



The chief Steward explains the conditions and rules of the Tournament to the participating pupils

Method

This year, for the first time, 23 teams of four Students from eight Leeds Secondary Schools had entered into the competition to design and build a simple working model, as specified on the day by the Rotary Organisers. They used a standardised kit of materials supplied by Rotary and simple hand tools supplied by the Schools. Each team produced a portfolio describing their design and a working model that has been built accordingly.

There are three skill levels of entry, according to the ages of the pupils in the team, Basic (ages 11 to 14), Intermediate (ages 14 to 16) and Advanced (over 16).

The team with the most innovative and best designed model, at each level, is awarded a Trophy for the School to keep.

Each member of the winning team received an individual certificate.



The Judges confer before the Tournament begins

This was the first Tournament taking place in the area of the Leeds Group of Rotary Clubs. We were very grateful to Yorkshire Post Newspapers Ltd. who donated the venue and also support from their security staff, free of charge.

**Schools taking Part**

Allerton Grange School	3 teams
Benton Park Technical College	3 teams
Garforth Comprehensive School	3 teams
John Smeaton Community High School	3 Teams
Lawnswood School	3 teams
Priesthorpe Sports Specialist College	1 team
West Leeds High School	3 teams
Woodkirk High Specialist Community High School	3 teams



The four members of a Team confer and plan how to accomplish the task assigned to them, using the materials supplied by the Rotary organisers.

The Task in 2007 was to design and build a drain pipe crawler to clear blocked drains



Testing the finished model (below). The judge looks on





Both boys and girls took part in the Tournament



The model was then tested on the test track. The Deputy Lord Mayor is looking on



The Winners, Basic task  
Lawnswood School



The Winners, Intermediate Task  
Woodkirk Community High School



The Winners, Advanced Task  
Woodkirk Community High School



## ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT 2007

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On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the Rotary Clubs in the Leeds Group held a Technology Tournament in the Yorkshire Post Building.

The object of this Tournament was:-

- To develop young people's interests in Design and Technology
- To encourage students to develop their team working skills, while finding and building a solution to the task
- To practise co-operative skills and team working