



SACA Reunion for the Classes of 1995 and 2005

Date: 14th November 2015

6:30pm: Reception at St. Andrew's College

7:30pm: Coach Transport from St. Andrew's

8:00pm: Dinner and Music at the Dublin City Hilton Hotel,
Charlemont Place, Dublin 2.

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Price: €62

If you wish to pay by credit card please call Sally Walker at +353 (1) 288 2785.

or online via: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/saca-reunion-for-the-classes-of-1995-and-2005-tickets-18735677917>

SACA AGM - Thursday 22 October at 8pm in the College

This is your opportunity to have a say in SACA!

Come to the meeting and join us for a drink afterwards in Gleasons.

Girl Power: SACA Makes College History

For the first time in the history of the College SACA can boast two coinciding female Presidents from amongst its ranks. Linda Laird, current President of SACA, is joined by Sally Walker who took over as President of the Association of Schools' Unions (the umbrella organisation of associated Past Pupils' Unions) at the recent AGM. Having acted as the ASU's Secretary for over a decade, Sally is delighted to take over the presidency and is looking forward to representing St Andrew's at the various ASU events for the next year. It is a fitting time for Sally to take over the ASU reins as she retires from SACA's committee, after 19 years' service, at the upcoming AGM at the end of this month. Sally works at the College, very much enjoying her new role as Internal and External Communications Coordinator, and is the point of contact for alumni.

Please stay in touch with Sally who will continue to work closely with the incoming SACA Committee – swalker@st-andrews.ie.





ST ANDREWS COLLEGE ALUMNI (SACA)

Annual Dinner



FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2015
PRE DRINKS AT 7.15pm.
DINNER AT 8pm.

RADISSON BLU ST. HELEN'S,
STILLORGAN, CO. DUBLIN

DRESS CODE:
BLACK TIE OR NEAREST EFFORT!

GUEST SPEAKER:
GEORGE HOOK

TICKET PRICE:
€65



Please return the booking form by 25 September 2015, together with payment (cheque or credit card) to:
St. Andrew's College Alumni Office, Booterstown Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin • Tel: 01 288 2785 • Email: alumni@st-andrews.ie
Or book with eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/saca-annual-dinner-tickets-18339368545>

SACA Golf Outing

This year's SACA Golf Outing took place on Friday 18th September in Edmondstown Golf Club. 26 people played and everyone had a most enjoyable afternoon. David White treated us all to delicious strawberries and cream between the 11th and 12th holes and the weather stayed fine apart from one short shower! Golf was followed by dinner and the prizegiving.

The winners were as follows:

1st : Bernard White (19) – 37 points
 2nd : Terry Forsyth (17) – 34 points
 3rd : David Will (20) – 33 points

Prizes for post 2005 leavers:

1st John Wiley
 2nd Jonah Bailey
 3rd Andrew Fogarty

SACA Cups

Heney Cup (handicap 0-12): John Wiley (11) 30 points (on back 9)

Leslie Cup (handicap 13 +): Bernard White (as above)

Taylor Cup (best lady's score): Nicola Walker

Longest Drive (Male) : Ron Mc William

Longest Drive (Female) : Nicola Walker

Nearest the pin: David Burnett

Guest Prize: Malcolm Taylor

We look forward to next year and to more people taking part!



SACA Alumni Profile: Sarah Webb

Sarah Webb tells us about her life since leaving St. Andrew's College in 1987:

"I attended St Andrew's College from the age of six until I left in 1987. I read English and History of Art at Trinity College, Dublin. Being a passionate reader from childhood I'd always wanted to work with books so after I graduated, after nearly six months making breakfasts, working in a hotel and teaching sailing I managed to get a job in Hodges Figgis Bookshop on Dawson Street, my first 'real' job.

From here I moved to Hughes and Hughes, Waterstones and finally Eason. In 2000 my first adult novel, *Three Times a Lady* was published and soon after this I left bookselling to write full time. I have published 35 books to date, from nursery rhyme collections and early readers (*Sally Go Round the Stars* and *Emma the Penguin*), to books for young teens (the *Ask Amy Green* series - the school in these books, St John's was inspired by St Andrew's), and 11 novels for adults (*The Shoestring Club*, *The Memory Box*). My books have been published in America, Australia, Indonesia, Poland, Italy and many other countries.

