

Honorary Life Member: Mr David Bryant, Guildford City SC

David Bryant is unique in that the two highest-ranking Masters representatives in Swim England both place him on a pedestal as a superstar in his youth. Verity Dobbie describes him as "simply the most gifted (and hard working swimmer) I've ever trained with and we swam together from about 1975 - 1978. I was completely in awe of him when we were kids he was a former member of the Green Shield Youth Squad the Yorkshire Bank Squad, and made the English Team for the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and seemed unbeatable as he sailed through County and District Championships collecting titles in all strokes and distances." Surrey's Masters Organiser Jim Boucher, once ranked about #193 in the 1976 National Age Groups 200m breaststroke remembers one D.Bryant, ranked #1!

Dave joined Guildford City in 2014/15 transforming the 1961 and similar years' cohort from a backwater of laggards to one that soon boasted a British Champion then a European Medallist at London 2016. His all-round talent, identified decades earlier have seen him compete on all strokes and be a great addition to the Guildford City Masters Squad. However it was in Budapest in 2017 where "Russian Dave", as he is known, saw his finest hour when Guildford's Mixed Medley Relay quartet ducked under 2 minutes to take the World Title in World Record Time.

This isn't the first World Record he's held. He was a member of Gateshead Metro's team that set a Guinness World Record for the 24 hour swim when four swimmers swam a continuous 25 yard sprint relay for 24 hours.

With his outstanding record in British, European and World Masters, David Bryant is a truly deserving addition to Surrey County's roll of Honorary Life Members.

