



**"I'm the only gay in the village!"**

"You're probably not gay at all...  
... you're probably just a little bit poofy."  
- Daffyd Thomas, the only gay in the village.

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## 1. The Concept

This year's parade entry is inspired, in part, by the character of committed 'homosexualist' Daffyd Thomas from the television comedy show Little Britain,, who thinks he is the only 'gayer' in the village.

### 1.1 Theme

- "I'm the only gay in the village."

### 1.2 Message

- many of us, at some time in our lives, feel isolated and lonely thinking that we are the only gay person in the world.
- finding your tribe is a great support network.

### 1.3 Vehicle/Media

- **Daffyd Thomas**

Committed 'homosexualist' Daffyd lives in the Welsh town of Llandewi Breffi. Proud to be gay, Daffyd flaunts his sexuality in variety of rubber outfits, to the villagers' complete indifference. However, drinking his favourite bacardi and coke sits Daffyd, complaining about being the only gay in the village of Llandewi Breffi. Much to the barmaid Myfanwy's confusion he seems to want to keep it that way

He refuses to accept he's not the only 'gayer' in the village, and is outraged when fellow gays trespass on his patch. Gay trekkers, a gay party, even gay people who move to this idyllic Welsh town are all shunned by Daffyd.

He can sometimes be spotted in the newsagent's where he discovers, to his horror, that the only copy of Attitude magazine has been bought by someone else.

sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/comedy/littlebritain/characters/characters8.shtml>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/comedy/littlebritain/characters.shtml>  
[http://www.littlebritain.tv/characters\\_daffyd.htm](http://www.littlebritain.tv/characters_daffyd.htm)

### 1.4 Participants

- 50 – 100 off the Little Britain character, **Daffyd Thomas**

## 2. Description of Entry

A group of 50 – 100 off the Little Britain character Daffyd Thomas' participating in Foreplay and Parade:

Foreplay: send each participant down the parade route at intervals of 5 – 10 minutes with a sign –

**"I'm the only gay in the village!"**

Since Daffyd believes he is the only "gayer" in the village. To achieve this, each Daffyd needs to be unaware that other "gayers" exist so participants should try to avoid contact with each other.

Parade: All the "gayers" regroup for the parade and return under the banner –

**"We're NOT the only gays in the village!"**

Each "gay" has a sign with the village and postcode in which at the time they thought that they were the only gay in the village. For example –

**WHITTINGTON  
3219**

**MINNEAPOLIS  
55428**

End: The first "gay" who went down the parade route the foreplay follows the last parade entry all alone with his sign –

**"I'm the only gay in the village!"**

Depending on the number of "gays" it may not be necessary for each participant to do both the Foreplay and Parade. The more we have the more flexible our options are. Also the End portion of the parade is not a necessity, just if this suits someone.

### 3. Organization **ethel yarwood enterprises**

ethel yarwood enterprises "a collective founded on the philosophy of the permanence of disposable art", is a fluid group of like-minded individuals who have fun working together employing humour and parody to highlight issues relevant to the gay and lesbian community. ethel yarwood enterprises has staged a number of events in the gay and lesbian community to date such as :

- *WIGworlds I, II, III and IV*
- *"Hop Yourself Stupid", Queen Bunny's AIDS Easter benefit from 1989 to 1998*

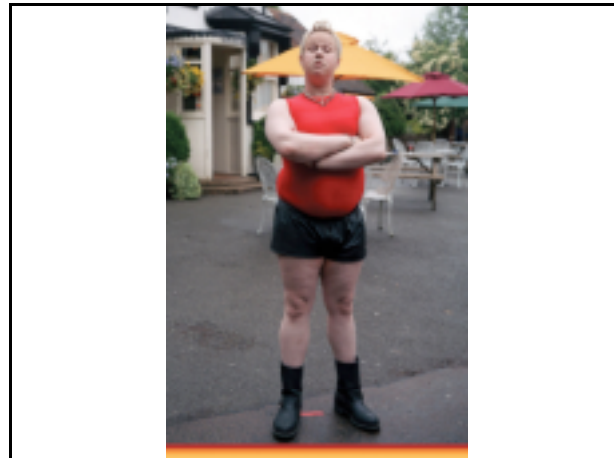
as well as the parade entries :

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| • <i>The Little Misses</i>              | <b>1996</b> |                                    |
| • <i>Keith Haring - Party of Life</i>   | <b>1997</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant) |
| • <i>Dick van Dykes on Bikes</i>        | <b>1998</b> | (awarded Best Community Entrant)   |
| • <i>Cussons Imperial Leather Pride</i> | <b>1999</b> |                                    |
| • <i>The Happy Little SODOMITES</i>     | <b>2000</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant) |
| • <i>Bridge on the River Kweer</i>      | <b>2001</b> | (awarded Judges' Choice)           |
| • <i>Shane Warne</i>                    |             |                                    |
| • <i>Jenny &amp; Craig's Extreme</i>    |             |                                    |
| • <i>Mardi Gras MakeOver</i>            | <b>2004</b> | (awarded Best Small Group Entrant) |

Refer to <http://www.yarwood.com.au> for other projects by ethel yarwood enterprises.

## 4. Daffyd Thomas Costume

- red shirt sleeveless shirt
- black shorts
- black boots
- short neckchain



Participants need to organise their own costumes. These items are either inexpensive, already be in most people's wardrobes or can most likely be borrowed from a fellow "gayer". The shirt could be the ubiquitous Bonds t-shirt with sleeves cut off.

Another option is that each participant supplies black shorts, black boots and someone sources the red sleeveless shirt and buys up in bulk.

We could possibly bulk up our bellies with something but this is not mandatory (or possibly not necessary for some <wink>).

## 5. Working Groups

### 5.1 Signs

Printing the "I'm the only gay in the village." and the **postcode** signs on A3 paper and arrange a working group together to mount them on placards. This is not a difficult task.

### 5.2 Banner

Painting of the banner "We're NOT the only gays in the village."

### 5.3 Sleeveless red shirts

We may need someone to bulk purchase the shirts.