH OCT 2014

The first appearance of what eventually became the Mk.III lineup 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 #14

1ST NOV 2014-  
17TH JUNE 2016

This four-piece lineup first appeared on stage together at the OZ Academy in Sheffield. The core band of Scott, Bjorn & 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 #15

8TH NOV 2014-  
6TH DEC 2014

Skiffle-tastic cousin Bobby joined on tea-chest bass for some of the dates on the tour, and later joined the band again on future dates but only as a part-time honorary member.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #16

15TH NOV 2014

Cousin Bobby joined Scott and Bjorn for another of the tour shows, this time at the King Georges Hall, Blackburn, Lancashire.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #17

7TH DEC 2014

After another no-show from Andy Doonican, brother Foxy returned for a show at Mexborough Imperial Club.

After the Hotpots tour, the four piece lineup of Scott, Bjorn, Alan #2 & Andy returned on 18th April 2015, after a several month hiatus, whilst Amanda successfully battled cancer. During this downtime, the band wrote the songs that became The Tam Machine, released in May 2015. This lineup continued to function primarily as a three-piece, with Andy playing shows when he could.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #18

25TH MAR 2015

For Scott's 36th birthday, the band supported The Blockheads at Holmfirth Picturehouse. For this special occasion, Bobby returned, giving the band its first five-piece lineup for one night only.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #19

28TH MAY 2015

For the band's appearance at Bearded Theory festival in Derbyshire, a long-lost sister, Sarah Doonican was discovered. Scott was keen to make the band's show more inclusive, and so Sarah joined the band as a part time member, sign interpreting the show into British Sign Language for deaf festival goers. Sarah has returned for other shows with the band on several occasions as an honorary member.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #20

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 much-settled trio, for the following seven years.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #21

11TH AUG 2018

As the band played to their biggest audience to date at Fairport's Cropredy Convention (20,000 people) they were joined by Maart Doonican who was made an honorary member for the day. Maart sadly passed away 36 days later after a short battle with liver cancer.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #22

18TH AUG 2019

The band expanded to a quartet again for their appearance at Beautiful Days festival 2019, with the addition of bassist Mojo Doonican, from Coolville, Ohio. Mojo became an occasional honorary member, making further appearances after this date.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #23

22ND AUG 2021

For their appearance at Beautiful Days festival 2021, along with bassist Mojo Doonican, drummer Keith Moonican also became an occasional honorary member, making further appearances after this date.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #24

21ST OCT 2023

Technically, this expanded line-up of the band performed at Beautiful Days festival in 2022 and 2023, as well as the first Big Day Out Festival in 2022, but it was only when they played at the Big Day Out v20 Festival in Oct 2023 that the rhythm section of drummer Dalgas Doonican from Sao Paulo in Brazil and the mysterious and wizard-like Mushroom Doonican, chose to perform with Doonican monikers for the first time.

## THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN #25

10TH FEB 2024-  
PRESENT

When Bjorn Doonican 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 lineup. A flexible quintet Mk. IV lineup made its first official appearance after it was revealed to the public on stage at the Rescue Rooms, Nottingham. Scott and Alan were joined by three new members. The future is the last place you look...