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New Lecture - City Light

I have given my new lecture City Light several times now. I have had some very complimentary comments so it seems to be well received.

Print lectures seem to be something of a rarity these days, especially new ones. The quality of black and white darkroom prints on fibre based Ilford paper blows most people away who are just familiar with inkjet prints. So thanks again to Ilford Photo for their very generous gift of the Multigrade FB paper needed to make the prints for this lecture.

I have reduced it very slightly to 84 prints, 44 cities to start with, then 25 for the Alpine Pass Route and 15 for New Zealand, Sydney and Hong Kong.

Apart from showing the prints and my commentary on each image, I give lots of hints and tips on how I do my photography.

If you know a photo club programme secretary please pass on this newsletter in case they are interested in booking me. I'm in the PAGB handbook under L&CPU and NEMPF, if that helps. I also travel all over the UK - not just Lancashire, Cheshire and the East Midlands!

Darkroom Dave Website

It's been a busy time with shows and a few courses so I still haven't edited the video to go with my new article on [Making Your First Black and White Print](#).

Jan is doing our last show as I write this, at [RHS Wisley with Craft in Focus](#), until Sunday 30th November. This will give me more time to do videos and articles. The split grade printing one is long overdue. If you don't know what split grade printing is you obviously need to come on one of my darkroom printing courses!

Black and White Photography Magazine Ads

Some of you may be familiar with our ads in Black and White Photography magazine. I have been a regular advertiser with them for several years now and for the last 2 years with a half-page ad.

They have just put up their rates that they want to charge us by 20% so we have decided to stop regular advertising with them. It's already a lot of money so 20% more when inflation is running at 1% or 2% and our photo course prices have stayed the same for 6 years is too much.

Please don't be alarmed, we are still here offering all the usual landscape photography courses and darkroom printing workshops!

The new website [darkroomdave.com](#) is being picked up by Google really well and the old one [davebutcher.co.uk](#) has been around for so long it's already well indexed in search engines. We have had quite a few clients say they found us through the web so we'll see how it goes without the magazine ads for a while. We stopped all the other photo magazine ads 2 years ago so Black and White was the last.

New Photos

I'm still busy scanning negatives, mainly for my 2 new landscape books, but I needed to scan my new Vienna photos for a client so there are 25 of these on the web now.

I have also been adding more photos from the Dolomites for the new books.

New Photographs of Vienna
City Hall at Night

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Freyung Passage at Night

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Prater Park Ferris Wheel at Dusk

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Spanish Riding School Stables, spot the horse!

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Upper Belvedere Palace Fountains

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Cathedral and Haas Haus

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Hofburg Palace Roof and Sky

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Hofburg Palace Statue at Dusk, spot the horse again!

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Opera House

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Latest Dolomites Photos
Misurina Lake Reflections

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Tre Cime di Lavaredo

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Newsletters

This November 2014 issue is the 5th newsletter this year.

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Events

Just one show left for 2014 and it's on right now until Sunday 30th!

[Christmas Contemporary Art and Craft Fair](#)

The highest quality show that we do every year. Jan runs our stand on her own, she says that I clutter up the stand, which isn't ideal at such a busy show!

Lots of the best quality exhibitors in the country will be here, including us of course! RHS Gardens Wisley, between Guildford and Woking. Tuesday 25th to Sunday 30th November, 9am to 5pm. RHS members free entry. Craft Fair entry ticket gives free entry to the gardens.

2015 Events

For 2015 it looks as though our first show will be Living Crafts at Hatfield House, 7th to 10th May.

We expect to do most of our other shows in Buxton (June, July, September, October and November) plus Wellington College near Bracknell in early September, Glasgow SECC in October and Craft in Focus at RHS Wisley again next November.

Courses - New Dates

[Peak District Landscape Photography](#), 1 day £150

Maximum of 4 clients
25th April
4th July
19th September

[Darkroom Workshop](#), 1 day £160. Maximum of 2 clients.

February course full
26th April
5th July
20th September
12th December

Personal Courses

Peak District Landscape Photography
These are either for one-to-one tuition or small groups of friends and family. The price stays the same whether there's one or 4 people on the course

Darkroom Workshops
For 1 or 2 clients.

Materials included, except toners.
£300 for one day, £500 for 2 days, £700 for 3 days.

We also run personal landscape photography courses in other locations, all at fixed prices.

Latest Blog Posts

Just click each link and it will take you to that blog post.

[Main blog](#)
[Christmas Contemporary Art and Craft Fair at RHS Wisley](#)

[Last Buxton Show of 2014](#)

[3 Shires Head in spate on photo course](#)

[New Images of Vienna](#)

[Birmingham NEC Crafts for Christmas 2014](#)

[Peak Light Lecture in Bury](#)

[Glasgow Crafts for Christmas 2014](#)

[Photo and Darkroom blog Last Buxton Event of 2014](#)

[Personal Peak District Photo Course and 3 Shires Head](#)

[Cannock PS City Light lecture](#)

[New Images of Vienna](#)

New Book Project

My two new books are moving along nicely. So far I have had a bias to the snowy book which I expect will be called Snow Light.

We are still on track to publish them later this year.

It's given me a chance to review all of the photographs I took on my ski mountaineering and Alpine snowshoeing trips that didn't really fit into any of my last 3 books.

Still lots of scanning to do.

The two new books will be the same format as the previous four with about 120 photographs in each.

The Handmade Photograph

The new magazine at [TheHandmadePhotograph.com](#) seems to be moving along nicely, a bit of a delay as the new designer comes on board. Just waiting for the next issue and my article.