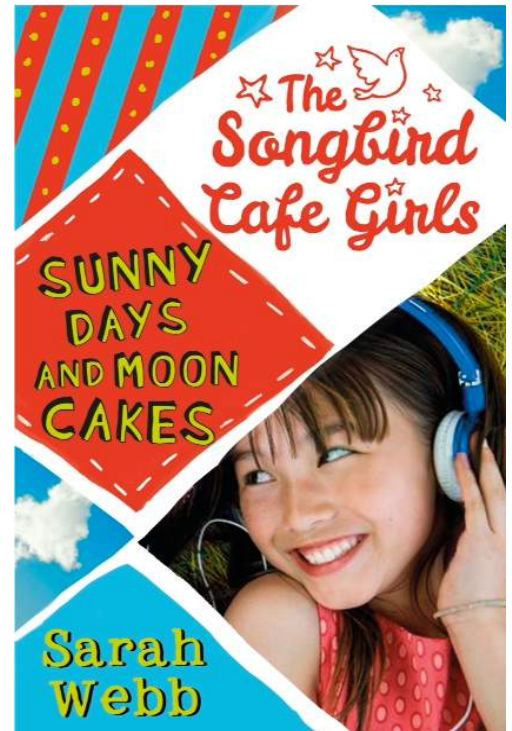
I'm currently writing a series called *The Songbird Cafe Girls* for age 8+. The latest is called *Sunny Days and Moon Cakes* and is about a young girl who has selective mutism. Philip Stanley, an ex-pupil of Andrew's helped me with the research in fact! I have been back to St Andrew's several times to talk to the students about my books and about being a writer, which I've greatly enjoyed.

I'm also the Children's Curator of the Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival in Dun Laoghaire, one of the largest festivals in the country and I review children's books for the *Irish Independent*. I teach creative writing at the Irish Writers Centre and am a member of the Writers in Schools Scheme, visiting dozens of schools every year. All my work is book based and although it's hard graft at times and being self-employed is a bit of a tightrope walk some years, it's a wonderfully fulfilling life.

So did St Andrew's colour my future career? In many ways it did. In junior school, the wonderful Miss Cahill had us learning chunks of Shakespeare and reading Steinbeck in 5th class. I still remember many of the poems I learned off my heart at this age - *Upon Westminster Bridge*, *To Daffodils*. She believed that good stories had the power to transport you and put you in other people's shoes and she was right.

In senior school, Mrs West encourage my interest in History of Art. I'm no artist but I have a great love of art and I adored spending four years at Trinity gazing at slides of ground breaking paintings, sculptures and buildings.

What had the greatest influence of all on my future was being a reader. Miss Baker in the library allowed me borrow whatever I liked and I always enjoyed talking to her about books. And I must say a big thank you to all the teachers who turned a blind eye to me reading under the desk during their classes."



Jack Kirwan... 'everyone in our business is under 26 - I'm the grandad'

Jack Kirwan (26) is the founder of Sprout & Co juice company. He studied e-commerce at university, then trained as a chef and worked for Avoca, before launching his own business. He lives in Dublin city-centre with his brother and business partner, Theo (24)



Written by: Emily Hourican Independent.ie

<http://www.independent.ie/life/jack-kirwan-everyone-in-our-business-is-under-26-im-the-grandad-31548149.html>

When I started this business, nearly two years ago, I was getting up at 4am, going to the markets, and buying what we needed for the juices. There were times I had to be in at 2am, having to make 600 or 800 products, with just one other person. I'd be begging friends to come in and give a hand on a Sunday morning. But as it has progressed, we have taken on more people - there are eight of us full-time and three part-time - so I now I get to start at 6am.

I live in the city centre. I grew up in Blackrock, with four brothers and two sisters. We weren't all under the same roof at the same time, but there was always plenty going on around the family home. Now, I share an apartment with my brother, Theo, who's also my business partner. Working and living together is a bit mad, but so far we've managed to avoid killing each other.

