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Dear RPS trustees, volunteers, staff and friends

This week, we heard the very sad news that **Rhys Jones ARPS**, our much-loved RO in South Wales, died last Sunday. The fact that so many of our RPS staff and volunteer family have been so affected is a testament to the great affection and respect with which Rhys was held. He will be greatly missed.

During the week, **Stewart, Kate, Emily** and others have been wonderful at co-ordinating our response and liaising with Rhys's family, despite their own reactions to the news. I'm very grateful to them. So, even if you didn't know him, I do hope you will take a moment to read about Rhys on our website [here](#). If you would like to contribute a comment of your own, please do email [Kate](#) directly, and we will add these. We will be providing the family with a carefully printed and presented copy of all the messages, and also placing an article in the RPS Journal.

Given the above, I won't detail my own week as usual.

However, I would briefly highlight three pieces of news:

1. Last night, the RPS Journal won "**Special Interest Magazine of the Year**" at the Scottish Publishers Association. This is a tremendous accolade. Details [here](#).
2. I found this short [article](#) by **Alan Hodgson** to be very moving, and a reminder of the enormous and wide-ranging potential for doing good through photography. Do read it if you have time.
3. Our first **#RPSTogether Sunday Challenge** was a reasonable start last weekend, but I feel sure we could all do much better. Please do log on to the website this Sunday from 9am to find out our next challenge, and join in by 5pm. This time the details will be much more visible on the site, as well as on social media (and the challenge will be a little bit easier too). Details [here](#).

Tomorrow morning, we are having an online discussion about the proposed changes to the charity's **governance** arrangements. There are 67 people registered to attend, and we've had many excellent comments and questions, helping the trustees to refine things further. If you are joining us, please ensure your screen name matches your registered name (ie not "Julie's iPad" or similar) - otherwise you might not be admitted!

Next week, lots more photographic developments, and back to the usual format for this email.

I hope you're enjoying my weekly *Snapshots*. 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 always, please keep in touch, and do let me know if you'd like to discuss anything.

Happy weekendening!

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