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 ■ Right, second from bottom, Granary Dance Studio working on a commercial float for the third year running.

# Smashing time as carnival attracts record number

The annual Dunmow Carnival, in Saturday's sunshine was possibly the best attended ever, the organisers said – and one of the most fun.

The procession should have been led by a vintage Rolls Royce containing the Mayor and Mayoress of Dunmow, Councillor Barrie Easter and his wife, Margaret. But half-way round, having left the recreation ground and driven through the town, the car broke down and the couple had to be rescued by the fire service.

The firefighters tried to push the Rolls at first but eventually, the

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caused a laugh."

He said: "I've never seen so many people in all my life. The recreation ground was packed. In the evening, you couldn't move, the whole area was solid with people. I would like to thank everyone who took part and all the volunteers. Everything was cleared up by 10.15am on Sunday morning."

The theme for the procession was capital cities and Dunmow Round

group float was Honolulu, Hawaii, the Marcelle School of Dancing.

Best walking group was 1st Army Cadet Force Corps of Dunmow from Chelmsford and the best hula walking group was Braintree Hula Club. The cup for the best visiting carnival court went to Burnham Crouch. Money collected in the procession will go to Dunmow Kyokinshinkai martial arts, Dunmow Disabled Club and the Buffy Bus.

David Beedle, chairman of the events for the carnival, said:





■ Left. Xander and Dakota Houlston with dad Tristan.  
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■ Right, second from top, Tommy Perkins at the wheel of a fire engine. Pictures: ROGER KING  
■ Right, second from bottom, Granary Dance Studio won the commercial float for the third year running.