



Husband and wife team Chris Eldon Lee and Hannah Litschmann from Betton Strange

Chris Eldon Lee will be raising a glass and saying cheers to England while wife Hannah Litschmann will be saying "prost" to Germany. Chris, who works in radio and theatre, said he would be drinking English beer and flying the flag for England this Sunday while Hannah, who works as a shiatsu therapist at the Shrewsbury Natural Health Centre, will be wearing her 1954 Germany football shirt to support her nation.

The couple, who live in Betton Strange, near Shrewsbury, married last year.

Hannah, who is from Ravens-

But he said: "We'll be on separate sofas or possibly behind them during the game." He added: "We were they'd avoid each other and see an England/Germany fight." Meanwhile, an England fan wandered into the team's dressing room after the Algeria match due to appear in court today. Pavlos Joseph, 32, from Palace, south-east London, appear at a special court in Cape Town where due to go on trial charged with trespassing.

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# DECISION DATE FOR STORE BIDS

By Iain St John

**THE CRUNCH** meeting to decide where Oswestry's new multi-million pound supermarket will be built is to be held on July 29, council bosses announced today.

And they added councillors will only discuss each of the four planning application lodged - and not the "Fifth Option" proposal that has been mooted by anti-supermarket campaigners, which calls for all the bids to be ditched.

## Police plea as man dies in bike crash

A man has died after losing control of his motorcycle and crashing into a grass verge in Shropshire. The victim died at the scene of the accident on the A49 at Hinton, near Whitechurch, last night.

The man, who suffered multiple injuries, was pronounced dead at the scene. Police closed the A49 at the junction of the B5476 and Bradley Green Road after the accident, which happened outside Hinton Bank Farm at 7.55pm. No other vehicle was involved. The man, who has not yet been formally identified, is believed to be in his 40s and come from Lancashire.

Police say they are anxious to trace witnesses. Police Constable Daniel Yates, one of the investigating officers, said they believed five motorcyclists stopped a few seconds after the incident and tried to help.

"Unfortunately, they did not leave any details and we are appealing to them to get a touch by contacting Shrewsbury police station on 0300 3333000."

A motorcyclist was injured in a separate collision with a car on the Malpas Road, Whitechurch, just before 1.05pm yesterday.

Shropshire Council spokesman Gareth Proffitt said: "The four applications to build a new supermarket in Oswestry will be considered at a meeting of Shropshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee on the afternoon of July 29 at the Marches School."

The bids submitted are for the Central Car Park in the town centre, the Smithfield Livestock Market in Shrewsbury Road, the Richard Burbidge site in Whittington Road and the JT Hughes and Guttercrest site in Victoria Road.

### Consider

The announcement means the council will not consider a suggestion by the Keep Our Town Special coalition.

The coalition of campaign group Oswestry 21, Oswestry Civic Society and the Campaign to Protect Rural England, says all four applications for a supermarket development must be turned down to "ensure Oswestry's future as a market town with real choice and character". It says the fifth option of no retail application being given consent is a valid planning option.

The coalition aims to release the results of research it has done during the run-up to the crunch planning meeting. It believes it is the first time a "real on-the-ground investigation" has been done into how Oswestry's existing supermarkets trade.

Charles Green of the Campaign to Protect Rural England said: "The retail study commissioned originally by Oswestry Borough Council which triggered the superstore applications was in reality largely 'office-based'."

## PM touches down for G



The 'new kid on the block' David Cameron arrives in Canada for his first summit today as premier. He is calling for fresh thinking on issues of trade, aid and the global economy. For full story see Page 4.

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