

Belper News

DUFFIELD New club

Ecclesbourne School, Duffield, now has a new club for students who want to get in-

involved in community activities while also having fun. It started on February 7 when 'The Interact Club of Ecclesbourne', known to its members as Interact@Ecclesbourne, received its 'Certificate of Organisation' from the president of Rotary International and David Pipe, the president of the Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield.

The embryo club first met in January this year when about ten students expressed an interest in joining. They have appointed two joint presidents, a secretary and treasurer as well as an eco-leader.

Since inception the club members, who meet weekly after school, have been really busy. They have arranged and carried out litter picks around Duffield, arranged for the purchase and supply of an eco-greenhouse at the school, which club members have been assisting in construction, along with The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield.

Members are now busily involved in planning and organising a Christmas party for year seven students at the school. As well as the party they are also organising an 'Ecclesbourne's Got Talent' competition, for which there is already considerable interest.

These ideas were prompted by a recent visit to the Interact group by the local Rotary International district

governor, Cheryle Berry, who talked to them about an orphanage project in Kerala, India, in which she is involved.

The youngsters in the interact group were so moved by her presentation that the orphanage project will now receive all the profits from the party and talent competition.

The club are also planning carol singing in Duffield and Quarndon before Christmas and afterwards spending some time helping at the Dementia Memory Café organised by Belper and Duffield Rotary Club.

Any students at Ecclesbourne School who may be interested in joining the group are asked to contact the head of year Ceri Hughes.