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## MP is Proud of her Local Pubs

Julie Morgan, MP for Cardiff North, will be celebrating 'Proud of Pubs' week with a drink at the Coach House in Old St Mellons on Friday. The public are being urged to join them as the fightback to keep the great British pub alive begins.

Julie is one of more than 100 MPs visiting pubs during this weeks celebrations, organised by *The Publican* magazine. She will see for herself the positive contribution that the Coach House makes in its community, as well as discussing issues with Mel, the licensee, as pubs face up to the challenges of the credit crunch.

Julie said:

"Pubs have always played an important role in community life, whether through fundraising, organising local events, or just providing a focal point for community activities.

"But this is a very difficult time for the pub industry. They are facing a number of unprecedented challenges and I want to show my support to our local pubs. According to recent statistics, Cardiff North has only one fewer pub than it did three years ago. This is good news but I hope we can work together, with the pub industry and with customers, to make sure that others aren't forced to close."

Other events in Proud of Pubs Week will include pubs putting on their own Proud of Pubs Night, many of them trying out new entertainment for the first time, and pubs highlighting the huge contribution of the industry to charity.

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