

Village car wash fund-raiser

THE Brazillian Youth Soccer team touring North Devon all pitched in to help a fund-raising car wash at Braunton over the weekend, raising funds for the Braunton Rotary club to help pay for their visit.

The team, guests of Braunton Rotary Club, are from Joao Pessoa, Paraiba in Brazil, whose Rotary Club have funded their trip to England to compete with local teams in the North Devon area.

The boys will have a chance to see both the Champions League cup final and the FA Cup Final before returning to Brazil. On Saturday, they will also be playing a Barnstaple team. "Everyone has been so friendly and we are having a fantastic time," said Alexandre Batista Rezende the team supervisor from the Brazillian rotary club.

Veggie row

RICKY Knight, lead Green Party Candidate in the South West for the Euro elections, has hit back at Tory Philip Milton for a letter he wrote in the *Gazette's* Yours Sincerely column.

Mr Milton criticised Mr Knight, who, he said, had "issued an edict to stop everyone eating meat." Mr Knight, however, pointed out that he had only suggested that people reduce their meat intake for the sake of the environment, not give up altogether.

Shop stays open

BARNSTAPLE Link Rotary's Club's charity shop in the High Street has proved so successful that it is being taken over. The shop, in the former Warrens Bakery premises, was only supposed to be open for a month. That stretched to two months and, now, with donations from the public still coming in, the enterprise is being handed over to members of the Barnstaple Rotary Club — the Link's mother club — to run.

The handover will take place on June 1 so that the fund-raising for local good causes can continue. Profits so far run into four figures.

Students launch ASBO leaflet



NORTH Devon College students have designed and launched a new leaflet aimed at helping to reduce anti-social behaviour.

The BTEC Public Services students have worked with Safer North Devon and local police to produce the flyer, which is aimed at 10 to 17-year-olds, offering advice and information on avoiding anti-social behaviour or becoming a victim of it.

Before embarking on the project, the students met with the police and Safer North Devon to understand more about anti-social behaviour. They then did their own research to design and produce their leaflets summarising points they considered were the most relevant.

Safer North Devon ASB Officer Kate Morne said: "A number of students came back with excellent design ideas

■ students with course tutor Abi Mandeville, Kate Morne of Safer North Devon and PC Andy Wills, Forches Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

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