

DARKROOM COURSE INFORMATION

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

Meeting Point: 10 am. Briarwood, Tunstead Milton, SK23 7ER.

Directions are attached, see web site 'Contact' page for map and link to Google directions from your house. Our advertising boards will be next to the B5470 road outside our house. If arriving by public transport we can run you between your accommodation and Briarwood, just ask.

Train stations: Whaley Bridge (2 miles, Manchester - Buxton); Chinley (3 miles, Manchester - Sheffield).

What to bring: Bring some negatives and the best print you have made from them, if you have one. You may 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 I can provide some.

Introduction: We will spend a few minutes having a chat 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: A choice of 2 Durst M670 or a DeVere 203 enlargers, for 35mm to 6 x 7 cm negatives, a DeVere 504 with Ilford MG500H head (up to 5 x 4 in) or a Durst 138S with an Ilford MG500H head (also up to 5 x 4 in).

We use 14 x 11 inch paper, smaller paper is available. In 1 day we print as many of your negatives as possible, usually between 4 and 9. You will use Ilford Multigrade RC papers (included in the cost). Processing is in dishes. Prints are washed in a Nova archival washer then dried with an Ilford 1250 dryer.

Demonstration: In the darkroom I 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, hopefully 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 us know beforehand.

Finish time: We finish printing by 4pm, then have a break while prints are washed and dried before finishing with a chat about the prints and the overall day.

Free hints and tips website with videos, etc.: www.darkroomdave.com

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We are looking forward to meeting you and having a rewarding day. If you have any questions before the day please call us or send an email. Dave and Jan Butcher

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