I'm used to keeping it to a bare minimum in the mornings, so I get up around 5.25am, and I'm straight out. I have breakfast when the early rush is finished. The team might start at 1am or 2am, because we make the juices, cold-pressed, fresh, seven days a week. Then at 9am, we start to ship out. So we generally try and have breakfast together once we've finished production. My day is broken up into different areas, but that early morning rush is definitely the most hectic part. We're based within an Avoca store, in Rathcoole - we've a production space there, and a juice bar - so there's lots to choose from for breakfast. I usually have eggs and avocado, with one of our green juices.

After university in the UK, I came back to Ireland and trained to be a chef. I worked in the kitchens at Avoca for the best part of two years, but I've always had a skin condition, eczema, and it got steadily worse. I'd had it on my body previously, but then I began to get it around my face and on my hands. It got to the point where it was unbearable; it just wasn't workable to continue doing what I was doing. Whatever way my body worked, it wasn't suited to being in that kind of environment, so I had to give up. Around that time, I'd been to America and had seen the new trends for juice bars and healthy eating, so I started Sprout & Co.

I began it because I liked the idea, but as I started to include the juices in my diet on a regular basis, my skin began to improve, as did my whole body health. I had been applying steroid creams and, after a while, I was able to stop using them. That really woke me up to the reality that by eating healthily, you can cure yourself.

Juicing became really popular around the same time as we opened, so we grew pretty rapidly. We were very fortunate to be connected with Avoca; they gave us the opportunity to sell through their stores, which gave us immediate access to lots of customers. From there, we just grew. The last six months have been madness. I never predicted this.

Until recently, we would have been trying to grow our customer base by getting out and doing tastings. More recently though, we agreed to take a premises on Dawson Street, so we've been working on a food concept with the same name, Sprout & Co, supplying salads and some foods, as well as juices. It'll be a to-go, healthy-food premises, with 10-15 seats in the place itself. Also, we're ready to move into new production facilities, because we need more space. We want to move somewhere that will be big enough that we can grow the business for the next five years without moving again, so we have a few places in mind that we're looking at.

But we also need to get round to all our stockists - the restaurants and cafes that we supply. I love my food, so I don't tend to miss lunch; instead, I try and kill two birds with one stone by taking half an hour to have lunch in one of the stockists. I try and have meetings over lunch, with my brother and colleagues. And we give something back to our stockists by buying lunch from them.

I suffered plenty of anxiety before we launched. I remember thinking 'what am I doing?' 'Will it be good enough?' But it's not helpful to start getting too anxious. Everyone who works with us is under 26; I'm the oldest, the granddad, so we're all of a similar mindset, and excited about the possibilities.

The afternoons are spent getting back to customers, developing new ideas and doing accounts. I usually try and finish up about 6pm, because my brain turns off after that. I'm very active and I do a lot of exercise. I used to play hockey for my university, but now I usually go to the gym two or three times a week, where I row or I cycle. I'm not Superman, but I try.

My brother and I usually cook together three or four times a week and invite friends for dinner. We make lots of different things, not one specific kind of food. I don't go out that much, because I can't really face work with a heavy hangover. There's too much going on. I prefer to go for something to eat, rather than to nightclubs. I don't think I can handle them, with the early start.

We're producing seven days a week, but I don't work seven days. I take Saturdays off, and Sundays are mainly about getting everything ready for the following week. I think it's important to get a day or a day-and-a-half off every week. I find I do very little on those days; I'm worn out. So I try to relax, read newspapers, and see friends.

Before bed, I watch a bit of TV, and I read a lot, mainly autobiographies, biographies and business books. I try and go to bed by 11pm, or I'm like a zombie the next day. I'm a bit of a planner; I go through things in my mind and write them down. I find I can focus a lot more the next day if I've done that. In terms of sleeping, I sleep better now that the business is up and running and we've got a strong team. I'm finding things a lot easier now.

sproutfoodco.com

**Since the publication of the above article Sprout & Co have issued the following news:*

We are bursting with excitement to announce that we will be opening a new Sprout & Co concept this November at 63 Dawson St where our friends Café Gray are currently located. We have been working on recipes for months so we can't wait to show you our ideas. On the menu will be quirky salads, soups, cold pressed juices, superfood smoothies, @3FE coffee and plenty more! We hope you'll help spread the word and be sure to keep an eye out for photos/videos of our ideas over the coming month



Imogen Doel (Class of 2001)

Past Pupil **Imogen Doel (Class of 2001)** is currently ripping up the boards at the Vaudeville Theatre in London playing Cecily Cardew in "The Importance of Being Earnest" alongside David Suchet as Lady Bracknell. Former teacher Patrick Viale went to see the play and described her performance as "incredible"! The show is being broadcast live to Irish cinemas (including the Odeon, Stillorgan) on the 8th October. Don't miss it!

