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WHY DO THE BRITISH FIND EUROPE SO HARD TO TAKE?

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2014

Spencer Room, Brooks's, St. James's St, SW1

6.30pm for 7.00pm Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members)

Special price of £15 per head for second and further guests.

In the half century since a British Government first applied to join the European Community, British membership has been a matter of ceaseless controversy. Why?

Why is the United Kingdom the only Member State ever to have had a referendum on whether to stay in (only two years after joining)? Why are we now the only Member State which seriously contemplates leaving? Why do other Member States think we treat them less as partners than as adversaries? What are the pros and cons of staying in or leaving?

Stephen Wall was for 35 years a member of the British Diplomatic Service. For five of them he was the UK's Permanent Representative (Ambassador) to the European Union. He was an adviser to John Major and senior adviser on EU policy to Tony Blair. He has written two books on the history of Britain's fraught relationship with the other members of the European Union.

There will be a reception from 6.30pm; wine, soft drinks and light snacks will be on offer. This should be an interesting and highly topical event so please put the date in your diary, and let Lizzie know as soon as possible if you can attend. Guests are, of course, most welcome. The dress code at Brooks's is suits and ties for men and "elegant" for women.

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