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It would be fair to say that we were bowled over by the Swan Woodturners Group Weekend Workshop. An innovation was the introduction of the "demo duos", in which an experienced turner was complemented by a newer turner, 4 of whom were demonstrating at weekend workshop level for the first time - not that they were intimidated by the 96 people that turned out to watch.

Ian Moss kicked off "Bowl Magic" with his flying saucer bowl design. *See more information under Ian Moss.*

He was followed by Robert Drinkwater who showed how to make a square edged bowl. *See more information under Robert Drinkwater.*

Bruce Shephard then followed with "Bowl me Over" showing how to make a bowl from a 10 mm thick board.

This required a special jig with a groove to take a 3 mm parting tool that was at centre height when set up. Hot melt glue was used to mount the board that had been cut to about 250 mm diameter and trued on the face. Careful marking out and using a jig to cut a smaller disc on the outer edge with a parting tool angled at 45 ° to the face.

This disc was then removed and a second smaller disc was cut out using a 55 ° angle of cut and then a third disc was cut using a 65 ° angle of cut. These rings would stack upon one another as they overlap because of the different angles cut.

If your head is spinning now so was mine!

The rings were glued together and the bowl shape became apparent. The inside of the bowl was turned first, followed by the outside using a flat piece of MDF and the tailstock to provide support.

Bruce showed some nice examples of these bowls.