Sharon Kenny - The Matchmaker.ie

Sharon Kenny started her schooldays at St Andrew's back in 1979 along with Linda Laird and the rest of the gang celebrating their 30 Year Reunion at the annual dinner on 9 October. After school Sharon took a course in Fine Art and Marketing but her heart lay with match-making – bringing couples together – something she learnt around the time of her Debs thirty years ago organising dates for her girlfriends from amongst the ranks of St Andrew's boys!

Sharon has gone on to own her successful match-making company 'Thematchmaker.ie' where she is on a mission to bring together like-minded professionals who need the help of a match-maker to introduce them to a partner.

Running her company Sharon meets every client individually. Thematchmaker.ie is a Dating Agency as opposed to an Online Dating Facility. It's a personal process where Sharon gets involved by getting to know all her clients before recommending dates. She finds out what they consider essential attributes in a soul-mate and links like-with-like insofar as possible. She believes that compatibility and a love of common interests form a good foundation for a relationship. Within three days 80% of Sharon's clients will meet a potential partner. This success is based on the amount of work Sharon herself puts into making sure that the match is good in the first place.

Sharon believes that the key to success in business is a belief in yourself and your ability to make the business work. "You need drive, to be focused and to know where you want to go with your business. When you have passion and drive, you're nearly there. The ability to listen is vital – something I obviously learnt at St Andrew's all those years ago!"

"Most of all, it is vital to love what you do and, when you're doing what comes naturally to you, you can't fail – it's in my blood to spread the love!"

So if you are finding it difficult to meet someone, talk to Sharon on 086 071 1711 or email her on

sharon@thematchmaker.ie

You never know, with Sharon's track record, it could be the best call you make!



Menopause The Musical

**MARY
BYRNE**

X-FACTOR

**SUE
COLLINS**

THE NUALAS

**NIAMH
KAVANAGH**

EUROVISION

**LINDA
NOLAN**

THE NOLANS



Sue Collins (Class of 1986) is appearing in the hysterical Menopause The Musical which is heading on another sell-out Irish tour this autumn. Packed full of one-liners about hot flushes and memory loss, the all-singing, all-dancing comedy is set in at a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common meet by chance at a lingerie sale.

The all-female cast includes Mary Byrne (X Factor), Linda Nolan (The Nolans), Niamh Kavanagh (Eurovision) and our own Sue Collins (The Nualas).

Menopause has already played two sold-out Irish tours so don't delay, call your friends, look for a venue near you and book your tickets today! The tour kicks off on 8 October in Kilkenny and ends in Cork on 28 November with twelve different nation-wide venues in between.

SACA Sports News

Ireland Wakeboarding

Congratulations to David O'Caoimh (Class of 2012) who came 5th in the Wakeboarding World Cup in Linyi, China. David, is the current Europe Africa Wakeboard Champion and is achieving amazing things.



David O'Caoimh



Ireland Cricket

The Irish women's cricket team have qualified for the World T20's in Thailand in November and Andrew's are strongly represented in the squad that head down to Spain for warm weather training in October. The ladies' squad includes **Robyn Lewis, Gaby Lewis and Lucy O'Reilly**. Well done ladies and work hard there's a big job to be done in November!



Current St Andrew's student **Josh Little** has been selected to play on the Ireland U19 Cricket Team competing in the U19 World Cup qualifying competition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next month.

SACA Sports News....continued

Ireland Hockey

Current St Andrew's girls **Iseult Cambay, Katie Jane Marshall and Gaby Lewis** have been selected to play on the Leinster Girls' Under 16 Team! The Inter-Provincials take place over the weekend of 17 October.



