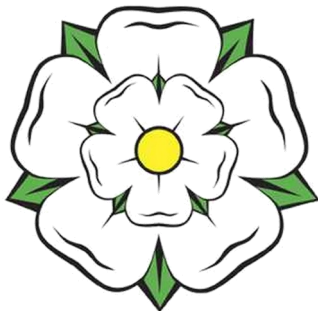


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Skipton Swim Club Triumphs at the 2025 Long Course Yorkshire Championships!

February was a month to remember for Skipton Swim Club as we took part in the 2025 Long Course Yorkshire Championships, held over three weekends at John Charles Centre for Sports and Ponds Forge International Sports Centre. The championships culminated in the team events on Sunday, 23rd February, with a fantastic showing from our swimmers.

A massive congratulations to the 24 swimmers who qualified and competed in both individual and team events. The performances were outstanding, with numerous personal bests, finalists, and medals earned across various age groups.

In the 17 years and over category, Sam Smith secured gold in the 100m Butterfly and bronze in the 50m Freestyle. Jack Jenkinson also had a strong championships, earning silver in the 200m Free and bronze in both the 100m Free and 200m IM.

The breaststroke events were a highlight for Skipton, with multiple swimmers achieving fantastic results: Will Barnes earned his first-ever Yorkshire medal in the 12-year-old age group, taking bronze in the 100m Breaststroke and gold in the 50m Breaststroke, and a PB of 39.07 seconds.

Stanley Dunne excelled in the 15-year-old age group, claiming gold in the 100m Breaststroke and silver in the 200m Breaststroke.

Quinn Austin Kelly earned silver in the 100m Breaststroke for the 17 years and over category, while Naevia Kelly qualified for her first final in the 100m Breaststroke. Phoebe Oliver took bronze in the 200m Breaststroke for the 17 and overs. And Betsy Rider rounded off the breaststroke success with a bronze in both the 50m and 200m Breaststroke for the 14-year-olds.

In total, Skipton Swim Club had 46 finalists across the championships, bringing home 3 golds, 4 silvers, and 8 bronzes!



The team events wrapped up the championship in style, with Skipton entering four teams; 2 open male and 2 female. Both the male and female A teams made it to the finals for both the Medley and Freestyle relays, showcasing the strength and unity of the entire team. The open male team, consisting of Sam Smith, Joe Burgess, Sean Smith and Quinn Austin Kelly, narrowly missed out on third place in the Medley relay final.

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches and team managers for their unwavering support and commitment. Your hard work and encouragement helped guide our swimmers to these outstanding achievements.

We are incredibly proud of each and every swimmer who competed and represented Skipton Swim Team with such determination and passion. Congratulations to all our swimmers for their amazing performances, and we look forward to more success in the future!.....Go Skipton!





Important update from Swim England



Swim England has seen a rise in incidents reported, where mobile phones are being used to take indecent photos or videos under or over cubicles. In line with Swim England, Skipton Swim Club

have a zero tolerance policy towards the use of mobile phones and other digital devices in changing rooms.

The future implications for those who break this policy are serious. Not only could using a mobile device in the changing room lead to **criminal charges** and a **permanent criminal record**, but it could also result in **suspensions** from Swim England. These suspensions would be recorded and could appear on future DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks, which may severely impact one's employment opportunities in the future.

As incidents continue to be reported, Swim England is likely to focus even more on monitoring and enforcing consequences for violations to ensure that changing rooms remain a safe and secure space for all individuals and to maintain trust and integrity within the sport.

HELLO!

Join us for a Meet and Greet with the club committee.

Skipton swim club committee will be holding a casual meet and greet on **Wednesday 26th March** in the poolside café at Craven Leisure. Enjoy some refreshments, get to know the committee members, and ask us any questions you may have. More details to follow - mark your calendars.

HELLO!



Stepping Stones 2 Gala - 15th March

A big **THANK YOU** to our generous sponsor, Arthur E Walker & Co for supporting the Stepping Stones 2 gala. Your contribution helps make this event a success, and we truly appreciate your support in making it all possible!

