

## **Dave Butcher March News in Black and White**

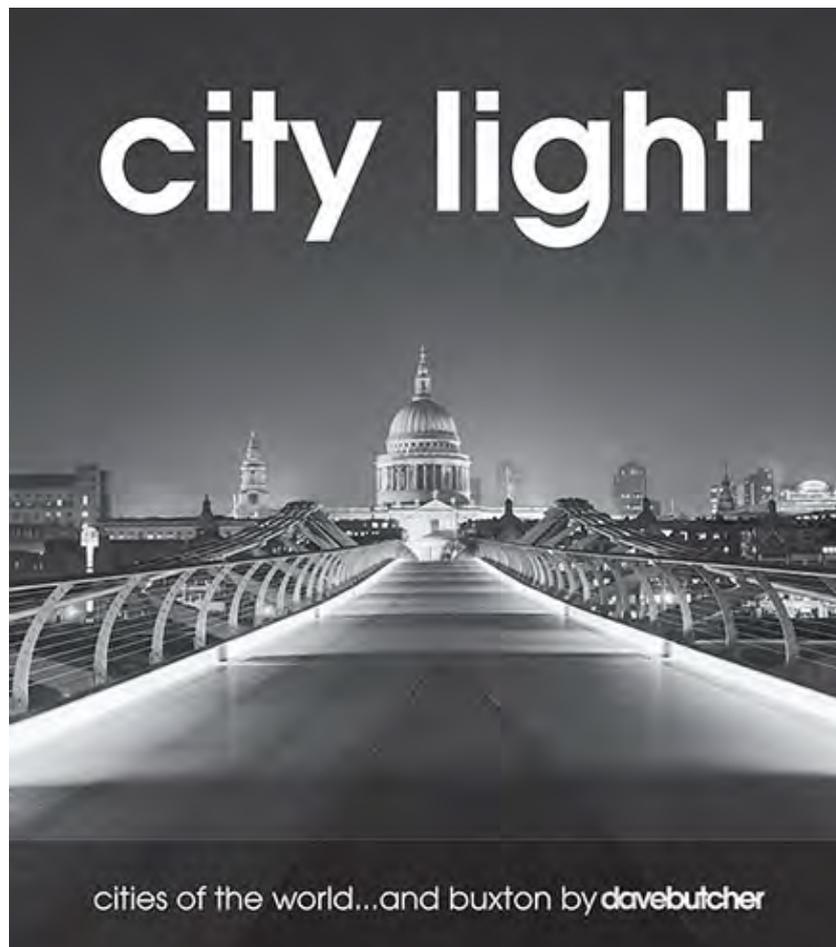
### **Events**

We are doing a 4 day show in Buxton Pavilion Gardens this weekend, the Easter Extravaganza. Lots of photos and some special show offers, as well as a book signing for 4 days (Friday, Sunday, Monday on our stand in the Octagon, Saturday in the Tourist Information Centre shop).

Easter Extravaganza, Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April, Buxton Pavilion Gardens, 10am to 5pm, free entry, free parking within a couple of minutes walk. Need I say more!

Living Crafts, Thursday 9th to 12th May, Hatfield House, 10am to 5pm. Tickets are cheaper if you book before the event.

## **New Book - City Light**



My new book City Light - Cities of the World...and Buxton, is now fully available through my website, Amazon UK and any good bookseller (quote ISBN 978-0-9555627-2-3). 126 images and 31 cities as well as an article on city and night photography. Here's the back cover and a few other pages.

## city light

Dave Butcher is known worldwide for his black and white landscape photography. His first three books and vast collection of prints are testament to this. However he has also spent as much time photographing urban landscapes around the world.

City Light is a collection of photographs taken between 1990 and 2012 in some of the world's most famous cities (and Buxton).

Stunning night shots and dramatic architectural imagery give a new view on well-known places and buildings as well as plenty you may have never noticed.

Dave also shares some of his secrets on planning, composing and capturing cityscapes as well as inspirational tips on working in the dark to get perfect night-time images.

## about dave butcher

Dave Butcher has been making photographic images since the early 1970s.

A chemist by profession, Dave worked for Ilford Imaging for 21 years until 2002, becoming a full-time photographer in 2005.

He gained his Associateship of the Royal Photographic Society in 1987 and has been selling framed prints of his hill and mountain landscapes for more than twenty years.

His handmade original prints are included in many private collections worldwide and are displayed in many homes and businesses.

Dave Butcher images are extensively licensed around the world in calendars, posters, greetings cards and for book illustrations.

Dave also shares his expertise by giving lectures to schools, colleges and camera clubs and also runs his own photography and darkroom courses.

This is Dave's fourth book, following the highly successful *High Light* (2005), *Peak Light* (2007) and *Lake Light* (2010).

