

Black Country Branch AGM

The Black Country Branch of UKITA held their Annual General Meeting on 18th July at the Wing Wah restaurant in Wolverhampton. Among the large quantities of Yuk Sung, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Crispy Noodles..... lets face it everything that was on offer..... those attending discussed the progress of the Branch during the previous year (circa 50% increase in members) and how the Branch could continue to support it's members going forward. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all despite a high number of different coloured food stains on the shirts of certain members.



The three ~~Musketeers~~ members who have pledged to continue the good work of the Branch to-date by accepting committee positions are:

- ❑ **Nigel Babb** from the University of Wolverhampton's **Competitiveness Centre** who was re-elected as **branch chairman**,
- ❑ **Darren Cox** of **More Internet Communication** who was re-elected as **branch secretary**,
- ❑ **Daniel Reilly** of **DJR Marketing** (knowing no better) was elected as **vice-chairman**

Picture (from left to right):
Daniel Reilly; Nigel Babb; Darren Cox

Chairman Nigel Babb said: *"The plan for the coming year is to help our members grow their business. Our regular monthly events will provide an opportunity to network with peer groups, allow knowledge transfer, and provide access to business opportunities. In addition, we wish to increase membership to reflect the diversity of businesses that support the Black Country's IT industry. If we can have some fun along the way then that's even better, after all you don't have to be sad to be serious"*

In addition, three other members have since joined the committee as representatives: **Nigel Mills** of **Interlinx** has been re-elected, whilst committee new comers **Sharon Talbot** from **Blue Orange Marketing** and **Errol Whitter** of **i54 Media** were rapidly voted on to the committee before they realised what they had done! The opinions and efforts of these members will be greatly appreciated and of benefit to the branch in the forthcoming year.

