

On Saturday Skipton Swimming Club took 36 swimmers to compete in the Airedale & Wharfedale District Amateur Swimming Club's 2015 Winter Inter Club Gala at Aireborough Leisure Centre in Guiseley. Six local teams took place. Kippax, Bradford Dolphin, East Leeds, Bradford, Bingley and Skipton Swimming Club. East Leeds made the best start and after 8 events were leading Skipton by just 2 points. Skipton then brought it back and were strong in the medley relays becoming level on points with East Leeds after 24 events. Skipton then just seemed to go from strength to strength slightly increasing their lead and with just 10 events remaining were 7 points clear. The last group of events was the age groups freestyle relays. Skipton put everything into the relays and with the spectators support they ended a fantastic evening of swimming by winning the gala with 256 points followed in second place by East Leeds on 245 points and Bingley Swimming Club finishing third with 158 points. The final event of the evening was an 8 x 1 freestyle mixed cannon which was made up of 1 girl and 1 boy from each age group swimming in ascending age order. Ella Bardgett, Fenn Curran, Hannah Raistrick, Joel Phillip, Bea Waller, James Field, Lauren Hanson and Mark Mahoney made up the Skipton Team who finished off the evening on a high to win the cannon trophy. All swimmers did outstandingly well from the younger swimmers who were not used to competing at such events to the top squad swimmers who were pushed hard by some fantastic swimming from the other teams.

