

TECHNOLOGY TIP



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CUTTING COSTS

OVER THE PAST months we have received significant interest from companies who would like to outsource their IT function. We have helped companies reduce their numbers of IT staff either partially or entirely.

Our first outsourcing venture was a number of years ago when a client was trying to fill a desktop support position. We took on the role partly operating remotely and partly onsite. This proved very cost effective for our client and we are still running the contract years later.

We take a very flexible approach in providing outsourced IT services. These services include remote desktop support, remote server and network support and on-site support for periods of an hour, a day or a week.

If you would like to review the cost savings from outsourcing all or part of your IT department please call us to talk through the options available. We pride ourselves on being able to tailor a solution precisely to your requirements.

Lastly, when one thinks of outsourcing one thinks of cost savings. It is important to think of the other benefits. The outsource contracts we have in place means cover for 52 weeks a year. We cover holidays and sick leave. Outsourcing should not just be thought of as the placement of a particular individual. It is the provision of a service that can be provided by more than one individual, all of whom have the entire team at Computer Strategies to call upon.

If you need any further advice please contact me on: 01483 238 260, or visit: www.computerstrategies.co.uk

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Proactive IT support for companies in the greater Guildford area

ACCOUNTANTS CELEBRATE 60 YEARS WITH HEALTH CHECK OFFER

Sunningdale-based Chartered Accountants Davis Burton Sellek celebrates 60 years in business this year.



WELL-ESTABLISHED IN local, national and international markets this independent accountancy firm has become a leading provider of business, tax, and international services right in the heart of Sunningdale village in Berkshire.

To commemorate this special anniversary Davis Burton Sellek are pleased to offer Surrey Chamber members a free one hour

business/personal finance health check with one of the Partners.
Offer expires 30 September 2009.

For your free health check voucher visit:
www.surrey-chambers.co.uk/privilege.php or contact
Dawn O'Leary on: 01344 620 495
quoting DBS/60

Know the rules on redundancy

Rises in redundancy pay came into force at the beginning of February.

GERARD GIBBS, EMPLOYMENT solicitor at Hart Brown solicitors, explains, "A week's redundancy pay increased from £330 to £350, and the maximum statutory redundancy payment rose to £10,500 from £9,900. This has now gone up by nearly £4,000 since as recently as 2000, when the statutory maximum stood at just £6,600."

Just as significant, though, is the rise in the compensatory award for unfair dismissal, which has risen from £63,000 to £66,200. "This means that businesses found to have dismissed an employee unfairly may be forced to pay up to £76,700 – the compensatory award plus the statutory maximum payment," Mr Gibbs continues.

"In some cases, particularly those involving discrimination claims and whistle-blowing, there is no cap on the amount of an award that can be made, exposing businesses to potentially unlimited penalties. This makes it more important than ever that employers know the rules and act within them."

