

Honorary Life Member: Mrs Michelle Ware, British Masters Record Holder, Guildford City SC

As Michelle Read, Michelle has the distinction of being mentioned in dispatches in the SCWP&SA's Centenary Magazine, published in 1991, picked out as a future star as Guildford City's British and Welsh Junior Backstroke Record holder.

Like many Masters, there is then a period in the wilderness before returning to the sport and re-igniting the desire for success. In Michelle's case this quest for speed has been meted out upon her fellow competitors, clubmates during training, and the record books since starting with the Surrey Masters in 2011 and continued at all levels of Masters Swimming.

Michelle lost little time in establishing herself as one of the fastest and most versatile swimmers in GB Masters. Collecting records like Imelda Marcos and shoes, Michelle holds six Welsh LC Records (3 of them current British Records) along with nine Welsh SC Records and has set several British SC records along the way. Like her clubmate Mike Hodgson, these records and titles are being won in British Masters' most competitive era. Just like Mike, it has been a pleasure to update this citation with the news that Michelle took silver in the LEN European Masters in 50m Backstroke, a new British Record, adding silver in 50m Freestyle and 100m bronze.

The 2015 FINA Masters Top Ten rankings saw Michelle finish with 11 places, the highest of which ranked her 3rd in the World. A great asset to the Guildford Masters Squad, and also a member of the European Record Team, Michelle's enthusiasm for the sport and dedication to training have enabled her to reap the rewards identified all those years ago. The County is delighted to recognise Michelle's achievements in Masters Swimming and honour her today as an Honorary Life Member.

