



The Steam Apprentice Club

'The future driving the past'

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Issue 1

Welcome to the very first Steam Apprentice Club Monthly News Update.

Dear Parent, Guardian or Volunteer!

It's my absolute pleasure to introduce this first edition of our newsletter and to welcome members old and new as we begin an exciting new chapter for the SAC.

In this issue, we look back at what we achieved together in 2025 and, more importantly, look ahead to plans for 2026. You'll also find details of our completely refreshed and modernised SAC website, including the new members' area.

I want everyone to be able to feel part of the SAC, so I hope this newsletter goes some way to getting you involved. If you have ideas about this, our website or anything else we do, please get in touch.

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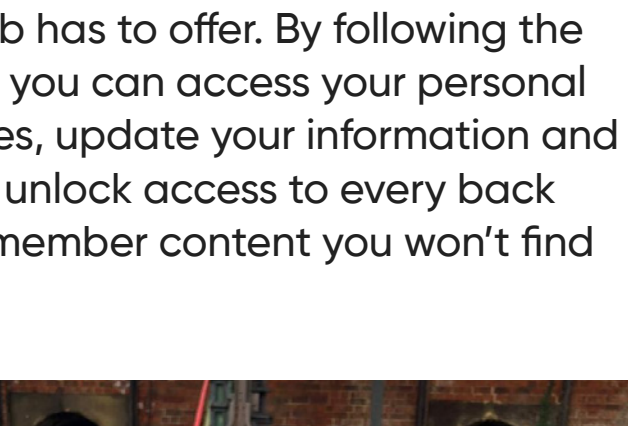
All Aboard Our Brand-New SAC Website!



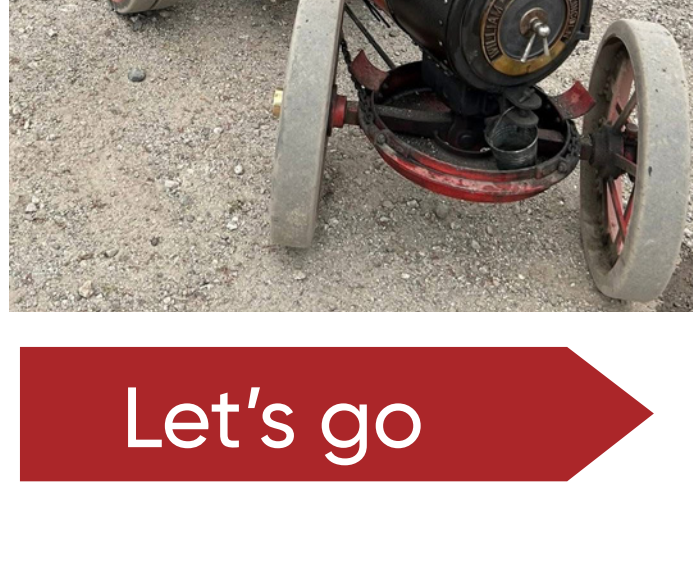
Discover our refreshed Steam Apprentice Club website – let's be honest our old website had served its time but was desperate for some attention. We are still learning and getting better at providing more regular updates, but hopefully it's easy to navigate and has everything you need - including the members' area (see below!).

