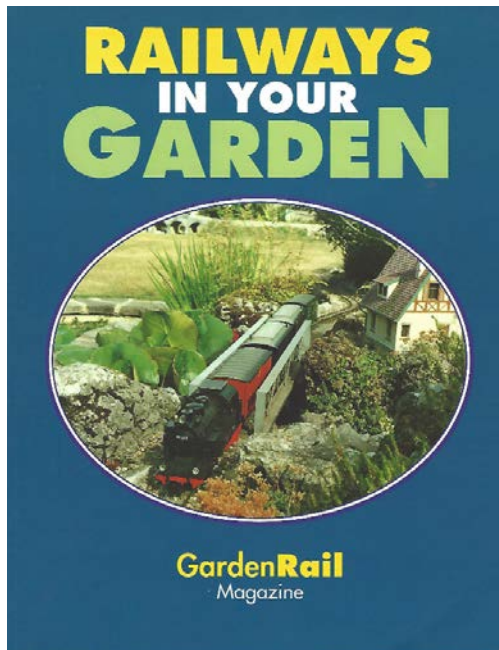


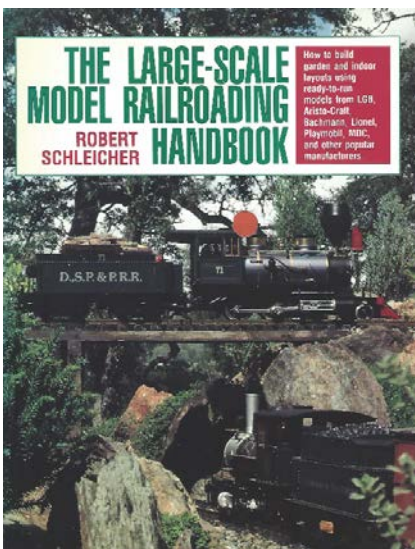
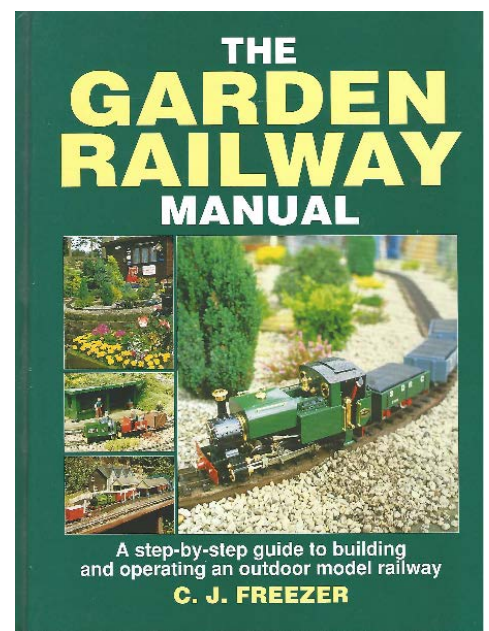
Book Review Nr 19

Following the opening of the Gauge 1, I thought a review of three garden railway books would be appropriate. These are recent donations to the library.



Railways in Your Garden-GardenRail Magazine is a 1998 publication in A4 format printed in association with Garden Railway Specialists at Princes Risborough, one of the leading retailers in the UK. There are a number of contributors. Although published by a retailer, it is far from promoting their shop. It runs to 75 pages and is more of a manual than a magazine, albeit there are only a few illustrations relating to infrastructure construction.

The second book is **The Garden Railway Manual** by C.J. Freezer and describes itself as “A step-by-step guide to building and operating an outdoor model railway”. The book was published in 1999 in A4 format and runs to 160 pages. This book is far more comprehensive, covering model people to reinforced concrete construction. It mentions all gauges, even a photo of an N gauge garden railway, but concentrates on gauges OO, O and 1. The book contains 20 chapters covering infrastructure, permanent way, signalling, traction power (electric and steam), buildings and horticulture. It is well illustrated with construction diagrams. If you’re starting from scratch, it is worth a perusal.



The third book is an American publication, **The Large-Scale Model Railroading Handbook**. It covers indoor as well as outdoor railways. It runs to 200 pages and is also in A4 format. As you might expect, although it seems to concentrate on Gauge 1, the size of layouts might be best suited to Windsor Park than Puffing Park. This book and Freezer’s run along the same track and cover subjects. There is no sign of British locos or rolling stock or anything else relating to the UK, but the modelling techniques look similar and some of the track laying details might be worth a look at.

These three books will be available to peruse at the next club night.

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