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Dear RPS Trustees, staff and volunteers

I'm not working tomorrow, so I'm sending this out to you today, in case you worry that you've lost a day somewhere...

I thought it might be appropriate to send some photographs to start my Snapshot email this week. These are the winning and commended images from our **Exposure** competition, by Nico Froehlich entitled *"South of the River"* and by Mark Corpe LRPS, entitled *"Washing Day"*.

On **Monday**, I spoke with **Gary** about the science award, which he's been running with great enthusiasm for several years. I was fascinated to learn that an 8 year old had done really well in the competition one year. I then spoke with **Simon V** about his role in the membership team, and also about his cottage in the countryside. Then I had a great conversation with **Ian Race**, Chair of the Digital Imaging Group, whose observations about the role and operation of the SIGs were really useful. We also talked about guitars and cooking. Finally, together with **Nikki** and **Michael**, we completed the 2019 Annual Report and Accounts for the trustees to review next week.

On **Tuesday**, I attended an online breakfast webinar organised by the **AOP**. These are really good, if you don't know about them (details here). **Emily** and I then discussed the latest website issues with **Michael** and **Nikki**. I then spoke to the extraordinary and exuberant **Mimi Mollica** about his work on PhotoMeet and his views of the RPS; with **Emma** about her role in the education team; and finally with photographer **Brian Griffin**, whose relationship with the RPS goes back many years.

On **Wednesday**, I completed my board papers for next week; I spoke with **Debbie** about her work in the membership team; and we had a council of war on the CRM issue. In the afternoon, I spoke with **Rod Wheelans** about the relationship between RPS and PAGB, and the potential for us to collaborate more effectively; and with photographer **Jillian Edelstein**, who has been involved in many RPS projects. Finally, in the evening, I met up with **Harry Borden**, and we sat in the gallery together for ages, exchanging ideas.

That day was also **World Photography Day**, and I was delighted that **Amateur Photographer** magazine featured an interview with me to help mark the occasion. My sincere thanks to **Peter** and **Rebecca** for making this possible, and making me seem vaguely articulate. The article is online here.

Today, I spoke **Richard Ellis** about the landscape SIG, which has surprisingly only been going for a few years, although it has a large membership already. I also spoke with **Andrew Page** from Positive View about their wonderful work bringing photography to young people with mental health issues. I feel there are some great opportunities for us to partner with them over the years to come, supporting their competition for young people, and other things. This afternoon, we had more conversations about the website and CRM. There are some nettles to grasp here - you're all aware that we've had many technical problems lately. The staff team have been working very hard to keep on top of things, but it's not been easy for them, so thank you for your patience and support.

In other news, our most recent trustee **Heather Field** has been added to the RPS website. You can "meet" her here:
https://rps.org/about/meet-the-team/

And a new series of Distinctions talks has been announced, so book early!
https://rps.org/qualifications/arps/distinctions-talks-live/

Next week, there are lots of finance meetings scheduled, a meeting with our website developer (see above!), my first RepCom meeting, and a meeting with Kensington Palace about our royal charter. There's a trustee meeting on Wednesday, and then later in the week we're starting to think in more detail about our membership development strategy.

I hope you're enjoying my weekly *Snapshots*, and please do send me anything you'd like me to share. I would be grateful if chairs and ROs could circulate this to their group members, if appropriate - and if you are receiving this indirectly, do drop me a line if you'd like me to add your email to the circulation list.

As usual, please keep in touch, and do let me know if you'd like to discuss anything.

Happy weekending!

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