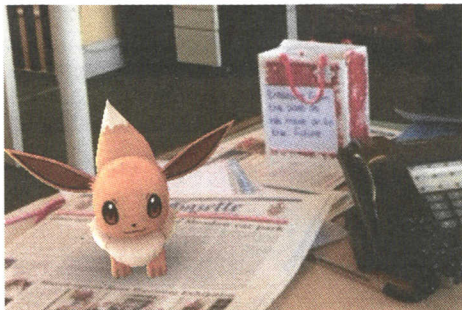


The Gazette view



Pokémon Go!



POKÉMON Go has been latest computer craze to hit the UK, and Ross-on-Wye. I am not a massive fan of computer games, however I will admit to you all that I have been playing along and catching the various Pokémon around the town.

I downloaded the app just to see what all the fuss was about, and a desire to beat my nephew (I am very competitive), but I was soon hooked! On a few occasions my sister and I have even gone out on a 'Pokémon Hunt'. I am sure she won't thank me for mentioning this.

A few people may feel quite negatively towards the game, however there are many positives. I have seen a large number of younger (and a few older) people out and about in the town over the past week, clearly playing the game. Yes, they may have their head down concentrating on catching the latest creature, but they are out and about, not sat at home staring at a computer screen.

Not only is it good for their fitness, it is also getting them to see and notice parts of the town they may have never have seen before.

There is also the social side to the game; groups of people are coming together to go on a Pokémon hunt and making new friends

Family opens a new business on High Street



The Mayor and Mayoress of Ross, David and Doreen Ravenscroft, join the Bundy family, and several Ross Town Councillors at the opening of Ross-on-Wye Flooring

A NEW shop opened in Ross town centre on Tuesday, August 2nd.

The Mayor of Ross, Councillor David Ravenscroft, opened Ross-on-Wye Flooring on High Street at mid-day.

The Bundy family, who have been in business for 15 years, are excited to begin their new venture.

David Bundy told the *Ross Gazette* that the long term aim of the business is to regenerate High Street, and to encourage more footfall into an area of the town centre, which some shoppers may overlook.

The shop stocks a full range of carpets and flooring, including wool, synthetic and vinyl.

THE *Ross Gazette* was saddened to hear about the death of former Mayor, Jo Lane, who passed away last week. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

Next week the *Gazette* will be running a tribute to Mrs Lane. To submit a tribute, please email jo@rossgazette.com by Monday, August 8th at 12pm.

Mrs Tiggy-Winkle's Tea Trail a success in Ross

TO celebrate Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday, the committee who organise the Ross Hedge-

along the route, and children and their parents enjoyed tak-



Thousands raised at the Ross Country Music Fair



During the monthly Country Music evening, held at the Larruperz Centre on Saturday, July 30th, a cheque for £3600 was presented to Paddy Nugent, the fundraising manager of St Michael's Hospice.

Colin Gray, a member of the Country Music Club presented the

cheque to Mr Nugent. The money was the profits from the recent festival held at the Ross-on-Wye Sports Centre.

Pictured above are a group from the Country Music Club who put in a great deal of work into organising the event.

Have your say on the Neighbourhood Plan

THE Neighbourhood Plan Marquee will be at the Ross Carnival this Saturday, August 6th at the Rope Walk.

This is a key stage because many of the main proposals and initiatives that will be in the Plan are coming into focus - and the team need you to

help them finally sharpen that focus. There will be several ways to contribute, and a prize draw and something for kids to do.

Members of the local Steering Group, will be there between 2pm and 6pm so don't miss out.

Ross Auction Centre

AT the weekly market held on Monday, August 1st, RG & RB Williams reported 62 Clean Cattle and 1403 prime lambs.

They reported an excellent cattle trade and another strong lamb trade.