

brewer of the month

Timothy Taylor's Landlord - a great pint of cask ale



Spring House, the former home of the Taylor family. The steps leading up to the original house remain.

Additional land adjacent to the brewery and formerly belonging to an engineering company, has been purchased to accommodate the brewery's fleet of articulated lorries, a hop store, bottled ales and beer barrels. In total, recent infrastructure investment has fallen just shy of £10 million.

A brewery tour followed, courtesy of head brewer Peter Eells who explained the brewing process and even provided a diagram outlining every step from raw ingredients coming in to finished product being shipped out to Timothy Taylor's pubs and the brewer's rapidly expanding free trade market.

Hops, said Eells, are the 'herbs in the stew' and a different mix is used for different brews. As we made our way around the brewery, peering into the frothy, bubbling fermenters, my thoughts turned to a nice pint of bitter.

Fortunately, our next stop was the Grouse Inn at Oakworth, a notable food-led operation and one of Timothy Taylor's thriving tenancies. After a pint of Golden Best and a pleasant lunch, however, I soon found myself on Keighley railway station boarding a Leeds-bound train en route to King's Cross. ■

