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Events

Art Fairs and other events

We are in the busy time for shows for us with 3 to go this year. The next one on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November is the Art, Craft and Design Show in the Assembly Rooms in **Edinburgh**, on George Street, open 10.30am to 5pm. This is followed on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December with the Artist and Designer Fair in **Buxton** and Thursday 3rd (evening) to Sunday 6th December an Art and Contemporary Designer Craft show in **Richmond upon Thames**. I'm in Buxton and Jan will be in Richmond.

Web Site

New Web Site launched 3rd July 2009

My new web site has been live for several months now. The new one can handle large numbers of images better than the old one. It is also easier to find groups of images using keywords. There are lots of new images as well as articles on landscape photography, equipment, using digital cameras and darkroom printing techniques. I have also started to expand the information on the Trip Logs pages starting with a Munro's page for the 3000 foot mountains in Scotland (284 of them) which we completed in 1996.

The new images include Edinburgh, Cheshire, the Lake District, the Peak District, Ben Nevis area of Scotland, Snowdon, Austrian Otztal area, Kandersteg & Chateau d'Oex hot air balloons (both Switzerland), Les Arcs (France) views, Val d'Isere & Vanoise (France), Colorado skiing including Keystone, Beaver Creek, Vail and Breckenridge, snowy trees in Utah and

Colorado as well as the Boulder Flatirons.

Blog

Dave Butcher News Blog

I have had a blog for a couple of years but it is a bit of a well kept secret. For the last few months I have been using it every day or so to report my news. This includes photos taken, trip diary, new images before they are added to the web site, images taken by clients on my courses and lots other important things like visits to pubs across the UK. If you see something you want to comment on please do, that's what it is there for. Please help me to remove the veil of secrecy!

Lake Light

New book on the Lake District

I am currently working on my third book. It is called Lake Light and will be launched on March 7th 2010 on the Harman Technology stand (the Ilford Photo side) at the Focus on Imaging exhibition at the NEC Birmingham (the largest annual photo show in Europe). It will also be available through the web site, along with my other 2 books. It will be a similar format to Peak Light, my Peak District book that was published in 2007, with 80 pages, about 90 photographs, a map showing the location where each image was taken from, detailed captions, technical data and advice on the use of digital cameras and Photoshop for taking and editing black and white photographs. We are keeping the price at £14.99, the same as Peak Light, although costs are higher 2 years on the last book.

Landscape Photography Courses

New Dates and new locations for 2010

Lots of courses in 2010. For the first time I will be running 3 day landscape photography courses in the Lake District. This ties in with my new book and will use many of the locations from the book. They will be based in a b&b in Eskdale and will have the usual 6 places available, so still lots of attention from Jan and I. The cost is £550 for 3 days of photography and b&b. There will also be the usual 1 day courses in the Peak District with more new locations. The cost will remain £150 per person per day. They are all suitable for both digital and film camera users, photographers / picture-takers of any ability, and will help you capture pictures that work well in black and white and 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. If you would like one-to-one tuition or a course for a group of friends for one day or several days then do please call me and I am sure we can sort something out.

Darkroom Printing Courses

New Dates for 2010

In 2010 I am running darkroom courses every month except July and August. I have added a few more to cater for demand. They run every month except July and August. If you would like one-to-one tuition call me to discuss your needs and we will see what we can sort out. The courses cost £150 for a place on a group course and £300 for a 1-to-1 course.

New Posters

4 new posters

International Graphics Walmsley, who make posters from my images, have printed 4 new posters of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Black and White Photography magazine

Articles in magazine

The September issue of Black and White Photography magazine had a 4 page article by me on a trip to Ireland that we made with friends in April 2009. The weather was pretty dire but I still managed to get some good shots, some of which are on the web site and in the article. It also has a bit of advice on trip planning.

I ran a competition in the June issue with a prize for 3 lucky readers of a day out with me as well as £500 of Ilford / Harman products. Harman and B&W Photo very generously supported the competition. The course was run in July and the results from this, taken by the winners, will appear in another feature in either the November or December issues.

Next year we are repeating the competition but the prize is a course in the Lake District, as well as a generous amount of Harman / Ilford products.

Photo Trips

Planned Photo Trips

We went to Scandinavia for the first time in September/October. Jan drove a lot of miles but it allowed me to take a lot of pictures. Started in Holland for windmills then Hamburg, up through Denmark to Copenhagen, across into Sweden, then Oslo in Norway before we headed up to Flam and Geiranger for the fjords, waterfalls and mountains ending up in Lillehammer. Then through Sweden to Stockholm, back to Copenhagen, across Denmark and a ferry back to England.

In January we go to Colorado for skiing and snowshoeing. Will try and include some of the ski areas in the south (Wolf Creek and Crested Butte) as well as the I70 ones west of Denver. Am keeping fingers crossed that we can get to the sand dunes near Alamosa and that they are snow covered! They start at 8000 feet and are 750 feet high with 14,000 foot snow covered mountains immediately behind them - a spectacular location! Will probably go via New York for some more winter shots, hopefully with snow. There is a chance of a New York calendar but I need some more winter shots to balance the summer ones that I have. It will be good for long shadows, night shots will also be better since the offices will be fully illuminated in late afternoon, whereas in summer months night shots are only possible after 8 or 9 o'clock and a lot of lights are turned off at the end of the working day now to save energy - great for the planet but not for my pictures!

Photo Tips

Seasonal Notes from Derbyshire

Feels like winter some days but also quite a few mild and misty days too. Lots of rain have produced spectacular waterfalls and rivers are running very high. Try different shutter speeds to freeze the motion of the water at 1/125 sec. and give streaky effects at 1/4 sec. It's a great time of year for photography - get out there, don't miss it!

Photo Lectures

New Lecture

Nearly forgot to mention that I am working on a new lecture. It is called Lake Light to go with the new book. It will have a large section of prints from the new book as well as other landscapes from Norway, Utah and Colorado with Chicago, Boston and New York winter shots. I am taking bookings for lecture dates from September 2010.