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Course Date:

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fine art black and white photography

DARKROOM COURSE INFORMATION

Here is some information to help you prepare and find us on the day.

- **Meeting Point:** our house, Briarwood, in Tunstead Milton. Directions are attached, see web site 'Contact' page for map. For sat nav use SK23 7ER. My advertising boards will be outside the house. Pull your car onto the front drive.
- **Meeting time:** 9.30 am. Please feel free to arrive anytime from 9 am – I have a gallery of pictures for you to look at while we wait for everyone to arrive.
- **Contact telephone numbers:** shown below if you need help.
- **Train stations:** Whaley Bridge (2 miles, Stockport to Buxton line) and Chinley (3 miles, Sheffield to Manchester line).
- **What to bring:** Please bring some negatives and the best print you have made from them. You will usually get more from the day if these aren't the most difficult negatives or we could end up spending all day making 1 print! If you don't have any negatives of your own then I can provide some for you.
- **Introduction:** We will spend a few minutes introducing ourselves and looking at any work you have brought with you. I will show a few prints to demonstrate different techniques then we go into the darkroom.
- **Darkroom:** You have the choice of 3 Durst M670 enlargers, for 35mm to 6 x 7 cm negatives, or a Durst 138 with an Ilford MG500H head (up to 5 x 4 inch).
We will use 16 x 12 inch paper and print as many of your negatives as possible, usually 3 or 4. We work with Ilford Multigrade RC papers (included in the cost). Processing is in large dishes or a vertical Nova tank. Prints are washed in archival washers and dried using an Ilford 1250 infra-red dryer.
- **Demonstration:** I usually start by demonstrating split grade printing, a very powerful technique that will make it much easier to print good photographs.
- **Printing your negatives:** The rest of the day is spent printing your negatives. You can work at your own speed with me helping all day. You will leave with some large prints from your negatives suitable for framing or entering into competitions and exhibitions.
- **Lunch:** We will have a short lunch break. The light buffet food and drinks are provided. If you have special dietary needs please let me know beforehand. If you prefer to eat your own packed lunch for any reason please bring your own.
- **The day ends at 5 pm.**

We are looking forward to meeting you and having a rewarding day.

If you have any questions before the day please call me or send an email.

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