**FETA annual lunch brings industry together once more**

The ever-popular FETA annual lunch once again attracted the great and good from the heating, ventilating, building controls, refrigeration and air conditioning industries, with over 600 guests enjoying an exquisite three course meal at The Brewery, London.

The 2017 lunch took place on Thursday 27th April and featured a keynote speech by departing FETA Chairman Graham Wright.

In his final FETA lunch address, Mr Wright told guests he believes that in the post-EU landscape, trade associations can provide a vital line of communication with the rest of Europe on important issues such as energy usage regulations and product design.

He commented: “In the wake of the EU referendum there has been much political activity, both within the UK and beyond, and endless speculation as to how things may develop. The scale of the challenge is of course enormous and our stance has been to retain a pragmatic position, encouraging the Government to proceed with caution and to consult fully with industry before changing any of the previously agreed legislation.”

Mr Wright also took the opportunity to underline his belief that a departure from the EU should not spell an end to existing initiatives that encourage the uptake of renewable technologies, adding: “Schemes such as the Renewable Heat Incentive and the Enhanced Capital Allowance should be retained and promoted further. We will doubtless hear all sorts of strident rhetoric from various sources but we will continue to caution the government against stoking the fires of populist opinion by having a bonfire of red tape regulations.”

Following lunch, guests were treated to an entertaining and insightful speech from the legendary journalist and broadcaster, John Sergeant.

Bookings for the 2018 lunch can be made by contacting the event organiser Touchwave Media; 07792 750597, hannah@touchwavemedia.co.uk.