



**SERVING UP:** Dan Lewis

## Guru's volley of tennis criticism

AN economist who claims to have smashed Britain's inability to serve up a Wimbledon winner says he was not surprised at Andy Murray's failure to reach the final of the championships.

Carshalton's Dan Lewis is head of a top think-tank which normally tackles less meaty subjects, such as dwindling energy resources.

In last week's Advertiser the finance whiz explained the factors behind the nation's failure to produce top-quality tennis stars.

Mr Lewis said: "Andy Murray did well to reach the semi-final - but even if he'd gone all the way it wouldn't be enough to reverse the huge decline in nationwide participation since the 1930s."

The 39-year-old is calling for a grassroots overhaul of how tennis is approached in the borough.

Sutton is just a few miles from Wimbledon and boasts a number of courts, but Mr Lewis says many of them seem inaccessible or to have fallen into disrepair.

He said figures were stark, with the number of public courts having dropped from at least 30,000 to 10,000 today.

He added: "These are the key metrics which British Tennis should be held accountable to."