

A bit about the people behind Plaquemine Lock

Jacob Kenedy was born in London in 1980 (on Noel Road, across the canal from Plaquemine Lock), to parents Haidee Becker (the artist) and David Kenedy (the cellist).

He loves cooking as much as he loves eating.

His first restaurant was Bocca di Lupo, opened in 2008 to great acclaim, serving regional Italian cuisines. It might be the restaurant that started the small plate movement, and that rejuvenated Italian food in London. He is equally proud of it, Gelupo (his gelateria), and VICO (his Southern Italian restaurant on Cambridge Circus).

He opened Plaquemine Lock in 2017 as his first professional digression from Italian food, and his first pub. His fingers are crossed....

Bruno Piane hails from the deserted mountains of Calabria, it's heaven on earth but don't tell anyone. He moved to London to pursue a career as Sommelier, he's studied wine since he was 14 (Italians!) and landed very fortuitously at Bocca di Lupo under the watchful eye of Jacob Kenedy. He spent 2 years there and moved on to expand his management experience in the UK but life happily brought him back to Bocca as General Manager this time. It was only natural that when the opportunity arose he took a leap of faith into the unknown world of pubs with his long-time mentor Jacob. As well as wine, Bruno enjoys drawing (you'll find his work at Plaquemine Lock if you look closely), reading and spending as much time with his kids in Italy as he can.

Bruno loves the hospitality industry, he takes great pride in knowing he plays a role in folks having a good time. He's always ready to hear guests' feedback and loves trying out new ideas to make Plaquemine Lock as great as it can be.

Ousmane Gaye was born in Senegal and moved to London over 20 years ago to train as a chef.

He has worked at Asia de Cuba, Zuma, Roast and most recently the Holborn Dining Room at the Rosewood Hotel.