

FINA's 2014 Masters World Rankings show that the UK has ten world-ranked "numero uno"s. Six of the ten are Surrey, and we salute them today:

**John Harrison** (Godalming) is the UK's eldest Masters Swimmer, an inspiration to all of us who might have started sooner in this sport, but didn't. John's centenary year was 2014 and when we commissioned a Surrey shirt with all British, World and European Records, we didn't realise quite how intricate the printing would have to be to avoid it turning



into a seriously-oversized night-shirt. Although a few of his World Records have gone, John still has his name proudly on top of the 95-99 200 back (SC) and 100-104 50 and 100 Free (LC).



It would take a very long dress indeed to list **Jane Asher**'s British European and World Records, but this would be fitting for the undisputed Queen of World Masters swimming. An inspirational teacher / coach, from Kings Cormorants, whose boundless energy and levels of fitness are only out-done by her warm smile as one of the UK's finest sporting ambassadors. Jane holds 10 LC and 12 SC 80-84 age-group World Records, 6 LC and 4 SC 75-79 records and even in the

70-74 group 1 LC and 2 SC remain unsurpassed. May she go on rewriting the record books!

**Diane Ford** has competed for many years for Spencer, winning breaststroke medals on the World and European stage as well as being a key part of many medal-winning relay teams. Individually she tops the 70-74 LC 100m and 200m breaststroke rankings.





Guildford City's Marco Loughran represented GB

in the 2012 Olympics and remains in serious training. Press-ganged into occasional service for Guildford and Surrey Masters he provided us with a SC 50m Back World Record here last year. We hope that when his mainstream swimming concludes he returns to entertain us.

Willy van Rysel passed away in 2014, but in celebrating her remarkable life we were able to look back, not just upon her many successes with Spencer in the pool, but also in open water where she was a stalwart of many British Long Distance Swimming Association events. An icon in the sport, Willy arrived at the start of UK Masters swimming and was one of the first to show the world that those of a certain age had a lot to live for. Her name remains at the top of the 90-94 SC 50 Back rankings and in the "podium places" on a further five or six events.





**Frances Penwarden** (Croydon Amphibians) has also enjoyed great success in breaststroke. In 2014, her 200m breaststroke swim was the World-best for her age group and now, back in training, and competing today, we look forward to taking the all-time crown too.