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This is a closed Facebook group for Club members only & is updated regularly with news about the club & up and coming events.

Please don't forget...

'Keep it in Your Locker'

An empowering new film has been commissioned by Swim England in a bid to prevent its teenage members falling foul of a key safeguarding policy change.



STRICTLY NO PHONES IN ANY CHANGING AREAS

'Keep it in Your Locker' aims to raise awareness of a recently-introduced element in Wavepower which prohibits the use of a mobile phone or device in changing rooms during Swim England regulated activity. Please see the link on the website for further information.

End-of-Season Summer Message

As the season comes to a close, I wish you all a very happy summer! It's been an absolutely incredible season, and I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, relaxing break.

A huge thank you to our wonderful coaches, volunteers, committee members, parents, and swimmers—you've all made Skipton Swimming Club a truly special place.

A special shout-out to two amazing friends who are stepping down from the committee this month:

Amanda Burgess: After nearly 10 years with the club, including seven years as a dedicated volunteer, Amanda has played a key role in coordinating competitions alongside Lindsay, served as Club Secretary, and has been involved in countless other areas behind the scenes—always stepping in wherever needed to help the club run smoothly.

Lindsay Smith: Also with the club for nearly 10 years, and a committed volunteer for seven of them, Lindsay has been the ultimate multi-tasker—juggling competitions, the website, volunteers, and so much more—all with grace and a smile.

The time and dedication both Amanda and Lindsay have invested in the club have been nothing short of extraordinary. Their contributions have meant so much to so many, and I'm incredibly proud to call them friends—friends I've made through this club. Thank you, Amanda and Lindsay, for everything over the past decade.

Don't worry though—you'll still see them around for a short period as they transition out of their roles.

Get involved!

We're always on the lookout for new members to join our amazing team. If you'd like to get involved, make some great friends, and be part of something special, please have a chat with Rachel, our Club Secretary.

We know you've probably heard it a hundred times—but it's true: without our volunteers, the club simply couldn't run. Every bit of help makes a difference, and we really do need you.

Whether it's helping at galas, organising events, or offering support behind the scenes—there's a place for everyone!

*Jo Eccles
Chair*

Annual Club Gala 2025

This year's Club Gala was a demonstration of talent, hard work, and determination — from our very first-time competitors to those swimming their last club gala!

Across the afternoon we saw some outstanding PBs with swimmers pushing themselves to new limits and achieving Yorkshire qualifying times!

For many of our youngest swimmers, this was their very first gala. The electronic timing brings a professional edge to the event, allowing for accurate results and giving our new members a taste of competitive-level racing. They showed incredible courage, determination, and sportsmanship, with some brilliant first swims, starting them on their swimming journey.

For several swimmers this was their last club gala. These swimmers have been an integral part of the club, and their dedication in training, competitions, and mentoring younger swimmers will leave a lasting legacy. They will be greatly missed both in the pool and on poolside.

A huge thank you goes to our coaches, officials, volunteers, and supporters who made the event run smoothly — from marshalling to timing and everything in between.

A fantastic way to end the year for the club — hope everyone has a lovely summer break, ready for some even faster swims next season!

Presentation Evening

Don't forget our Annual Presentation Evening — a fun-filled evening to celebrate and recognise the swimmers achievements, hard work and dedication over the year!

This special evening will include the presentation of trophies and awards from our recent club gala and stepping stones series.



Date: 27th September 2025



Time: 7:30pm til late



Location: Skipton Community Sports Hub, Sandylands



Scan the QR code to
get your tickets!

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Once again we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to **Neil Jones Planning** for generously sponsoring our annual club gala for the **THIRD** year!! We're incredibly grateful for your continue support which helps make events like this possible.

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



Skipton Swimmers Make a Splash on the National Stage!

Skipton Swimming Club is absolutely buzzing with pride as we cheer on our incredible swimmers competing at two of the biggest events in the UK junior swimming calendar—the Swim England Next Gen Championships and the English Summer Nationals!

