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WEATHERCALL

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Call now to hear a 10-day forecast for the region or a forecast for your town or local area for the next six hours.
● Calls cost 60p a minute. Service provided by iTouch, London EC2A 4PF.



Generous donations: Adam Michaels (left), Michael Grant and Jemma Pearce collecting for St John Ambulance outside Tesco in Wokingham.

Responding to St John collection

GENEROUS shoppers raised more than £350 for St John Ambulance through a collection outside a supermarket. Volunteers carried collection tins at Tesco in Wokingham over the weekend of March 21 and 22, raising £370 for the charity. Kim Adrian, St John Berkshire county fundraiser, said: "We are very grateful to Tesco for allowing us to collect on their premises for the weekend and would like to say

a big thank you to everyone who made a donation. As we receive no government funding or money from the NHS, every penny given to us is important." The money raised will be split between the adult and youth sections of the charity to help with training, providing uniforms and first aid equipment. For more information on St John Ambulance or to make a donation visit www.sja.org.uk/berks or call 0118 933 5500.

Serving the purpose of saving serious money

by Alan Bunce

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BRACKNELL IT company Solsis has gone green and saved itself £100,000.

The firm promotes a concept known as virtualisation where instead of having several servers for different purposes, the servers can perform multiple tasks. The concept saves hugely in electricity and reduces the number of servers needed by getting more work from them.

Solsis, based at Waterside Park in Cookham

Road, implemented a system it sells called VMware on its servers to find the dramatic results.

Managing director Graham Stead said: "We decided that we would be our first case study to see if going virtual significantly improved our environmental impact and if in turn it would save us money before we recommended the solution to our customers."

Solsis devised a 'Total Cost of Ownership' calculator which can work out savings over three, four or five years.

Mr Stead added: "An investment of £30,000

provided us with a cost saving of over £134,000 over just the next four years alone, a staggering 448% return on investment."

Solsis calculates it will save 28 tonnes of carbon emissions, equivalent to taking 10 cars off the road per year or planting 206 trees over four years.

According to Solsis's Steve Mace, companies with four servers or more are likely to make savings. Without virtualisation, servers work at only five to 10% of their power capability.

He said: "It's like having a 100-bedroom hotel and only using five or 10 of the bedrooms."

COMPETITION

WIN tickets to see Joseph!

JOSEPH is coming.... and it's Craig!

When producer/director Bill Kenwright brings his renowned production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT to the Hexagon, Reading, from Tuesday, April 20, audiences will undoubtedly recognise the young man in the leading role...

CRAIG CHALMERS was one of the most popular finalists in the hit BBC series Any Dream Will Do.

Watched by millions every Saturday night, the show was produced to find a leading man for Andrew Lloyd Webber's new West End production, and Craig, chosen from tens of

thousands of wannabees, charmed audiences week after week with his vocal talents, finishing in the top five. Bill Kenwright is one of the most successful and prolific producers in British theatre today. His current hit West End shows include the musicals Blood Brothers and Cabaret and the acclaimed drama The Letter.

He was on the expert panel of judges alongside Andrew Lloyd Webber, Denise Van Outen and John Barrowman and is delighted that Craig is taking on the leading role.

Before Joseph, Edinburgh-born Craig was a professional vocalist and entertainer. He was part of successful boy band No Reason which enjoyed a top 10 hit as well as performing at the Kings

Theatre in Edinburgh and Hampden Stadium alongside Blue, McFly, the Sugababes and Girls Aloud.

● We have two pairs of tickets to give away for the 7.30pm performance on Thursday, April 23. To enter simply answer the question and send your entry to: Joseph Competition, Reading Midweek, 50-56 Portman Road, Reading, Berks, RG30 1BA.

On which hit BBC series was Craig a finalist?

Closing date for entries is Friday, April 10.

Joseph is on from Monday – Saturday, April 20-25 at The Hexagon, Reading. Call the box office on 0118 960 6060 or see www.readingarts.com



Joseph competition

Q: On which hit BBC series was Craig Chalmers a finalist?

Answer.....

Name

Address

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