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Visit the SAC Member Area

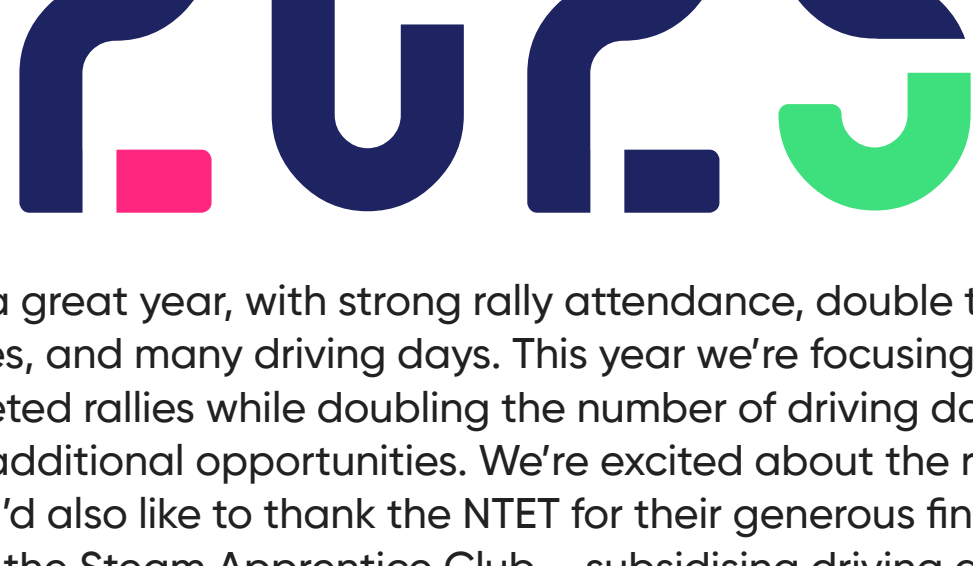


Don't forget to visit your private SAC Members' Area – it's your gateway to everything the Steam Apprentice Club has to offer. By following the simple login instructions on the website, you can access your personal membership details, check renewal dates, update your information and use your own online logbook. You'll also unlock access to every back edition of Raising Steam and exclusive member content you won't find anywhere else.

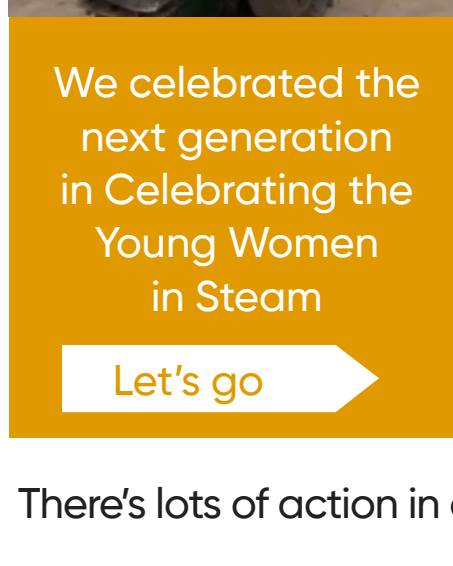


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Glancing Back at

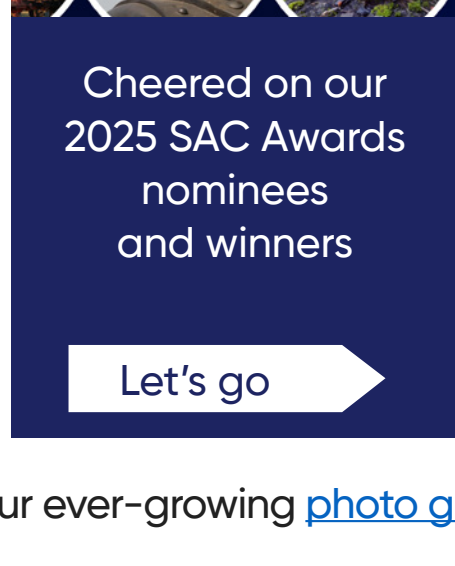


2025 was a great year, with strong rally attendance, double the apprentices, and many driving days. This year we're focusing on fewer, more targeted rallies while doubling the number of driving days and exploring additional opportunities. We're excited about the range now available. I'd also like to thank the NTET for their generous financial support of the Steam Apprentice Club – subsidising driving days, alongside the volunteers who run them, makes this expansion possible.



