

Onchan Parish Church



Gt: 8,8,8,4,2. Sw: 8,8,8,4,2, 1¹/₃. Ped: 16,8,4.

This organ is another by Brindley and Foster, of Sheffield. It was installed at the end of the 19th. century, and, like Braddan Parish Church, was fitted with the 'patent' pneumatic action for which the company was famous (or infamous, in the case of the organ-building world.)

Pneumatic actions do not like damp conditions, nor do they appreciate being dried out, and the organ at St.Peter's (which was originally intended to be installed in the north vestry) was actually found to be too large, and was therefore put up, across a window, on the south side of the chancel. This is an excellent position, acoustically, but

it did leave the instrument at the mercy of the full sun, coming through the window which it now covered. This, and the effects of age, and time, brought it to a state of near-collapse by the 1980s, at which point it was completely rebuilt by Peter Jones, with a new, electro-pneumatic action and several additional stops. (The Principal and Fifteenth stops are new, and the 1¹/₃' stop in the Swell is a re-voiced rank, at one time in the old organ at Maughold Parish Church.)

Since its rebuild, the organ has been entirely reliable, and sounds very well in the better than average acoustics of the church.

