



Newsletter October 2025!

THE LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

UP & COMING MEETS

NOV 9 - Spenborough Bonfire Bash

NOV 29 - Aire & Wharf Inter-Club Gala

Dec 7 - Stepping Stones Gala 1

DEC 12/14 - Leeds Christmas Cracker

JAN 3/4 - Harrogate Janus

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Small Club, Big Talent!

Lots going on this month, including, outstanding results at the Yorkshire Winter Competition, new committee following the AGM, Swim meets, Christmas raffle & more.....

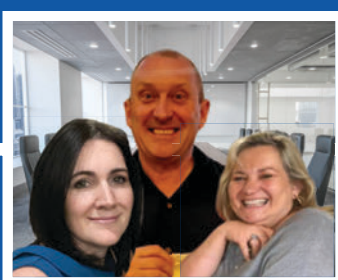
October Highlights



SSC Win Big!

Outstanding performance at the Yorkshire Winter Competition saw Skipton dominate the medal table.

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AGM Update

New leadership team at the Annual General Meeting with a blend of returning and new members.

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What's On

New poolside and Christmas Raffle.....we need your help! Additional Sponsors welcome.

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SMALL CLUB, BIG TALENT CLEAN UP AT YORKSHIRE WINTER COMPETITION

Skipton Swimming Club delivered an outstanding performance at the Yorkshire Winter Competition this October.

Held across two prestigious venues - John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds and Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

Our swimmers showcased exceptional talent across both upper and lower age groups, securing an impressive haul of medals.

The upper age group proved particularly dominant, with **Jack Barnes** leading the charge by claiming **gold** in the **14 Yrs 50m Breaststroke** and **silver** in the **14 Yrs 100m Breaststroke**.

Olivia Batty added to the medal tally with **silver** in the **14 Yrs 50m Fly**, whilst **Stanley Dunne** secured **bronze** in the **15 Yrs 100m Breaststroke**.

Quinn Austin Kelly rounded out the upper age group successes with **bronze** in the **16 Yrs & Over 100m Breaststroke**.

The lower age groups were equally impressive, with **Will Barnes** dominating the **12 Yrs** category by winning **gold** in the **50m Breaststroke** and **silver** in the **100m Breaststroke**.

Una O'Carroll and **Gray Chamley** both earned **bronze** medals in the **11/12 Yrs** and **12 Yrs 50m Breaststroke** respectively.

Particularly noteworthy were first-time Yorkshire competitors **Chris Gunkel** and **Ernie Quinn** from the **9/10 Yrs** age group, who competed across multiple disciplines - a testament to the club's strong pipeline of emerging talent.

THANK YOU to all coaches and volunteers who provided poolside and behind-the-scenes support, making these achievements possible and reinforcing Skipton's reputation as a club where small size meets big talent.



AGM UPDATES

Skipton Swimming Club held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 23rd October, bringing together members to reflect on the past year and chart the course ahead.



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TEAM



The meeting proved to be a significant occasion, with the announcement of exciting new leadership that promises to build on the club's recent successes and drive continued growth.

Ian Skiggs has been appointed as the new Club Chairman, bringing with him decades of experience in swim club management and governance. His appointment marks a pivotal moment for Skipton, as the club benefits from his extensive knowledge and proven track record in the swimming community.

Continuing in their established roles are Rebecca Shillito as Treasurer and Rachel Barnes as Club Secretary, providing continuity and stability as the club moves forward.

The General Committee has been strengthened with a blend of returning and new members.



As a small club powered by the dedication of parents and volunteers, Skipton Swimming Club continues to go from strength to strength.

With this strong leadership team in place, the club looks forward to an exciting season ahead and remains committed to developing swimmers of all abilities whilst fostering a vibrant and supportive community.

If you have any ideas, grab one of us!



Tim Redfearn continues as Assistant Head Coach whilst being part of the general committee



Craig Oddy remains as Meet Manager and general committee member



Mick Dunne joins the committee and will be helping with club records and as parent liaison officer

Welcome



Sam Staveley continues in the role of Trophy Coordinator and general committee member



Claire Gatenby joins the committee as Fundraising and Press Officer



Georgina Critchley & Dominic Coughlin take on the roles of Welfare officers



Martin Batty & Ross Kirkham joins the general committee



UP & COMING MEETS:

November



SENER Regional Championship - 1st / 2nd

Ponds Forge - Sheffield
Qualifiers will be contacted



Spenborough Bonfire Bash - All Ages - Registration CLOSED

John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds
This is a perfect meet for all club swimmers - a level 3 licensed meet for entry into County and Regional Champs.



Airedale & Wharfedale Winter Inter-Club Gala - All Club

Aireborough Pool, Guiseley - **Registration Deadline 5th November**
This is a fun and friendly team event gala perfect for swimmers of all abilities.

December



Stepping Stone 1 - All Club - Registration Deadline 28th November

Skipton Pool
This is a perfect meet for all club swimmers



Winter Nationals - 11th to 14th

Ponds Forge - Sheffield
Qualifiers will be contacted



City of Leeds Christmas Cracker - 12th / 14th - All Club

John Charles Centre, Leeds - **Registration Deadline 7th November**
This is a perfect meet for all club swimmers

January



Harrogate Janus - 3rd / 4th - All Club - Registration CLOSED

Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre
This is a perfect meet for all club swimmers



WHAT'S COMING UP & OTHER NEWS

CONGRATS!

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HUB

Congratulations to **Olivia Batty, Jack Barnes** and **Lily Oddy** - who are taking on the role of new young poolside volunteers. You'll be seeing them shortly helping on a Wednesday 7-8pm



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We need your help!

Can you **donate a prize**? All donations welcome. Claire will be poolside every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evening so grab her (or any of the committee) if you can help

Let's make this Raffle even bigger than last year!

