

## **LEWIS GRAY SELECTED FOR PORTUGAL YOUTH OPEN**

In a further advancement of his international career, 14 year old Lewis Gray from Benenden, the current national under 14 boys' singles champion, has been selected to represent England in the Portugal Youth Open Championships in Tavira from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The Angley School, Cranbrook pupil and member of the Weald Club based at the school, continues to train very hard and last weekend was with the England Youth Development Squad at the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Sheffield. On Sunday he had the privilege of two hours individual practice and coaching from England's greatest player of the modern era, Desmond Douglas MBE, now a sprightly 53. The left-handed Douglas, from Birmingham, was 11 times English men's singles champion and a former world no.7 and European no.3.

Lewis said, "Des is still very fast and angles you all over the place. He also gave me some technical tips about improving my backhand."

Meanwhile at Angley School on Sunday, the new ETTA South East Regional Coach Alex Green, a left-handed former England junior international, led a successful SE regional cadet squad training session. He was assisted by former Kent county champion John Burleton, and used England cadet girl international, Yolanda King, a member of the Weald Club, for demonstrations. Several other Weald Club members attended.