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[Landscape Photography Courses](#)

Lake District and Peak District locations

Places are available on the May and September Lake District courses. 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 in Stanley House with rooms to the equivalent of 4 star hotel quality. We will be visiting locations in Eskdale, Wasdale and on the coast around Ravenglass. Subjects will include big views of the highest mountains in England (Scafell Pike, etc), West Water (deepest lake in England), an old Roman fort, a 60 foot high waterfall and smaller ones, trees, rocks, beach and estuary views and lots more. Just 5 places available on each course with 2 tutors. We can also spend some time in the evening giving help and advice on the use of image editing software.

Stanley Ghyll Force, Eskdale



Our next 1 day course in the Peak District is on Friday 28th May. There are also courses in June, July, September and October. The cost is £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. Pretty much any camera is suitable from pocket-sized compacts to digital slr's and medium format film. The group size is small, just 5 people, with my wife Jan and I as tutors so that you receive lots of attention, especially with the more artistic side of photography, as well as whatever help you need in getting to grips with the settings to use on your camera. Learning to take good black and white images will improve any colour work that you do; there will be more structure and you will have patterns, shapes, textures and tones within your images to add to what you would otherwise have taken.

One-to-one courses are always available if you or a group of friends want a more personal course. Call me for a chat. It's a good way of making rapid progress.

Iford 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](#)

I am running darkroom printing courses most months of the year. The group size is no more than 2 people so you receive lots of attention. They are £150 for a place on a group course and £300 for a 1-to-1 course. The next ones are on Thursday 27th May and Sunday 20th June. 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! You can expect to make up to 7 or 8 good quality prints in 1 day, depending on the quality of your negatives.

[Events](#)

Art Fairs and other events

Our next event is the Contemporary Craft and Design Fair at RHS Garden Wisley, Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th April, 10 am to 6 pm Thur and Fri; 9 am to 6 pm Sat and Sun. Free parking and free admission to the fair once you are in the RHS gardens. Jan and I will be there for the full 4 days. Look for stand B33. There are well over 100 exhibitors here.

The next show after this is the Contemporary Craft and Design Fair in Henley on Thames, 14th to 16th May at the Henley Showground. This is a bigger show with over 200 exhibitors.

[Web Site](#)

New Images

I continue to add new images to the web site. This time they include Mora in Sweden, Bryce Canyon in the snow, Canyonlands, Great Sand Dunes National Park in a snow blizzard and Castle Rock Moab.

I added Ilford brochures on 'Processing your first black and white film' and 'Making your first black and white print' to my Technical pages. These were produced by Ilford Photo but they have simple illustrated explanations and hopefully they will be of use to darkroom users.

Siljan Lake Jetty, Mora, Sweden



Peekaboo Trail, Bryce Canyon in Snow



Castle Rock, Moab, Utah



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 selling well since the launch at the Focus on Imaging show at the NEC Birmingham. It is available through my web site and from good booksellers 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. Joe Cornish, UK landscape photographer, has written the foreword. There is a 5 page article on the use of digital cameras for black and white landscape photography, covering the tools and techniques that are of greatest use.

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[Photo Trips](#)

Planned Photo Trips

Our next photo trips are to Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales in August followed by Hong Kong, Sydney and New Zealand in October/November. Quite a contrast!

[Photo Tips](#)

Seasonal Notes from Derbyshire

All the snow and ice finally disappeared by mid-March around here. We had very cold weather from mid-December to mid-March. Now we are into a late spring. Daffodils are just coming up and trees are budding but little in the way of blossom. Will be a few weeks until we see lots of leaves on the trees and June before the last leaves come through.

Still plenty of time for skeleton tree images. Try both whole tree shots and picking out small parts of the tree. Get up close with a wide angle and take shots up into the canopy. Pick trees with few branches low down for best effect and look for patterns in the images.

Waterfalls are good any time, especially during or after rain. Try medium shutter speeds of 1/30 or 1/60 sec to capture images with a mixture of streaky water and frozen water droplets. You can see some interesting effects if you choose your subject carefully.

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.

I have started pulling together the new Lake Light lecture. The first section that I am working on will have a large section based on the Lake Light book. 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 Bryce Canyon, Sweden and Colorado.

I am on Facebook as monodave. There is a link from my web site Links page as well as the one here.

Next Newsletter

My newsletters appear every month or two.

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Dave Butcher 12-April-2010

