

Honorary Life Member: Mr Michael Hodgson, British Masters Record Holder, Guildford City SC

Mike Hodgson returned to swimming around 2009, at least according to ASA records, previously making his name at age-group and National level with the great Wigan Wasps in the 1980's. He first appeared in the 2010 Surrey Masters swimming easing past the Masters Championships regulars with times that would have startled most of the age-group breaststroke swimmers. Destined for greatness, he celebrated his first National Masters with a 100m Breaststroke Gold at Sheffield later that year.

With two high-achieving daughters already training with Guildford City's Age-Group Squads, Mike didn't take long to move into the club's National Squad where his appetite for hard work was more than sated. Mike has reaped the dividends from this training, and is now unquestionably the fastest breaststroke swimmer of his vintage. And at a time when vintage ain't as rare as it once was. His 8 Gold and 1 Silver at the 2015 ASA Masters, including 3 British SC Records reveals an all-round talent and saw him close 2015 with 3 FINA Masters Top Ten rankings. His momentum has continued into 2016 with more success, including 3 British LC Records, in preparation for the European Masters. I am delighted to update this citation with news that Mike lowered his own 100m and 200m Breaststroke records with bronze medals, and added a superb silver in the 50m at the LAC



Mike's singled-minded approach and dedication to excellence belies his support for teams. He has faithfully turned out for Surrey Masters in the Inter County Event, combined with club-mates to set a European Relay Record and, at the ripe age of 49, is still quick enough to be selected for Guildford City's Arena League-winning team.

An inspiration to all who swim with, or watch, him and with a hunger for success that should be bottled up and force-fed to the youngsters, Mike Hodgson is a truly deserving addition to Surrey County's roll of Honorary Life Members