

Bare cheek! Circus boss backs parade

By David Harrison

THE boss of controversial French circus Archaos today defended the company's breast-and-bottom-baring ride through Bristol and described it as "deliberately provocative".

Several of the girls on the parade stripped to the waist and a man dropped his trousers as Archaos paraded through Clifton.

But Adrian Evans, the show producer, said it was an act of defiance to Downs committee members who had banned the show from Bristol's main open space.

"We are a bit like cultural terrorists," said Mr Evans. "We are fighting a guerilla war, stuck on a field in the middle of Brislington.

"We have simply thrown down the gauntlet

to the city council and that is why some of the performers responded as they did yesterday."

But Mr Evans insisted the show was not a sex circus. "It is not rude, it is not crude, it is not lewd,"

"It is quite suitable for children but we do use very loud music and lots of bangs and this is the kind of thing we warn kids against."

Archaos opens tonight at 8.30 pm in a field off the Bath Road on the edge of Bristol.