

## **Roger Draper (CEO of the LTA) comes to Kent: Twice in one week!**

We have had the pleasure of the Chief Executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, Roger Draper, coming to Kent on two separate occasions in under a week.



Last Friday (January 15<sup>th</sup>) he went to see Wye Tennis Club in Ashford who are looking to develop their site where he met with Graham Sutherland (Club Chairman) along with Damian Green (MP for Ashford) along with several of the clubs members (pictured above).

Then yesterday (January 21<sup>st</sup>) he had an action packed day where he visited Appeti Tennis Centre in Canterbury which sits on the Canterbury High School site which is a Specialist Sports College – where he met with Eb Appeti (Director and coach) and Faye Robertson (Sports Psychologist) from Appeti Tennis Centre, David Platts and Phil Karnavas from the school along with the Partnership Development Manager – Sarah Hopkins, Andrew Doyle from the Land Group and Bing Beghin, a long standing customer of Eb's (Eb Appeti and Roger Draper pictured below) who presented their vision for the future.



This was followed by a visit to Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre (CITC) at Polo Farm Sports Club where he met with Gus Oakes (Chairman of Polo Farm), Simon Grieve (Head Coach) and Stephen Woodley (Chairman of CITC) where the centre's development plans were discussed.

We then arranged for him to have a lunch with the newly formed Kent Board of Management to discuss how Kent is moving forward which was followed up by a meeting with Andy Burgoyne (Club Manager) from Bromley Cricket Club who have a 2-court airhall project in development and finished up at Bromley Tennis Centre with an update on what the new Director of Tennis – Sandi Procter and the Director of the Bromley Tennis Academy, Kent's High Performance Centre – Clint Harris have planned for the future.

Roger said that he enjoyed his time in Kent and was enthused about the plans for the future which were delivered by the places to play and county alike.