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**Dancers strictly the best**

A CAMBRIDGE dance troupe has scooped first prize at the British national championships.

Members of XS Latin, who practise at Milton Community Centre and are coached by Bruce Lait and David Mallabone, won the Latin formation event at the national championships in Blackpool and will now go on to perform at next year's world championships.

In a formation comprising eight couples, they performed a routine featuring different styles of Latin dance, based on the music of Tom Jones.

Mary Platts, a member of the team, said: "The world stage is phenomenally different to the level of a British competition.

We are quite nervous but the whole team is looking forward to it."

Originally made up of ex-student dancers from Cambridge University, XS Latin now boasts members of different ages and backgrounds. They hope to gain sponsorship in order to practise more often and help finance their operations.

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