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Events

Art Fairs and other events

Our next event is Focus on Imaging at the NEC Birmingham, Sunday 7th to Wednesday 10th March. I will be on the Harman Technology stand C2, near the entrance to Hall 9. They have been very generous and given us a large part of the Ilford Photo side of the stand. Jan and I will be there for the full 4 days (and set-up day). My 3rd book Lake Light will be launched at the show and I will be signing books as they are bought.

We will be doing shows in Buxton and Wisley and Henley and possibly Stonor Park and maybe some other places too.

Web Site

New Images

There are lots of new images on the web site, including the Lake District, Lech and St Anton in Austria, Utah, New York, Chicago and Boston. All of the images in the new Lake Light book are now on the web and quite a few that we couldn't fit in.

Delicate Arch, Arches National Park, Utah



Chicago skyline at night



Brooklyn Bridge and Manhattan at night



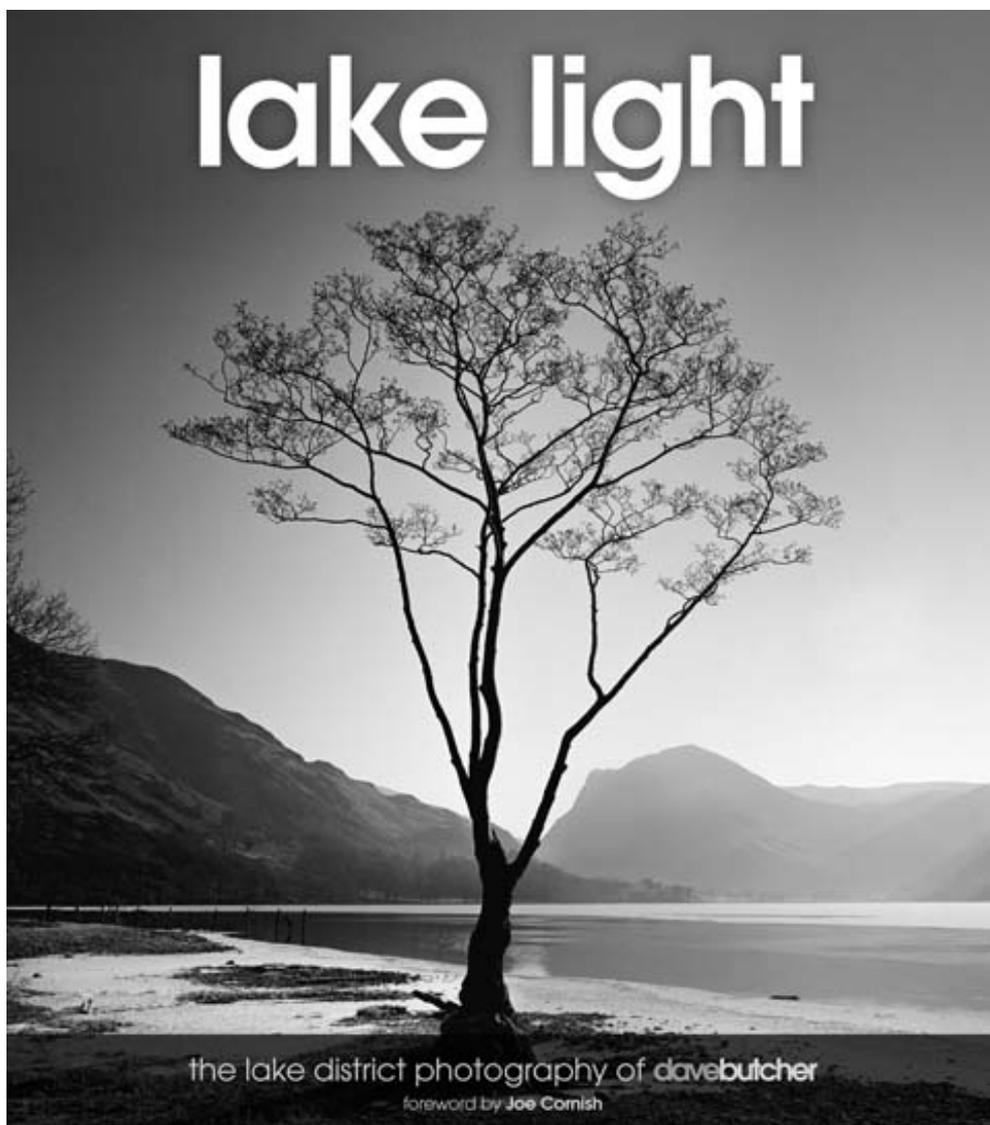
Lots of catching up to do adding new images from lots of other places. Am trying to do a few at a time on a regular basis to start clearing the backlog.