Provincial Rugby

Another big month of provincial rugby for St Andrew's with representation across 3 provinces - **Jordan Larmour (U 19) and Greg Jones (U-20) for Leinster, Felix Jones was in action for Munster and Ben Marshall for Connacht.**



SACA History: Robert Briscoe

It seems that St Andrew's always had a culture of diversity and as we went through the archives in SACA Towers we discovered the story of past pupil Robert Briscoe. Robert was born the same year that the college was founded (1894) to Lithuanian Jewish refugees and after finishing school fought in the War of Independence and was close to both Eamon De Valera and Michael Collins. He subsequently fought in the Civil War, went on to serve from 1927-65 as a TD and was Dublin's first Jewish Lord Mayor. Diversity is part of what we are and makes us unique and Robert's story definitely stands out!



SACA Survey

We are trying to make the Alumni events calendar bigger and better. With this in mind if you could take 5 minutes to do this very quick survey we'd really appreciate it. Your opinion matters and we want to hear from you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SACASurvey>

Debs 2015: St Andrew's Debs Ball proves to be a real class act . . .

by Kirsty Blake Knox (Class of 2004)

<http://www.herald.ie/lifestyle/debs-2015-st-andrews-debs-ball-proves-to-be-a-real-class-act-31518252.html>

The class of 2015 returned to their alma mater in Booterstown for a red carpet reception hosted by the parent teacher association.

Sweeping gowns in vivid jewel hues and twisted halter necks from Cari's Closet and Pamela Scott were popular with girls.

But the stylish young gents also brought their A-game, arriving in classic tuxedo suits.

Some bucked with tradition; Ross Nicoll, from Greystones, cut a dash in a colourful tartan kilt, while Leo Kevany from Killiney went for a loud printed suit jacket complete with a royal blue bow tie.

The debutantes posed for pictures outside before hurrying into the Senior Hall, which was brightly decorated with the school colours and balloons.

Proud

Proud parents milled about while the debutantes and their dates caught up with former teachers and recalled classroom memories.

Once the reception had drawn to a close, students jumped aboard a fleet of coaches and made a bee-line to The Pavilion, in Leopardstown, for dinner and dancing.

Guests were treated to a three-course meal of Caesar salad, chicken supreme and chocolate macaroons.

Once everyone had polished off the dinner, DJ Gary Lonergan took to the decks and everyone hit the dance floor.

"I requested Dancing in the Moonlight by Toploader five times," former Head Girl Serena Brooks said. "Everyone was on their feet and having the time of their lives, the atmosphere was great."

There was plenty of joking, joshing and selfie-taking but in the blink of an eye the sun began to rise and it was time to go home.

"We all enjoyed a breakfast roll around 4am and then we started to make our way home," Serena said.

"It was a fantastic night and so nice to relive memories with friends."



Dates for your Diary

SACA Annual Dinner

Date: 9th October 2015

Venue: Radisson Blu St. Helen's Hotel, Stillorgan

Time: 7:15pm Drinks Reception - 8pm Dinner

10 & 20 Year Reunion for Classes of 2005 and 1995

Date: 14th November 2015

6:30pm: Reception at St Andrew's College

8pm: Dinner and Music at Dublin City Hilton Hotel, Charlemont Place

St Andrew's College PTA is delighted to host their annual Charity Ladies' Lunch in aid of the LauraLynn Children's Hospice

Date: 13th November 2015

Venue: The Shelbourne Hotel

Price: €65

Details: (tables of ten, limited to 250 seats). Jane McKenna, founder of The LauraLynn Hospice will attend the lunch as Guest Speaker.

SACA Notes and Announcements

Engagements

Ivan Barker (Class of 2006) to Ailbhe Devlin

James McDermott (Class of 2005) to Katherine Gifford

Weddings:

Niamh Murphy (2003) to Tim Sutherland

Births:

To Simon Quinn (Class of 1996) and Clare, a daughter Marlo Bear

To Leigh Arnold Davies (Class of 1997) and Steve, a daughter Piper Rose

Deaths:

Colin Boland (Class of 1977)

Annette Koenig (Class of 2009)