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KEY DATES	CHANGING ROOMS	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
<p>3rd September 2025 – first club night back of the new term</p> <p>10th September 2025 – new intake date</p> <p>22nd October 2025 – Last club night ahead of half-term break</p>	<p>Quick reminder to please leave the Meres' changing rooms clean, tidy and check that you've picked up all your belongings. For any lost property, speak with the Meres reception team.</p>	<p>We're looking for passionate new volunteers to join our committee team and help us with the running of the club and support our members. If you've got some time, skills and are interested? Please contact us...</p>

BRING YOUR FRIENDS	REMINDER
<p>Our next intake for new members will commence from 10th September, if you have any friends that are interested please ask them to get in touch via enquiries@granthamlifesaving.co.uk Don't forget to mention we offer a 2 week taster session for free!</p>	<p>Click the blue text links below to join the WhatsApp group or visit our Insta or Club Shop</p> <p>Join our GLSC club WhatsApp Community Follow our new GLSC Instagram New Club T-Shirts and Hoodies on GLSC Club Shop</p>

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Welcome to GLSC's Summer 2025 newsletter.

We'll be covering the recent Club Awards Evening, but first let's kick off with some words from our Chairman Gary.

Hello to all Members,

As the summer term draws to a close, it's the perfect moment to reflect on the incredible energy, commitment, and community spirit that have defined Grantham Life Saving Club throughout the last year.

First and foremost, we celebrate the outstanding progress and achievements of our Rookie and National Life Saving Academy students. Each of you has shown determination, resilience, and a true passion for lifesaving skills. Whether it was mastering rescue techniques, building confidence in the water, or developing the teamwork that underpins everything we do, you have risen to every challenge. You are the future of water safety, and your growth has inspired us all.

We extend heartfelt thanks to all the families behind the scenes your dedication, support, and encouragement are the foundation upon which our students thrive. From the heat of the Meres to your encouragement from the sidelines, your commitment hasn't gone unnoticed. You play a vital role in fostering the next generation of lifesavers, and we are deeply grateful, we truly appreciate your support.

To our incredible team of volunteers thank you for being the lifeblood of our club. You've given your time, energy, and expertise with generosity and warmth, ensuring every session runs smoothly, safely, and with purpose. A special mention to Ed, whose creative work behind the scenes has elevated our social media presence and helped us share our story far and wide. And to Lu—your stunning photographs have captured the heart of our awards evenings, creating memories that will last long after the applause. Whether you're coaching, administering, organising or capturing our proudest moments, you make our club what it is: a vibrant and welcoming community.

As we gear up for a new year, we do so with immense pride and optimism. With new programs on the horizon and our continued mission to promote lifesaving skills and water safety, we look forward to building on this year's success together.

From all of us at Grantham Life Saving Club thank you. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe in the water. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for an evening dedicated to celebrating our collective success at GLSC. Here's a recap of the awards night held last month.

BRIAN HUBBARD DEDICATION AWARD

This trophy was awarded to the person who has shown the most dedication to the club, this could be a member, trainer or anyone associated with the club. Several members of the club have been with us for many years and selflessly given their time, support and skill to make the club as successful as it is we are truly grateful to you all.

Brian is someone we all rely upon for his wisdom, knowledge and dedication to supporting our club and its members, Brian has been a senior member of our club for many years. He has trained so many of our own trainers dedicating his time freely and always being there to offer us support and still does.

This year for their dedication, commitment and unwavering support for the club for many years the

Brian Hubbard Dedication Awards was presented to Joe Ablewhite.



MELVYN FULCHER EXCELLENCE AWARD

We have introduced this award for the first time this year to allow us to recognise excellence in our club. Mel was a stalwart and leader of our club for many years, and it is fair to say that the club would not be here today without Mel's support and guidance, although Mel isn't with us on a weekly basis he is still an advocate of everything the club does, and his guidance and knowledge are still of great value to us.

The person who received this award demonstrates excellence in everything they do for the club. Through knowledge, encouragement and enthusiasm they pass on their experience and skills to our younger members. The Melvyn Fulcher award was presented to Toby Smith.

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ROOKIE ACHIEVEMENT

The following trophies are for the most improved Rookie in each group as chosen by their trainers. The recipients are as follows

Alina Cara	Nate Bellett
Cleo Harris	Alitzel Cruz
Albert Thorpe	Aisling Phillips

PEGGY FRYER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recipient of this award was chosen for their overall achievements and improvements this year to [Harriet Smeaton](#)

TRAINEE LANE MINDER AWARD

The recipient of this award has been voted for by our Poolside Manager and Rookie lead instructor. The award is in recognition of this persons improvements as new Lane Minder. The recipient of this award was [Sophie Jepson](#)

NATIONAL LIFE SAVING ACADEMY STUDENTS

The next awards were for the most improved National Life Saving Academy students. From each of the groups.