Lake Light

New book on the Lake District

Lake Light is now available through my web site for £15 including p&p. There are 80 pages with 89 images, a map of each location, detailed captions to aid finding the location of each photograph, and a table of data showing details for each image. Renowned UK landscape photographer Joe Cornish has written the foreword. There is also an article on the use of digital cameras for black and white landscape photography. Most of the people who come on my courses have digital cameras so this sort of information should help them and anyone else wishing to do this.

The book will be launched at the Focus on Imaging show at the NEC on the Harman Technology stand. Come by if you visit the show. Orders received before the book was published have already been shipped.



Landscape Photography Courses

Lake District and Peak District locations

Places are available on the May and September Lake District courses in 2010. These are 3 day landscape photography courses, based in Eskdale, starting on the evening of May 2nd, then 3 days of photography 3rd to 5th May. The cost is £550 for 3 days of photography and includes bed & breakfast.

Our 1 day courses in the Peak District resume on 9th April and run monthly through the year until October (excepting August). The cost remains £150 per person per day.

All photo courses are suitable for both digital and film camera users of any ability, and will help you capture pictures that work well in black and white. The group size is kept small, just 5 people, with 2 tutors so that you receive lots of attention. My wife Jan and I will provide a lot of help with the more

artistic side of photography, as well as whatever help you need in getting to grips with your camera.

I have been doing quite a few one-to-one courses recently, if this appeals to you, or for a group of friends then do please call me for a chat. It's a good way of making rapid progress.

Ilford support me and my courses and provide 3 rolls of film to each person on a course with a film camera and they supply sample packs of Harman Photo inkjet paper to all digital camera users on my courses.

Darkroom Printing Courses

Dates for 2010

I am running darkroom printing courses most months of the year. The group size has been reduced to 2 people for me to give more time to each person. They are £150 for a place on a group course and £300 for a 1-to-1 course. The next ones are on March 20th and April 11th. Ilford Photo provide all paper and chemicals free of charge for use on my darkroom courses.

If you want to learn the easy way to make black and white prints, using split grade printing, then 1 day with me should be all that you need!

Black and White Photography magazine

Competition

Black and White Photography magazine have once again agreed to support a competition run by me in association with Harman Technology.

The competition is in the current March issue of B+W magazine with a prize for 3 lucky readers of a day out with me in the Lake District as well as £500 of Ilford / Harman products. The entry requirements have been kept simple. Just send your name, address, email and telephone number to Black and White Photography magazine. They choose the winners at random. The date of the course for the winners will be July 11th.

Photo Trips

Planned Photo Trips

In January and February we had a trip to New York and Colorado for skiing

and snowshoeing.

I bought 100 rolls of Ilford FP4 120 in USA and had almost 80 rolls processed in the USA to avoid x-ray damage to my films. I had hand searches at all US airports though so it wasn't a problem in the end.

Lots of new images and quite a few are already on the web.

Our next trip is Hong Kong, Sydney and New Zealand in October/November.

Photo Tips

Seasonal Notes from Derbyshire

Still snow and ice on the local hills but mostly patches rather than a good covering. It has been cold since mid-December. Still lots of opportunity for snow pictures in the hills, just need to be sure not to overexpose.

As the weather warms up look for good light on the skeleton trees and take them against the sky, either as a silhouette or lit by the sun. Waterfalls will be good as the snow melts, try short (1/125 sec) and long shutter speeds (1/2 sec) to see the difference.

Photo Lectures

Lecture bookings

I have taken around 30 bookings for lectures in 2010 and 2011. I also have the first bookings for my new lecture Lake Light. Clubs new to me include Stourbridge, Cleethorpes, St Neots, Prestwich, Richmond and East Midlands Monochrome in Earls Barton.

The new Lake Light lecture will have a large section based on the new book of the same name. There will also be landscape photographs from other areas, like Scandinavia and Utah, and some cities for a bit of variety. I am taking bookings from September 2010.

Blog and Facebook

Dave Butcher News Blog

I add my latest news to my blog roughly every other day. Recent posts displayed images from the new Lake Light book, Utah, Cities like New York and Chicago as well as images taken on courses at the end of 2009.

I am also on Facebook as monodave.

Next Newsletter

My newsletters appear every month or two.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter then please pass it on and they can subscribe directly here (there should be a signup link below) or by [signing up through my web site](#).

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