Both events will be making waves at the legendary Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield at the end of July, where the UK's fastest young swimmers will be battling it out.

From 19th–25th July, Sam Smith, Sean Smith (not pictured), and Quinn Kelly will be diving into action at the Next Gen Championships. These rising stars will be testing their skills against the country's best up-and-coming swimmers.

The excitement continues the following week with the English Summer Nationals from 29th July–3rd August, where Skipton will be proudly represented by a brilliant squad, Sam Smith, Sean Smith (not pictured), Poppy



Dunne, Stanley Dunne, Jack Jenkinson, Phoebe Oliver, Betsy Rider, pictured with Head Coach Ian Scriven, who is proud of their hard work, dedication, and team spirit.

From early morning training sessions to smashing PBs, these swimmers have earned their place on the big stage—and now it's time to enjoy every minute of it.

Let's go, Skipton!

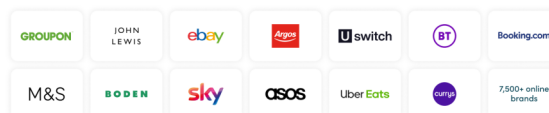
Fundraising



We're delighted to share that £467 was raised at our recent coffee morning at Grassington! A huge thank you to everyone who baked/donated delicious treats, came to support, helped organise the event, served refreshments and tidied up afterward - you all contributed to making it a great success!

Don't forget you can sign up to [easyfundraising](#) to help support the club!

Shopping via the easyfundraising website is an easy and free way to help us raise funds, easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice at no extra cost to you!



Farewell & Best Wishes to Jack Jenkinson and Sean Smith

As the season draws to a close, Skipton Swimming Club bids farewell to two outstanding young swimmers, Jack Jenkinson and Sean Smith, as they move on to exciting new chapters in their lives.



Goodbye & Good Luck, Jack!

After ten years of commitment, development, and success, Jack Jenkinson is moving on from Skipton Swimming Club. Jack joined the club at the age of eight and steadily rose through the ranks to become a key squad member. He previously held the role of Club Captain, supporting his teammates both in and out of the pool with enthusiasm and dedication.

A student at Ermysted's Grammar School, Jack was a regular in the school's ESSA relay teams, consistently performing among the top state school swimmers in the country. He achieved National-level qualification, was selected for several Swim England development camps, and successfully completed the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)—all while balancing the demands of his A Levels.

Jack also gave generously of his time, volunteering as a coach to support younger swimmers—further showing his commitment to the club and its community. His journey has been supported every step of the way by his mum, Ruth, a longstanding committee member who played a vital role in club fundraising and new swimmer integration. Jack is now hoping to head to the University of Birmingham to continue both his academic and swimming pursuits. We wish him every success in his A Level results and whatever comes next.



Farewell & Best Wishes, Sean!

We also say farewell to Sean Smith, another long-standing and much-valued member of the squad. Sean started his swimming journey with Skipton before moving to Harrogate SC for a couple of years, where his dad, Steve, served as chairperson. On returning to Skipton, Sean rejoined his school friends and continued to develop as a determined and capable swimmer.

Also studying at Ermysted's, Sean followed a similar path to Jack—representing the club and school at ESSA events, and reaching British and National level. During his time back at SSC, Steve also joined the club's coaching team, contributing his experience and support to the wider squad.

Sean was a well-liked and positive presence on poolside, bringing energy, humour, and an easygoing attitude to training sessions. His time in the sport wasn't without its setbacks—including the occasional injury from tree climbing or football mishaps—but he always bounced back with determination and good humour.

Sean now looks ahead to training with the City of Sheffield Swim Squad alongside starting university. We wish him all the best with his A Level results and his next chapter.

To Jack and Sean—thank you both for your outstanding commitment to the club, your contribution to the squad, and the example you've set for younger swimmers. You'll always be part of the Skipton SC family, and we look forward to hearing about all your future successes.



Good Luck!!

