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### The Pubs

1. **Shrewsbury Hotel**, Bridge Place, (Smithfield Road), SY1 1PU Tel. 01743 340382. Wetherspoons. (10 Minutes from station) ?- 1105
2. **Abbey Hotel**, 83, Monkmoor Rd, (Corner of Bradford St.), SY2 5AZ. Tel. 01743 264991. 15 minutes from Shrewsbury Station via Castle Footbridge. 1130-2300. London Pride, M&B Mild Brew XI, 6 guests generally sourced from smaller breweries. Food (25 minutes from 1) 1130-1215
3. **Prince Of Wales**, 30, Bynner St., Belle Vue, SY3 7NZ. Tel. 01743 343301. 1200-1400. Greene King, St. Austell, Salopian, Guests. Local CAMRA pub of the Year 2006. (about 20 minutes from 2). Not sure about food as an OAP do was on. 1230-1300
4. **Coach and Horses**, Swan Hill, SY1 1NP. Near Music Hall. Tel. 01743 365661. 1130-2400. Phoenix, Salopian, Guests. (Food about 15 minutes from 3) 1315-1350
5. **Woodman Inn**, 32, Coton St., SY1 2DZ.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from station. Opens 1400 (summer?) Tel. 01743 351007. Beer range varies. Pub reputedly haunted by an ex landlady who died when the pub burnt down in 1923. Not tried as not open in May. (about 10 minutes from 4) 1400-? (need to check on the day that it is open)

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Crewe	0858	BNS	0909	BNS	0854		
	0917		0933		0933		
Shrewsbury	0946		1025		1025		
Shrewsbury	1422		1522		1422	1454	1554
BNS	1518		1618		1518		
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