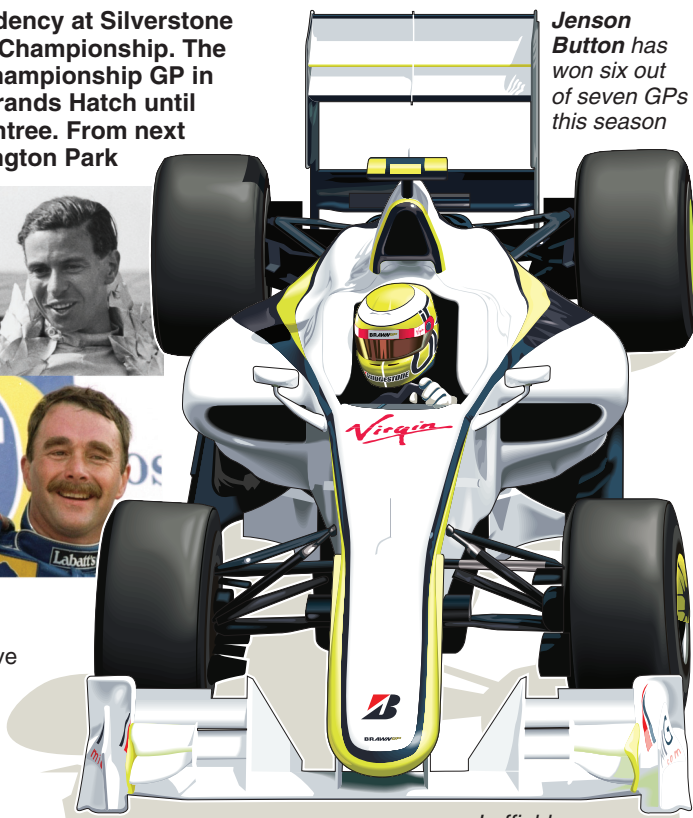# Grand Prix circus bids farewell to Silverstone

The British Grand Prix ends its 22-year residency at Silverstone with a British driver once again leading the Championship. The circuit, which hosted the very first World Championship GP in 1950, alternated between Silverstone and Brands Hatch until 1987, with several early GPs also held at Aintree. From next year the race is scheduled to move to Donington Park

Jenson Button has won six out of seven GPs this season

HOMEGROWN HEROES *British Silverstone winners*

- **Peter Collins** 1958 *(Ferrari)*
- **Jack Brabham** 1960 *(Cooper)*
- **Jim Clark** 1963, 65, 67 *(Lotus)* ▶
- **Jackie Stewart** 1969 *(Matra)*, 1971 *(Tyrell)*
- **James Hunt** 1977 *(McLaren)*
- **John Watson** 1981 *(McLaren)*
- **Nigel Mansell** 1987, 91, 92 *(Williams)* ▶
- **Damon Hill** 1994 *(Williams)*
- **Johnny Herbert** 1995 *(Benetton)*
- **David Coulthard** 1999, 2000 *(McLaren)*
- **Lewis Hamilton** 2008 *(McLaren)*

SILVERSTONE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL

Most wins: Frenchman *Alain Prost* won a record five Grands Prix at Silverstone, in 1983, 85, 89, 90, 93

Most pole positions: Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and Jim Clark (3 each)

CHANGING FACE OF THE CIRCUIT

1950 First F1 race on site of former airfield

1952 Pit lane and starting grid moved

1975 Woodcote chicane to reduce speed at corner

1987 Bridge chicane to reduce speed at Woodcote

1991 Major remodelling includes Becketts, Vale, Priory and Luffield corners

1994 Abbey chicane introduced

2000 Luffield reduced to single corner

1950	4.649km	1987	4.778km
1952	4.710km	1991	5.226km
1975	4.718km	1994	5.057km
		2000	5.141km

Club • Farm Straight • Bridge • Luffield • Woodcote • Vale • Abbey • Priory • Stowe • Copse • Hangar Straight • Becketts • Maggots • Chapel

FASTEST LAPS

1950 Nino Farina *1min 50.6s (151.3km/h average)*

1973 James Hunt *1:18.6 (215.8km/h)*

1985 Alain Prost *1:09.886 (243.07km/h)*

1987 Nigel Mansell *1:09.832 (246.32km/h)*

1993 Damon Hill *1:22.515 (228.00km/h)*

2004 Michael Schumacher *1:18.739 (235.05km/h)*

2008 Kimi Raikkonen *1:32.150 (200.84km/h)*

1950 | 1952 | 1975 | 1987 | 1991 | 1994 | 2000

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