**** Please email meetmanager@skipton.sc.co.uk if you would like more information about sponsoring our galas ****

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Upcoming meets:

City of Sheffield Premiere Meet 7th - 9th March	Squad only - closed for entries
A&W Gala 1 8th March 2025	All Club - closed for entries
Stepping Stones Gala 2 15th March 2025	All Club - closing date 27th February
York City Baths 22nd March 2025	Squad only - closed for entries
Sheffield City Spring Open Meet 29th March 2025	All club - closed for entries
Harrogate Spa Town 5th - 6th April 2025	All club - closed for entries
City of Leeds National Qualifier 11th - 13th April 2025	Squad only - closed for entries

Congratulations!

Big congratulations to Ava Barker, who has completed her L2 teacher theory and practical - Well done Ava!



Summer Break:

Dates for Summer break have been confirmed as

Monday 4th - 25th August 2025
(Inclusive)



Fundraising



Calling All Bakers: Join Us for a Fundraising Coffee Morning!

We're excited to announce a fundraising coffee morning at Grassington Café on **Saturday, 14th June!** This is a fantastic opportunity for our swim community to come together, enjoy delicious treats, and support a great cause.

We need your help to make this event a success! Here's how you can get involved:

Cake Donations: We'd love to have a selection of homemade cakes and treats for our customers to enjoy. If you're a baker, please consider donating some of your best creations!

Volunteers: We'll need people to help make tea, serve on the day, and assist with clearing and tidying up.

Support: If you're not able to help with baking or volunteering, you can still make a difference by coming along and supporting us! Bring your friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake while supporting our cause.

We'll be sending out more details as the date approaches, and we'll also be putting together a rota for volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Whatever you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a lovely morning with our amazing swim community!

To register interest to help, please email Rebecca on: treasurer@skiptonsc.co.uk

Meet Coach Craig

Hello everyone, I am Craig, current Coach / Meet manager / Team manager / and new committee member at the club. You will usually find me poolside on Tuesdays and Thursdays coaching the younger intake to the club and the development squad.



As a young kid my Dad always said "yes" to requests for help with the many sports I took part in. In my teenage years until I learnt to drive he spent many weekends driving me round the county with my Laser (sailing dinghy... think Ben Ainslie... but not as quick or famous) on the roof. With my driving licence and freedom, came a passion for racing other peoples big yachts round the coast and Europe.

After a long wait, along came Blossom and Lily and their talent for swimming.

I spent the first year watching..... and then COVID hit. Volunteers were required and like my Dad I was first in the queue. What better way to get to watch my girls swim than by becoming a member of the "SSC Team" when most were not allowed in the pool.

My right arm is a little to quick off the mark sometimes and when Issy said "can I have some help with the youngsters" I hopped over the barriers....."you should become a qualified

teacher/coach" and up went my arm again before I could stop it. Since then, I have become a qualified Level 1 swim teacher and Coach. The encouragement, support and mentoring I have received from Issy and now the likes of Tim, Scriv, Steve and now the rest of the recent coaching team, Dave, Rebecca and Simon makes for an enjoyable week poolside... I now have some great friends off the poolside as well.

Don't forget the kids. Why else do I volunteer but to see the smiles on the kids faces when they get out of the pool having had a fantastic session and come away with new skills.

I am very proud to pop on my club top every week. SSC is a great environment to be involved with, the kids are fantastic. The "team" is friendly and supportive. I would like to see more of you getting involved. Scared of "I cannot do that"... neither could I before Issy said "come give it a go. You'll soon learn. As long as you have a smile on your face and some encouragement you can do anything".... Well it worked.

When not getting my feet wet at the pool, you will find me at Embsay reservoir, reliving my youth in a Solo dinghy, remembering what it was like to be young and at the same time keeping healthy and fit.

My wife Sarah ran the fundraising for the last 4 years raising many thousands of pounds for the swimmers to allow them to compete at club and British level. She is now the competition secretary. Its become a family thing!