

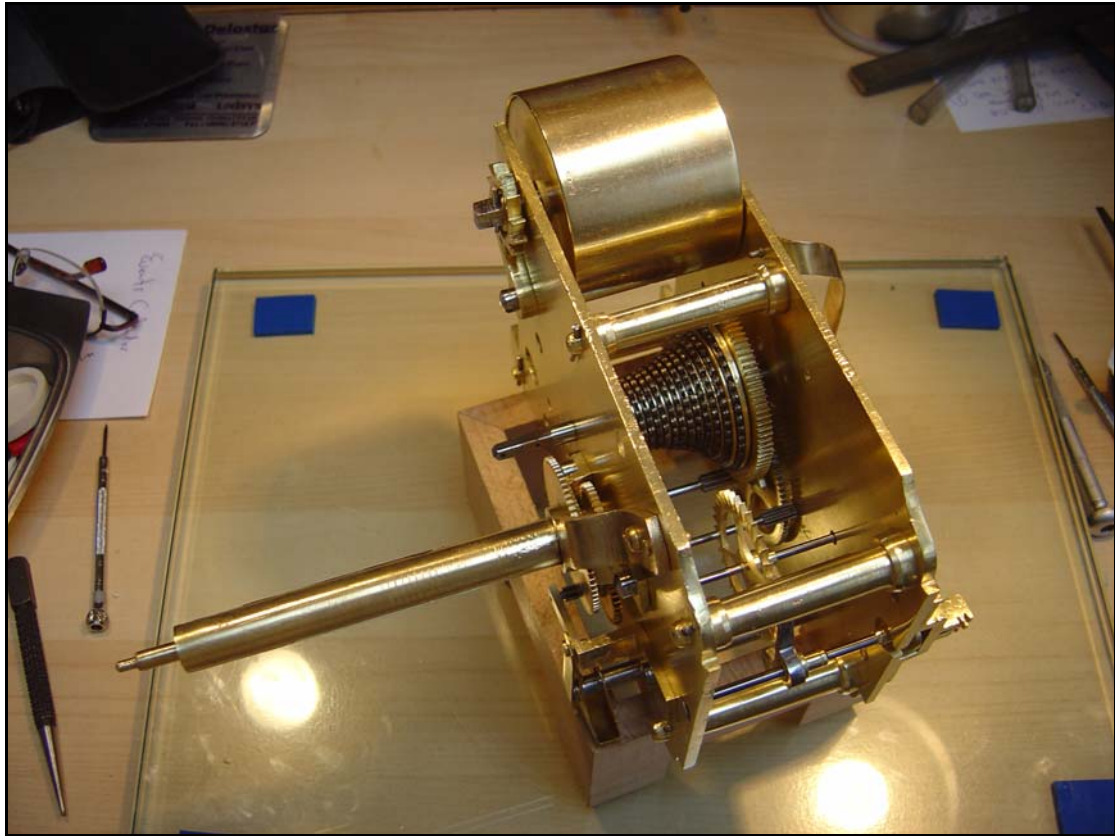
This large fusee wall clock is very unusual and has local Manchester / Salford connections. The large dial is in a French 12 piece design and is complete with electrical illumination; it is marked Sir William Bailey's patent. No makers mark is visible on the movement, but it is very well made and likely to be from one of the well known makers of this period.

Sir William Bailey was a factory owner from Salford, the company made vacuum engines and pumps for the dairy industry. He was Lord Mayor of Salford from 1893/4. A letter is on file in the Churchill papers from him asking WSC to address the Manchester Reform Club in November 1903.

It seems this clock was made as a marketing initiative. The clock was not working after the third wheel had become loose on its arbor, mainly I suspect from years of moving these very big but counter balanced hands.



The very long winding key



The movement after cleaning and repair.