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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.

A simple method to find the centre of the blank was to mount it in bowl jaws and use the live centre to mark the centre point.

This allowed a screw chuck to be used to mount the blank that was duly trued up and the bowl position marked.

The edges were then turned down, the bowl base shaped and a recess turned for reverse chucking.

When the bowl was reversed the edges were again squared up and turned to thickness using mainly a pull cut and a negative rake scraper. The bowl was now defined using a parting tool and turned to the desired thickness. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that edges of the bowl were flat, using a rule to check them. The bowl was then completed by holding in bowl jaws to tidy up the base.