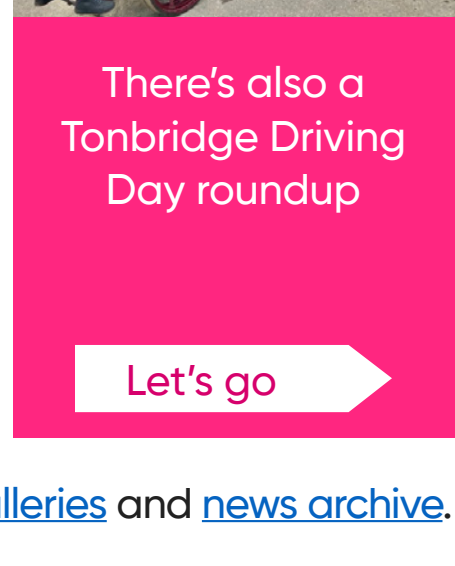
We celebrated the next generation in Celebrating the Young Women in Steam

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Cheered on our 2025 SAC Awards nominees and winners

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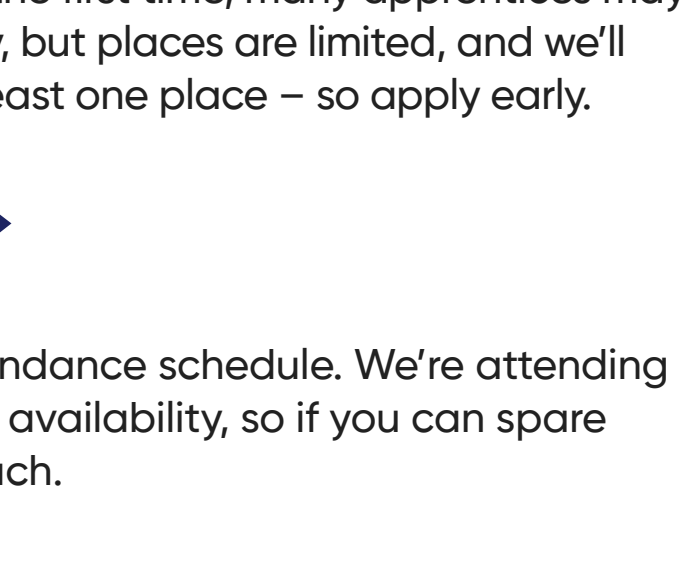
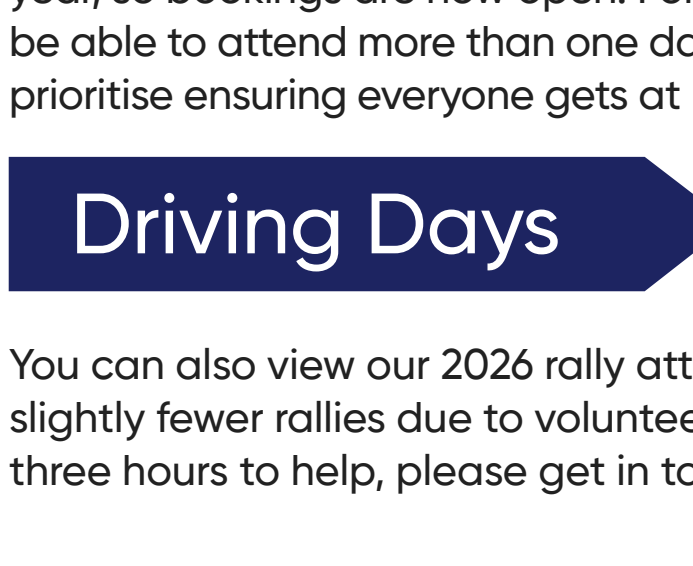


There's also a Tonbridge Driving Day roundup

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There's lots of action in our ever-growing [photo galleries](#) and [news archive](#).

Looking Forward in



The year ahead looks exciting for the Steam Apprentice Club, and we'd love you to get involved. Demand for SAC Driving Days was huge last year, so bookings are now open. For the first time, many apprentices may be able to attend more than one day, but places are limited, and we'll prioritise ensuring everyone gets at least one place – so apply early.

[Driving Days](#)

You can also view our 2026 rally attendance schedule. We're attending slightly fewer rallies due to volunteer availability, so if you can spare three hours to help, please get in touch.

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