For more information visit [www.davebutcher.co.uk](http://www.davebutcher.co.uk)

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# introduction

My previous three books have been all landscapes so this book, of city photographs, is a departure for me. This page is my only chance to include a landscape in the book as one of San Francisco's best known landmarks is just outside the city.

I have always taken city and landscape photographs as the opportunities arose but mostly I was known for my landscapes. Since becoming a full time professional photographer in 2005 the balance has changed so that for the last few years we have sold more city photographs than anything else, so with the help of my wife Jan, we thought it was time to pull some of them together in a book.

The pictures in City Light are a small selection from my picture library, I have lots more images for every city listed and quite a few more cities and towns besides these. All images are from high resolution scans of my medium format film negatives taken between 1990 and 2012. The digital files were then edited to have a similar range of tones to my darkroom prints (yes, I still make traditional darkroom silver prints as well!).

The selection may appear a bit quirky and some cities have just one image while others have several. This choice balances a spacious layout with the range of different places. To see more visit [www.davebutcher.co.uk](http://www.davebutcher.co.uk).

The book is divided into four sections: UK, Europe, the Far East and America. There is an article at the back on city and night photography. The usual technical details on each photograph are also included at the back of the book.

Mostly the pictures are of the buildings and architecture, some very old, some very modern. One of the biggest groups of pictures are those taken at dusk or at night. This works really well with black and white and accounts for about half of the images here.

I have included quite a few arcades, especially older style ones like those dating back to Victorian years.

There are three Bridge of Sighs, Venice hosting the original one, plus Cambridge and Oxford. Bridges are a key feature of cities and there are some stunning designs so there are lots of these.

Finally, Buxton has been my local town since moving to the Derbyshire Peak District in 1988 and it has become a very special place to me. It was built up as a Georgian spa town in the late 1700s and expanded during Victorian times. Some of the notable buildings are included here. Buxton, the highest market town in England at 1000 feet above sea level, is the only place in the book that isn't a city!



Dave B

Dave Butcher, January 2013



29. St Paul's from Millennium Bridge ©



30. Lloyd's Building ©



102. Chicago River Promenade in Snow

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### **Landscape Photography Courses**

The next available courses are:

Peak District 1 day Photo course at Bole Hill and Padley Gorge, Saturday 6th April 2013, £150 per place, 2 places left. Lots of recent snow and 20 foot drifts in parts of the Peak District but the roads are being cleared quickly and the sun is fast melting the snow. Should be great for photos with snow picking out the lines of dry stone walls and snow on the hill tops.

Lake District 2 day Photo course based at the Bower House Hotel in Eskdale, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April, £250 per person, 2 places left. With the recent heavy snowfalls this may allow some snowy winter photography as well as the usual Spring images.

Our courses offer full days of practical photography, 5 people with 2 tutors (Dave and Jan Butcher) in an enjoyable atmosphere. We cover both black and white and colour and they are suitable for digital and film camera users from complete beginners to advanced photographers. Overall, we help you to be more creative with your photographs, producing images with more impact. Book through our web site.

Private courses: All courses can be run as private courses. Prices for all locations are shown on the web site. If you can't make the dates in our programme or would like more attention than is possible in a group, or have special needs, or maybe you have your own group then talk to us about what we can do for you. Check my web calendar for available dates.

### **Darkroom Printing Courses**

The darkroom printing courses are £160 per place and include all paper and chemicals, as well as the day of darkroom tuition from Ilford Master Darkroom Printer Dave Butcher. Ilford subsidise the cost of the paper and chemicals used on the courses for which there is no extra charge. There are 2 places on each course so you are assured of lots of attention during the day. No previous experience needed but you will get more out of the course if you have a few negatives of your own.

Next available course: Sunday 7th July, 1 place left

Private darkroom courses also available on dates to suit you, more details on the web site.

### **New Photographs**

I haven't had much time to scan images this last month but here are a couple of new local images of Buxton and Bakewell. To see all of the Recent Images [click here](#).

### **River Wye from Old Bakewell Bridge**



### **Buxton Opera House at Night**



### **Social Media**

We have made some changes to my web site. My Google Blogger blog is now directly available through my web site. It looks pretty similar to what it looks like through Blogger. It can be viewed through either route. On my web site just click the Blog link in the Info Box in the right margin of every web page. Most of the posts that I make on Twitter, Google+ and LinkedIn are shared from my blog. I have stopped using Facebook so if you want to keep up with what we are getting up to please check one of the other routes noted above. My blog, which I update every day or so, has now replaced the

old News page on my website.

My newsletter page on the web site is now up-to-date with all previous newsletters from 2009 available as pdf files. You can also sign up to receive copies by email here too.

### **Next Newsletter**

My newsletters appear every month or so, maybe 9 times a year in total. You are receiving this as a customer, newsletter subscriber or someone who has asked to be added to the newsletter list. If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please click the unsubscribe link below, it's done automatically by iContact, the company who send out my email newsletters.

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