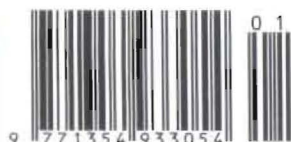


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# Daisy pulls it off

**MISS DAISY CONQUERS BRITAIN**  
by Pamela Hunt, Matador £8.99

WHEN did Llangwm suddenly become the cultural capital of Pembrokeshire?

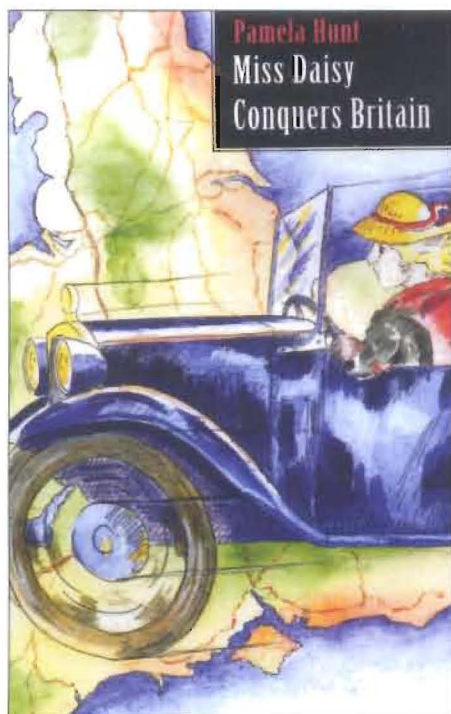
Once famed for little more than oysters and feisty fisherwomen, the village now seems to be awash with artists and photographers. It's formed its own mixed choir and even staged its very own village opera last month, to great acclaim.

And now here comes Llangwm resident Pamela Hunt with her second novel, a sequel to her successful debut *Miss Daisy's Diaries*.

After a career in television production, Pamela retired in 2004 and celebrated by buying herself a 1930s Austin Seven motor car which she named 'Miss Daisy'.

Now, as every vintage car owner knows, these ancient vehicles all have their individual foibles and characteristics, to the extent that they often seem to have a mind of their own.

Pam had the excellent idea of taking this a stage further by making 'Miss Daisy' the long-suffering narrator of a diary in



which she recounted her adventures and misadventures at the hands of her owner, the amiably eccentric Her Ladyship.

They were an odd couple in every sense, Miss Daisy and Her Ladyship, but they obviously couldn't live without one another and their occasionally fraught relationship was the key to the success of the first book.

And now they are back, not only trundling around the Pembrokeshire lanes but preparing to take part in an Austin Seven rally from John O'Groats to Land's End – against Miss Daisy's better judgement, it goes without saying.

Of course, they have to get to John O'Groats first, so the first chapter of this round Britain journey is entitled 'Llangwm to Nantwich'.

No one who read the previous book will be surprised to learn that the mishaps and misadventures begin almost immediately, and all Her

Ladyship's careful route planning goes out of the window in the face of snowstorms, haggis infestations, oddball hitchhikers, assorted council jobsworths and a 'Satellite Thingy' that seems to have a mind of its own.

Even Her Ladyship's enthusiasm becomes a little dimmed in the face of so many set-backs – having to eat a vegan lunch in Glastonbury is nearly the last straw – while there is more than enough for Miss Daisy to be grumpy about as the miles tick by, usually in the wrong direction.

It probably isn't spoiling anything by revealing that they get to Land's End in the end, minus the odd headlamp, so expect them back for further vintage fun in the future.

With affectionate illustrations by Ed Tanguay, *Miss Daisy Conquers Britain* is sure to delight fans of Pam's first novel and new readers alike.

## front line

Richard Flynn from Milford Haven was only 15 when he died on the Somme in 1915.

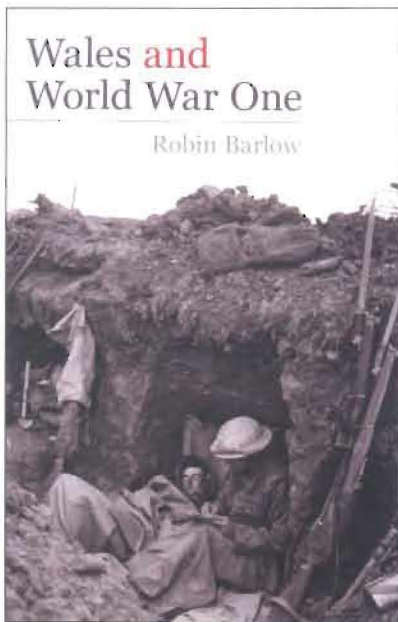
Later, as the true horror of modern warfare struck home, the number of volunteers dwindled to a trickle – in particular the heavy Welsh losses in the battle for Mametz Wood stunned the country.

Conscription had to be introduced to keep up the numbers at the Front. This had the side effect of revealing that Wales had a relatively small but fiercely committed and vociferous anti-war movement, with numerous Welsh pacifists being jailed for refusing to fight.

Other chapters in this well argued and wide-ranging study cover topics such as the Home Front, agriculture in wartime Wales, the role of women in the war effort, Welsh literature in WWI and the aftermath of the war in Wales.

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