

Happy New Year to you all! We hope 2024 will see you in good health and you have the success you wish.

We are fortunate to live in a caring and proactive community. Please be part of this in any way that suits you and your family. You will be welcome whatever activity you join or with any help that you can offer.

A Polite Message from the Parish Council: Can everyone please be thoughtful when parking vehicles, particularly on pavements! It is quite understood when there are deliveries and collections, (which should be within 20 minutes). Parking on pavements is usually to keep the road safe and clear for other vehicles. However, it is not safe or clear for pedestrians, baby/toddler transporters, wheelchairs, mobility devices, guide dogs etc. Please park your vehicle with care and consideration.

There's been a lot of rain recently which has resulted in large amounts of water running off the fields into the rivers. Please pass through the village fords with care and please DO NOT CROSS when the fords are swollen!!



We think all the children enjoyed their time with Santa Claus and Jingles his elf on their recent visit to the village! Thank you very much for your kind donations which will be given to St John's Church.

SJB 100 CLUB December Draw Winning Numbers:			
1st Prize	£100	no. 35	H. Redshaw
2nd	£45	no. 51	J. Oswell
3rd	£20	no. 108	M. Dawson
4th	£15	no. 92	T. Wade
5th	£10	no. 67	S. Hetherington
All winners have been contacted.			



## **Woodlands and Meadows**

Despite the continuing bad weather, the lads from Northumberland Rivers Trust have been able to do some recovery work on the two areas where the rain has overloaded our drainage, creating a wooden platform over the drain on the south bank and a drainage ditch to protect the low point on the north bank. Not much more can be done on the footpaths until the ground gets a bit drier. They have also gone a long way stripping the Jubilee clearing and we are grateful for their hard work in the current inclement weather. To thank the team for their work they were given a big box of biscuits, a large tub of chocolates and some Greggs sausage rolls!

We recently had a visit from staff of Northumberland Wildlife Trust's Druridge Bay Project which is looking at nature conservancy and connectivity in the area between the Lyne and Coquet Rivers. We were able to share our plans for continuing development of the Woodlands and obtained some advice on future planting and maintenance. We hope to continue our relationship with them in the New Year.

Anyone wishing to help with Ulgham Meadows and Wood please get in touch with David Parkin: dparkin@btinternet.com.



