

WESTON WIN DANCE TITLE

It's the big night at the Floral Hall. In six short years the Morecambe and Heysham Dance Festival has achieved such a success as even its originators could not have expected. But we're here to put the spotlight on the Ballroom Formation Dancing Contest, so let dancing commence, with the Leigh team going into a quick-step. Unfortunately, time won't let us show more than three items, although 10 teams are taking part.

And very nice, too! Next it's Weston-super-Mare team featuring the Viennese waltz. The popularity of formation dancing has rocketted in recent years and no doubt Morecambe's had a lot to do with that. Teams are trained and entered by dancing instructors, but once they're on the floor, it's up to them. There's no caller to guide the steps of the forgetful.

Judges seem impressed and they're getting a big hand - or is it a cheer for the Morecambe team? They've picked one of the leveliest of dances to watch - the tango.

What with formation dancing, old time dancing and the square dance Princess Elizabeth enjoyed so much we seem to be moving as far as possible from the one-time "stand-still-and-shake" and the crazy jumping of the jitterbug.

Now for the verdict - and here it comes ... The Challenge Trophy goes to Weston-super-Mare.