

Bletsoe's early C17 wooden church clock

The old wooden-framed, flail locking movement, which dates from the early 17th century, is now preserved in Bedford Museum. This clock, which required winding twice each day, was replaced by a relatively modern Gillett & Johnson iron-framed movement in 1920 in memory of Arthur McWilliam Lawson-Johnson, killed during the Great War. Until recently, when electric winders were installed, the new clock required winding three times each week. See: BEESON, C.F.C., *English Church Clocks, 1280-1850*, publ. by Phillimore for Antiquarian Horological Society, 1971.

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