Ethan Burrows	Isabella Hall
Theo Tinkler	Ellena Howitt



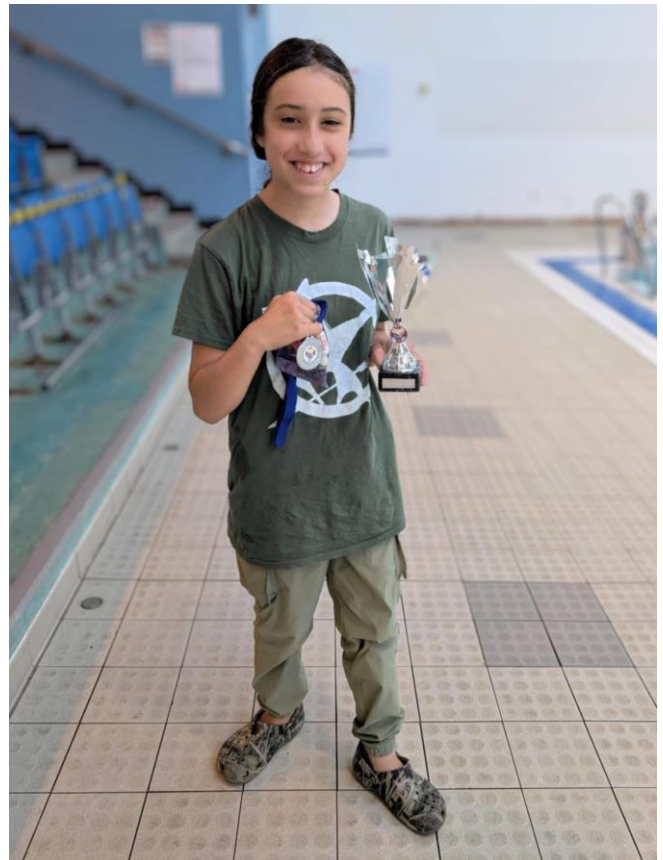
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WATER SMART AWARDS

Mary Thorpe Cleo Harris

ROOKIE BRONZE 1

George Blomfield Harriet Blomfield Imola Harris Leo Dawson
Aisling Phillips Cora Viner-Daniels

ROOKIE SILVER 2

Ralph Hitchen-Page Jasper Hitchen-Page Beatrice Hitchen-Page Phoebe King
Niamh Woodlock Joshua Hamilton Isla Ratcliffe Neave Shaw Niha Yewlett
Griffin Brewin Harriet Smeaton Aldo Perraton-Williams Floria Perraton-Williams
Nate Bellett

ROOKIE SILVER 3

Albert Thorpe Archie Robson Bertie Robson Amelia Turner Spencer Brodie

ROOKIE GOLD 1

Nick Pearson Alina Kara Lilah Parnham Callum Parnham Hugo Hitchen-Page

ROOKIE GOLD 3

Bethany Meakin Alex Jones Alitzel Cruz

NLA CERTIFICATE

Abby Barber Abigail Sammy Isabella Hall Tom Foster

NLA BRONZE STAR

Jessica Hamilton Zac Giltinan Charis Morton Oliver Smith Catriona Ratcliffe
Eleanor Howitt

NLA BRONZE MEDALLION POOL

Ethan Burrows Charlie Shotliff Mia Parapijonaviciute Toby Smith Bella Shelbourn
Grace Howitt

NLA STAGE 1 INTRODUCTION TO LIFE SAVING SPORT

Mia Parapijonaviciute Grace Howitt Bella Shelbourn Ethan Burrows

NLA DISTINCTION

Ethan Burrows Mia Parapijonaviciute Toby Smith Bella Shelbourn Grace Howitt

These awards are the first NLA Distinction awards presented by an RLSS club in Lincolnshire. They are the highest NLA award that can be achieved. All of the recipients have been with the club for several years and worked very hard and shown a lot of dedication in achieving this award.

To our award winners, a massive congratulations!

Your achievements are a testament to your talent and commitment. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next year at GLSC.

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FEES

Fee Update – Effective from 1st September 2025, there will be a small amendment to our monthly fees:

- New Monthly Payment: £9.50 (paid over 12 months)
- This now includes all badges and certificates for both Rookie and Academy programmes.

Please ensure you amend your direct debit accordingly from 1st September 2025.

Bank Details (if needed):

Account Name: **Grantham Life Saving Club**

Account Number: **50070114**

Sort Code: **05-04-42**

& FINALLY

On Thursday 19th June, during Drowning Prevention Week. Club Vice Chair Rachel, Poolside Manager Joe and Academy Coach James attend Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall to deliver a special evening training session focused on Water Safety and Drowning Prevention ahead of the school summer holidays. Beavers and Cubs and later in the evening Scouts of 1st Caythorpe & Duke's Covert engaged in the interactive session covering everything from the warning signs to look for, awareness of risks and what to do in an emergency.

Scouts 
**1st Caythorpe &
Duke's Covert**

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Thanks for reading!

We hope you enjoyed this edition of our Summer newsletter. We'll be back more news and updates in our Winter newsletter. Until then, keep an eye on our social channels or WhatsApp group for GLSC updates.

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