

SA908801

A RARE NORTHERN ENGLISH
LANTERN OR 'HOUSE' CLOCK
BY HENRY BURGES SENIOR
OF MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.
CIRCA 1680.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA908801****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 36.8 cm (14.5")

Width = 15.2 cm (6.0")

Description

A scarce example of a Cheshire Lantern clock. The now chain driven, posted framed, 30 hour duration movement with its original rear-mounted, early style Anchor Recoil escapement and long pendulum. It has winding to both sprockets which is an early feature and allows the striking train to run down at night so as not to keep the owner awake. It also has countwheel hourly striking on the top-mounted large bell. The chapter ring fits within the top and bottom plates and is slightly trimmed. It has Roman hour numerals, Fleur-de-lys half hour markings and an inner quarter track. The dialplate centre has an open tulip centre design being within further tulips that frame the upper maker's signature of "Henry Burges" and is well-executed. The frame is 5 3/4" square by 5 3/4" deep and the chapter ring diameter is 6". The single piece, tailed hand is original. The front cast fret is engraved with the typical tulip design but also, 'angry' sea serpents or dolphins. The bell is mounted with an iron spider which is a typical northern feature. 'Chamber' clocks, so-called because they were usually situated in the owners bed chamber and were the very first domestic timepieces. They are s...

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