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## Darkroom Dave Website

I wrote a new article on [Making Your First Black and White Print](#). I have made the videos too but they are waiting to be edited before adding in to the article. The text illustrated with still photos has been available for a few weeks. It is based on the article that I wrote for the 3rd issue of [The Handmade Photograph](#) magazine / e-zine, out soon.

The drying cloth on my flatbed dryer for FB paper developed a hole in the fabric, fortunately towards the edge so I could still use it for all but the largest size (24 inch) prints. It prompted me into action. First we bought a new cloth for it from the manufacturer, then we bought another Maco Ecomat flatbed dryer identical to the existing one. This doubles the drying capacity and should mean staying up to 3am drying prints has become a thing of the past. We shall see! This prompted me into writing a tutorial on [Drying Fibre Based Papers Using a Flatbed Dryer](#).

## New Lecture - City Light

My new lecture City Light is finished!

Many thanks to Ilford Photo (Harman Technology) for their very generous gift of the Multigrade FB glossy 20 x 16 inch paper needed to make the prints as well as quite a lot of chemistry to get me well on the way. Without this support I doubt that I would print new lectures, it's over £1000 a lecture in materials alone at full price.

The lecture comprises 85 prints, 45 cities to start with then 25 for the Alpine Pass Route (see below) and 15 for New Zealand, Sydney and Hong Kong.

So far I have given it 3 times and I am pleased the way it hangs together. Lots of hints and tips on how I do my photography.

I am listing all of my lecture bookings on [DarkroomDave as Events](#). This automatically displays a map of each location when I type the address in to each entry. Have a look here if you are interested in coming along. Most, if not all clubs, welcome visitors for a small fee of £2 or £3. Failing that just say you're with me!

If you are in, or know someone in, a photo club please pass on this newsletter in case they are interested in booking me. We travel across the UK, as long as my very reasonable fee is paid and we can sell my books and courses to the members!

## New Photos

I'm still working hard scanning negatives for the 2 new books so there are lots of new landscape photographs on the web.

In addition, I have added new photographs of the 205 mile Alpine Pass Route that we completed in September 2013. The [trip log and photos](#) have been added to my main gallery web site.

In case it's of interest I wrote a blog post of the 85 mile [Lake District Trek](#) that I did in June with good friend Al from Gloucester. It includes both the photos from my Mamiya 7 film camera and the Samsung Galaxy S3 versions taken at the same time. I edited the phone photos with Snapseed - just converted to black and white, cropped, then adjusted brightness and contrast. Nowhere near identical but an interesting comparison. You should be able to recreate our route as well from the information that I provided. It was a very sociable hike and we managed a creditable 14 miles to the gallon (of beer!).

We visited Vienna in September so I have over 50 shots that I want to add to the website. It was jolly hard work involving walking 20 miles and over 12 hours of photography on one of the days. I think we may have got carried away! Hopefully I will have a few scanned for the next newsletter.

**New Photographs**  
Lake Geneva, Montreux, Switzerland



Reichenbach Falls, Meiringen, Switzerland



Col des Chamois near Villars, Switzerland



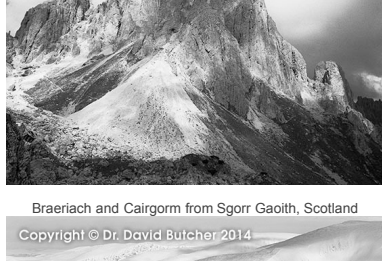
Val de Rinbianco Tree, Dolomites near Misurina, Italy



Monte Pelmo, Dolomites near Cortina in Italy



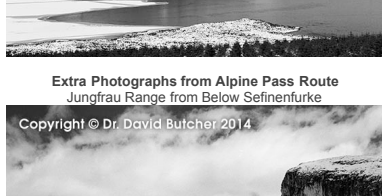
Dolomites near Misurina, Italy



Braeriach and Cairgorm from Sgorr Gaoith, Scotland

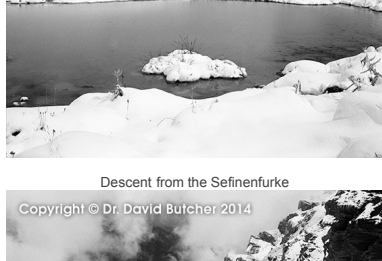


Schiehallion, Scotland



Extra Photographs from Alpine Pass Route

Jungfrau Range from Below Seftenenfurke



Descent from the Seftenenfurke



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## Newsletters

This October 2014 issue is the 4th newsletter this year.

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## Events

### Crafts for Christmas

About 200 exhibitors, art, craft, food and drink. Glasgow SECC Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th October, 9.30am to 4.30pm

### Crafts for Christmas

About 250 exhibitors, art, craft, food and drink. Birmingham NEC Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th November, 9.30am to 5.30pm

### Artist and Designer Fair

About 40 carefully selected art and craft exhibitors. Buxton Pavilion Gardens.

Saturday 22nd to Sunday 23rd November, 10am to 4.30pm, free entry.

### Christmas Contemporary Art and Craft Fair

The highest quality show that we do every year.

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.

## Courses

### Peak District Landscape Photography

1 day £150  
No more group courses until 2015, dates out soon.

### Darkroom Workshop

1 day £160  
No more group courses until 2015, dates out soon.

### Private Courses

Peak District Landscape Photography  
Other locations available.

Darkroom Workshops

£300 for first day, £200 each extra day.

## Latest Blog Posts

This summary of my blog posts was lost from the edits of the last newsletter in July so I have included some highlights from the last few months.

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

### Main blog

[Lecture - City Light](#) Coventry

[Great Peak District Fair 2014](#)

[Scafell Pike in the Sunshine](#)

[Making Your First Black and White Print](#)

[New Print Lecture City Light Finished](#)

[Photo and Darkroom blog](#)

[Photographs on Ilford Stand at Photokina 2014](#)

[New Drying Cloth for Maco Ecomat TP5060](#)

[Photographs for Photokina on new Ilford Fibre Based Papers](#)

[New Display at Buxton Gallery in the Gardens](#)

## 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. Just received hard copy of issue 2, it looks great.

My article in the next issue covers Making Your First Black and White Print.

There is a lot of free stuff on the website too, including lots of blog posts.