

Real Ale and Local Pubs Group

Date: 5 April 2016
 Pub or brewery visited: **Barrell & Sellers brewery**, Spring Farm, St Cross South Elmham
 Website of brewery: <http://www.barrellandsellers.co.uk>
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Beers sampled

They produce four standard beers of which we tasted samples and were able to buy bottles to take home

Brewery	Name of beer	ABV %	Tasting notes
Barrell & Sellers	Pale Ale	4.5	Light and golden. Pleasant.
Barrell & Sellers	Best Bitter	4.5	Classic bitter brewed with crystal malt
Barrell & Sellers	Brown Ale	5.0	A dark malted beer. Tasty and not as sweet as many brown ales.
Barrell & Sellers	India Pale Ale	6.0	Amber well-hopped beer brewed with pale and caramel malt.

Ownership and name of proprietor

Microbrewery run by Martin Barrell & Amanda Sellers

History of brewery

New brewery started about 2½ years ago. Much of their cask output is sold at the Rumburgh Buck. Some cask beer to other pubs locally. Otherwise bottle-conditioned beer available from the brewery.

Overall Impression

A very interesting and informative visit. Martin Barrell explained their method of brewing with much detail that is often skipped over in visits to bigger breweries. Their output is small but they have capacity to produce more. Their current limitation is storage space but a new storage building is to be constructed. They currently brew only once most weeks but are considering hiring an additional person to enable an increase. They focus on “English beers” as indicated above using English-grown hops and barley.

Number attending: 11

