Codsall and **Shifnal** are relatively small places on the old GWR line from Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury. They are served by hourly London Midland trains from Birmingham New Street via Wolverhampton. As neither place has a Wetherspoons it would seem a good idea for Jolly Boys wanting breakfast to disembark from their trains at Wolverhampton for a quick walk (about 5 mins) along the station approach road, over the ring road and into Lichfield St. to

1. The Moon under Water -Wetherspoons 53-55 Lichfield St., WV1 1EQ In the city centre opposite the Grand Theatre

JB times until about 11.10.

Then back to the station for the 11.25 LM train to Shrewsbury which arrives at **Codsall** at 11.33. And on platform 1 is :

2.The Station – Codsall Station. Opens at 11.30. The old station building converted into a great pub. Lots of railway memorabilia adorn the walls. Has 4 beers from Holdens and 2 guest which were Oakham Bishops Farewell and Ludlow Gold. They also do food, a typical pub menu including an all-day breakast for a fiver

JB times 11.35-12.30

As it is an hour until the next train to Shifnal I also checked if an alternative is available in the very unlikely event of this pub not being open. However if the worst does happen exit the station, go under the bridge and Codsall village is a walk of about 5 mins up the road. Pass the parade of shops on each side of the road and further along on the right is

2a.The Bull – Codsall. Opens at 11.30. This is quite a nice pub with a range of Banks beers plus Sunbeam and 2 "guest", Hobgoblin Gold and Thwaites Wainwright. Across the road is **The Crown** a recently renovated Joules pub which opens at 12.00 although I didn't go in on this occasion.

Then back on to platform 1 for the 12.34 LM train to Shrewsbury which arrives at **Shifnal** at 12.46. There is a footbridge to get to the Up side and a long ramp down to a subway back under the lines to the station exit which is on the Down side. Then we go to the right, back under the railway again! Then straight up Broadway and to High Street. We will start at the furthest pub, as this is the best for food and some JB's will no doubt be getting hungry:

3.The White Hart - 4 High Street, TF11 8BH. Opens at 12.00. A good selection of real ales, 8 were on during our visit including Enville Ale, York Brewery Centurions Ghost, Holdens 101, 2 from Wye Valley and 2 real ciders. The food menu and prices looked very reasonable and quite a lot of people were eating at around 1pm both times I have been there. So for those who want to eat I would advise ringing the pub (01952 461161 ask for Adam or Jodie) an hour or two before arrival. See the accompanying Jpeg for the pub Menu.

Exit left back towards the station and across the road about 50 yards to :

4. The Wheatsheaf – 61 Broadway, TF11 8BB. 6 real ales including 3 from Banks, Marston's Help For Heroes, Ringwood Boondoggle and Wychwood Hobgoblin. Also does food.

JB times 13.45 - 14.15

Exit right towards the station and back across the road about 50 yards to :

5. The Plough - 26 Broadway, TF11 8AZ. Opens 12.00. 8 real ales mainly local including Broadway Gold, Battlefield Gold, Woods Shrops Lass & Hobsons Champion Mild. Also 2 real ciders. Also does food.

JB times 14.15-14.45

Then exit left back to the station.

If another pub is required, just along from the station entrance is :

5A Oddfellows Wine Bar.-Market Place, TF11 9AU. although not a traditional pub like the previous ones had 4 real ales on handpump – Engineers Best, Salopian Shropshire Gold & Oracle and Wye Valley IPA. Also a cider on handpump.

JB times 14.50 -

Train Times

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