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Charnwood's Mobile Play Rangers Rachel Forbes and Peter Thorpe.



SAY CHEESE: Cllr Richard Shepherd (from left) takes a photo of three of the Picture Your Neighbourhood winners, Jamie Duncan (second left), Beryl McDowall and John Pilling after presenting them with their prizes. To see their winning entries, turn to Pages 12 and 13.

WELCOME to the Spring 2008 edition of Charnwood News, in which we are aiming to provide information about a number of subjects which will affect our lives in Charnwood.

There is a question and answer style article on the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan, which I mentioned in the last edition. The Plan will in due course require us to make some difficult decisions about development in the Borough.

Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing is now up and running and should bring about a noticeable improvement in the operation of the Council's housing services and the experience of tenants.

We have had some excellent news - the Government has accepted our application to be a Round Six ALMO (Arms Length Management Organisation). We have been awarded £36 million to spend on bringing our Council housing up to the Decent Homes Standard, provided we can become a two star housing authority.

Stay informed with the News!

Have your say!

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Council Design Awards.

I really enjoyed helping to judge the Picture Your Neighbourhood competition and having the chance to meet some of the winners. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part - there were some wonderful photographs.

At the time I am writing this introduction, the Council is about to submit its response to the Post Office closure programme, taking into account comments copied to us.

We are always interested in receiving responses to our own formal consultations, as well as questions or views at any time on Council services. If you would like to contact us, please do so using the details in the Have Your Say panel.

**Cllr Richard Shepherd
Leader, Charnwood
Borough Council**

There's an item about the new parking arrangements in Beehive Lane and the excellent result for Sustrans in winning an award from the Lottery.

I hope you'll find the Students' Union column and the University articles interesting as well, and look out for the piece about the launch of the 2008 Borough

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