

# Campaign issues moustache challenge to party leaders

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A CAMPAIGN to get the Coalition to grow matching moustaches for Movember has gone viral since it was created by a pair of former Roundwood Park students.

Ali Dickinson and Jack Walker are asking Prime Minister David Cameron and the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg to boast the beloved whiskers the nation has come to anticipate each November.

Branded 'The Moalition', the driving motivation behind the campaign is to get the leaders to show political unity and work together by sporting identical facial hair and in turn raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancer.

A statement from the Moalition team said: "Our ambition may appear radical, but our methods are peaceful and our aims are noble."

"In the 20th Century, British Prime Ministers Clement Attlee, Anthony Eden and Harold Macmillan all proudly sported hair-based facial furniture.

"We believe the Right Honourable Mo must once more reside at 10 Downing Street – and will not rest until the Coalition becomes 'The Moalition'."

The campaign's founders both work for London-based advertising company Inferno and their lat-

est venture has already attracted a wealth of attention.

A growing selection of MPs have hopped on board to show their support for what could be the best Movember idea ever, including Lib Dem Chief Whip Alistair Carmichael and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons Tom Brake.

TV presenter Krishnan Guru-Murthy expressed his interest in the campaign on Twitter, *The Sun* has given it praise and ITV has also given the movement airtime.

The Moalition Facebook page also has almost 2,000 supporters who are continually spreading the word and uploading their own visions of what a mustachioed Cameron and Clegg would look like in all their glory.

Ali, 24, said: "We wanted to give the Coalition Government a chance to show everyone they can still work together, and let's be honest, nothing says political unity like synchronised facial furniture."

Jack, also 24, added: "It's a campaign with a really good cause at heart.

"We want to ensure everyone in the country has heard of Movember and the amazing work they do."

"We're hoping the British public get as excited about this campaign as we are, and you never know, if enough people get behind us we believe there's a chance we'll see Nick and Dave sporting their finest lip-warmers this November."

You can support **The Moalition** by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/themoalition>



Will Cameron and Clegg join The Moalition?



## Town's future put in spotlight

RADICAL proposals to improve the town centre for the benefit of all will be discussed at a public meeting in Harpenden next week.

The meeting will be hosted by the Harpenden Society and proposals will be put forward by local architect Tim Riley who is co-founder and director of an award-winning London architectural practice. His talk is entitled Suggestions for a Harpenden Town Centre Community Plan.

The two objectives of the plan are reinforcing the town's identity and encouraging community cohesion. Topics to be addressed include enlivening the High Street, improv-

ing the quality of community facilities and giving better access.

Tim has identified nine sites in the vicinity of the High Street for possible development.

Those attending the meeting can also contribute in the debate over the future of the Public Halls and offer suggestions for shopping facilities, a Park Café in Rothamsted Park and enhanced parking among others.

The public meeting at 7.30pm next Thursday, October 25, in Park Hall is free and expected to end around 9.30pm. There will be time for contributions, suggestions and questions after the talk.

**■ What do you think about these suggested improvements to Harpenden town centre? Have your say and email us at [hertsad@archant.co.uk](mailto:hertsad@archant.co.uk)**

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## Maths masters win annual contest

NINE budding mathematicians beat teams from 13 other local schools to win an annual maths competition.

It was the first year students from Beechwood Park School, Markgate, took part in the prep school mathematics competition, which involves a "maths trail" around the school and a series of problem-solving exercises.

But their lack of experience did nothing to shake their performance. Star pupil Thomas Hillman even scored 100 per cent in the final round, leading the team to victory.

Beechwood Park headmaster, Patrick Atkinson, said: "We are very proud indeed of our mathematicians' achievement, especially as this is the first time we took part in the competition."

## Photogenic pooch snaps up prize

MISCHIEVOUS mutt Dexter is a real poser – and his predilection for being snapped has won his owner a special mention in a national dog photography competition.

The photo, taken by Opal Seabrook, of Salisbury Road, Harpenden, after Dexter had been soaked at a car boot sale, won the award for a dog portrait at the Kennel Club Dog Photographer of the Year awards.

The competition, which has its awards ceremony next month in London, received more than 5,000 entries across seven categories, including dogs at work, man's best friend, and dog portrait.

Opal said: "Dexter is a bit of a celebrity around Harpenden. People talk to him before they talk to me!"

She added that she was passionate about photography and carried a



camera with her at all times.

She said: "I took up photography to be the one behind the camera, not in front of it."

## Uganda hearing loss charity formed

A NEW charity working to help underprivileged children living with hearing loss in Uganda is calling for volunteers.

The Ian Hutcheon Clinic for Children (IHCC), based in Harpenden, has been set up by two local residents and health care professionals, Paul and Liz Choudhury.

They were inspired to start the charity after working in Uganda and witnessing first hand the limited opportunities given underprivileged hearing impaired and deaf children.

And now the pair hope to help by making sure those children and their families have access to support services.

They also want to promote hearing healthcare, with the first phase starting in Uganda, to focus on

preventing hearing impairment and deafness by providing routine hearing screening, early intervention, treatment and rehabilitation.

The charity has been named in memory of their friend and local businessman Ian Hutcheon, who supported a number of charities in developing countries. He also had an interest in medical research and disease prevention and was keen to see individuals reach their potential in life.

To find out more information on becoming a volunteer or to donate any unwanted items for the IHCC to sell on their eBay shop contact [volunteer@ihcc.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@ihcc.org.uk)

Details of their social evening at the Chef Peking Restaurant in Harpenden on November 7, can also be found at [www.ihcc.org.uk](http://www.ihcc.org.uk)

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