Members of the **War Widows’ Association of Great Britain** will attend their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and associated events from Thursday **7th April 2016** to Sunday **10th April 2016**.

The AGM is being held in Cardiff, at the Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel and Spa. On Thursday 7th April 2016 War Widows from all parts of the United Kingdom will converge on the Cardiff Hotel for four days packed full of diverse activities. Friday 8th sees members head off on a daytrip to St Fagans followed by a street party to celebrate HM the Queen’s 90th birthday and the Association’s 45th birthday with members taking the opportunity to dress in the fashion of the decade in which they were born.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday will provide members and honoured guests with an opportunity to meet their new Committee of Trustees and be updated on the current issues; especially ongoing work on the reinstatement of War Widows Pension issue. On Saturday evening Members will don their glad rags for the Gala dinner, which will include a few surprises. On Sunday members have a day free to explore the many and varied delights of Cardiff before preparing to head homewards.

Speaking about the AGM the **Chairman** Mrs Irene Wills, BEM said “As I move into my third and final year as Chairman of this incredible organisation I am looking forward to welcoming new members and meeting up again with old friends. I know everyone looks forward to the many events we hold each year but the AGM is particularly special. Each year it is held in a different venue; it is fitting that in this our 45th year we have come to Cardiff, to the homeland of our Patron HRH The Prince of Wales.”
The Association is the United Kingdom’s leading representative organisation for widows of Armed Forces Personnel where death has been attributed to their service. The membership is spread throughout the UK; members will travel from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England to attend the AGM.

Reflecting on her time as Chairman Mrs Wills said “It has been unbelievably challenging but nevertheless very rewarding; so much has happened and I have been privileged to represent the Association at many commemorative events.” Mrs Wills continued “The impact of our successful War Widows’ Pensions For Life campaign was immense, but we cannot rest on our laurels and we still have a lot of work to do; there are a number of our members who had already surrendered their pension on remarriage and we are working very hard with government to find a way to put this right to ensure that all War Widow’s are treated fairly. This AGM weekend is about everything we do Campaigning, Caring and Remembering, Through the Generations, Moving Forward Together.”
**Notes to Editors:**

1. The [War Widows’ Association](#) (WWA) was founded in 1971.

2. The achievements of the War Widows’ Association to date can be accessed at [www.warwidows.org.uk](http://www.warwidows.org.uk).

3. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is Patron of the War Widows’ Association and the President is Baroness Fookes DBE DL.

4. The War Widows’ Association does not have any paid staff and is managed on a daily basis by a Committee of Trustees who are all volunteers.

5. The War Widows’ Association does not have any premises and is grateful to the Royal British Legion in providing it with a mail room facility.

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