

## thebestofstourbridge

Wall James Chappell are proud to announce that they have joined **theBestof Stourbridge**.

Thebestof Stourbridge is the ultimate business directory and a guide to the local area. It provides detailed, in-depth and expert advice on the best way to find 'the best' legal and financial services, restaurants, dentists, hairdressers, and anything local. James Rousell of Wall James Chappell says that "The Bestof Stourbridge really taps into the community's voice so you'll find real people, writing real reviews and sharing ideas on a local level. The Bestof Stourbridge also run monthly events for its members such as a marketing, sales and business seminars aimed at assisting and promoting local businesses. We are extremely proud to be part of it"

The partners in Wall James Chappell recently had their photo taken for the Bestof Stourbridge website (see top right).

## Firm News



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Happy new Year!!



*Pictured above (top – from left): James Rousell, Jonathan Browne, Jane Beale, Christopher Hamlyn & Susannah Griffiths .*

*Pictured below (left) Ruth Latham ; (centre) John Cockling ; (right) Teresa Stepien*

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In October, Wall James Chappell donated a cheque to The Mary Stevens Hospice from monies raised for the charity last year. In 2011, Wall James Chappell had many fundraising events including our Christmas Card competition and Iceland Bagpack. The firm aims to raise more money in 2012 including our inaugural Golf Day at Blackwell Golf Course in May 2012, a sponsored Fashion Show and The Mary Stevens Hospice Wills



*Philip Chapman, Susannah Griffiths & James Rousell pictured with Janet Jones of Mary Stevens Hospice*

Fortnight. Janet Jones of Mary Stevens Hospice said "the Hospice is delighted with the continued support of Wall James Chappell and look forward to events to be held in 2012."

## New Partners



The firm appointed two new partners in October 2011. Jane Beale, who joined the firm in 2005, specialises in dispute resolution with a particular focus on contentious trusts and probate. Earlier this year Jane became an Associate of the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) having completed a two year course of study, one of only a handful of practitioners in the Midlands to have done so.

Also being promoted is Ruth Latham, who joined the firm in 2001. Ruth specialises in commercial property and has many years experience of handling all types of leasehold and freehold properties in a number of sectors including retail, licensed properties, office and industrial.

Speaking on their promotions Jonathan Browne, senior partner, commented "These promotions are a sign of the success the firm is seeing thanks to the dedication and expertise of its staff who have worked hard to ensure our clients receive the best possible service."



*Pictured above (from left): Jane Beale, Jonathan Browne & Ruth Latham*

## Notary Public



Philip Chapman recently completed his Post-Graduate studies at Cambridge University to become a Notary Public. Philip follows in the footsteps of previous partners of the firm, Roger Davies and Trevor Davies, who also provided this essential service to clients requiring the authentication of legal documents to be used abroad.

Philip's appointment makes him one of very few Notaries in the region, indeed, there are only 850 Notaries in the country. As the oldest legal profession in England and Wales, a Notary Public is primarily involved in preparing, attesting, authenticating, witnessing and certifying deeds and other documentation, for use in the commonwealth and civil law jurisdictions. The firm is very proud of Philip's appointment. Well done!



*Philip Chapman*

## Quality Conveyancing accreditation



Wall James Chappell was one of the first law firms in the region to secure membership to the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme - the mark of excellence for the home buying process. The firm underwent rigorous assessment by the Law Society in order to secure CQS status, which marks the firm out as meeting high standards in the residential conveyancing process.

Law Society President Linda Lee said that the Law Society introduced CQS to help to recognise high standards in the home buying process. "CQS improves efficiency with common, consistent standards and service levels and enables consumers to recognise practices that provide a quality residential conveyancing service." The overall beneficiaries will be clients who use Wall James Chappell when buying a home. They will receive a reliable, efficient service as recognised by the CQS standard."



# Supporting Stourbridge FC's FA Cup run



Wall James Chappell are proud supporters of Stourbridge Football Club and we recently showed our support, ahead of the club's historic match against Plymouth Argyle in the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup, by decorating our office in the Red and White of Stourbridge FC. Many other businesses in Stourbridge did the same ahead of the Glassboys` match against Plymouth on the 22nd November 2011.

This was the biggest match in the Club's history and Stourbridge went on to eventually win 2—0 to progress into the 2nd Round and earn a home tie versus Stevenage of League one.

Wall James Chappell would like to congratulate all at Stourbridge FC for their success this season. "Red Army....."



From left to right : Annette Stewart, Joyce Brooks and Kelly Clarke



## DKRFC Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club



Wall James Chappell were the match sponsors for the much anticipated Dudley Kingswinford RFC game against The Rugby Lions managed by Neil Back.

Over 150 guests and members attended a pre-match lunch at the club house followed by the match. The firm also invited a number of clients and contacts to enjoy the day.

The homeside were heavily beaten in the end playing a highly skilled professional outfit heavily funded by a multi-millionaire former player. However, the match was DK's biggest gate of the season with around 700 plus.

Despite the loss, the firm and its invited guests had a most enjoyable afternoon and continue to be the proud sponsors of the club.



Photos : DK v Rugby Lions on Sat 3rd December 2011

**Margot James**, MP for Stourbridge and Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party, addressed local business leaders at the latest Business Xchange event at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club earlier this year.

Ms James said "It is always a pleasure to meet with local business representatives and listen to their views on the Government's current policies. I believe that small to medium sized businesses are the engine of our economy; I am happy to provide my assistance where possible, and hope to help many more Black Country businesses in the near future."

Philip Chapman of Wall James Chappell commented "We are delighted that we are able to attract such influential speakers to our event. Margot is an excellent example of a very successful businesswoman giving back to the community."



Margot James MP at DKRFC

**Stewart Towe CBE**, Chairman of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Managing Director of The Hadley Group, also addressed local business leaders at the latest Business Xchange event sponsored by the firm. Mr Towe proved to be an accomplished speaker, setting out the key objectives of the LEP and how it intends to make a difference in the region.

Mr Towe explained that the purpose of the LEP is to create the conditions for enterprise to flourish and improve the economic prosperity of the Black Country by tackling barriers to growth, improving education and skills and transport networks. The LEP specifically concentrates on how to get the best out of government by bringing 'common sense' to the link between government and business. Notable achievements include bringing four Enterprise Zones to the Black Country, a new Planning Charter and a five year growth plan.



Stewart Towe CPBE at DKRFC

## Legal Seminars - 2012

The firm will be holding a series of seminars throughout the year the first of which will be a morning dedicated to start-up businesses. This seminar is aimed at assisting new businesses with legal issues such as business plans, legal structures of businesses, funding, share options, property matters such as leases and freehold properties, tenancy rights and the often feared area of taxation.

The firm will also be holding seminars for charities with Origin Financial and a city investment bank focusing on investment of funds, the legal structure of the charity and future legal issues.

Also in conjunction with Origin Financial, a further seminar on

pensions will aim to better educate attendees on the National Employment Savings Trust, commonly referred to as NEST.

The private client department will also continue with seminars on lasting powers of attorney, wealth preservation, retirement, inheritance tax and long-term planning.

Please contact Philip Chapman (p.chapman@wjclaw.co.uk) for further information on business seminars and James Rousell for information on private client seminars (j.rousell@wjclaw.co.uk)

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