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Subject: Re: Seoirse

From: Bernard Burns

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To: Tony Murray

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Dear Tony,

I'm sorry we didn't get the news to you sooner - we tried to contact my father's Irish speaking friends, but we didn't know all of you, so we had to rely on a little bit of word of mouth. He died on 1st January, and the funeral took place on 17th January. It was a beautiful service, and was followed by a wake, with songs, stories, poetry and even some dancing. We saw an obituary in the newspaper "Lá", and were told that there was also one in "Saol". I've passed on your condolences to my mother too.

Thanks and Best Wishes
Bernard

Tony Murray wrote:

Dear Bernard,

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner. I was very saddened to hear the news of your father's death. Please accept my condolences on the part of everybody here at the Irish Studies Centre. I have ensured that his name has been removed from our databases as you requested.

Seoirse as you probably know was one of the first people to donate materials to the Archive of the Irish in Britain which is housed here in the Irish Studies Centre. I have fond memories of our last meeting together last summer when he came on a bus tour of 'Irish London' which I organised.

I would be interested to know if an obituary has appeared anywhere or if memorial service of any kind is envisaged. He was a great man for the stories and will be greatly missed by the Irish community in London.

Beir bua agus beannacht.

Tony

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