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'Fab four in Gumball Rally'

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Four North Devon youngsters taking part in an exciting new version of the Gumball Rally have raised hundreds of pounds for charity - before they even started. Armed with a Nissan Prairie and their £155 entry fee, the students took to the open roads of Europe on Sunday in the first Student Gumball Rally. Brad Walter from Westward Ho!, Jon Hills from Bideford, Gareth Poole from Holsworthy and Theresa Rouault from South Molton make up one team of more than 150 who will be driving 1,500 miles from the UK to Eastern Europe in just six days. The trek, which has been described as a "no-frills, more thrills challenge", will pass through Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Croatia. A £1,000 first prize is up for grabs, and the group is also raising cash for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The team raised nearly £300 from a painful waxing session the week before they departed. Anyone who would like to contribute can contact Brad at brad_walter_8@hotmail.com or Jon at jon.hills@gmail.com for more details on the rally, see www.studentgumballrally.com