

## Buckingham Society AGM and Talk by Stuart Pringle Managing Director of Silverstone Circuit

The Buckingham Society AGM took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This year, in addition to the usual AGM matters, there were two speakers.



First, Ashley Waite briefed the meeting about the **Buckingham Area Rural Transport (BART)** scheme. This scheme is still in its infancy but is growing fast. The aim, Ashley explained, is to provide a community transport service to Buckingham and the surrounding villages. The 16-seater bus is available for local groups who wish to hire it for trips out and there could also be set routes for some days such as Buckingham Market days. Volunteer

drivers are needed, and anybody interested in volunteering or hiring the bus should call Ashley on 07977 401548 for more details.



The Bernwode Bus is the type of bus that will be used Buckingham Area Rural Transport (BART) scheme



The second speaker was Stuart Pringle, Managing Director of the Silverstone Circuit. Stuart explained the exciting plans and developments that are taking place at Silverstone. These include; the Silverstone Experience, described as “a journey through the past, present and future of Silverstone and British motor racing” which is due to open in the Spring and plans for a second entertainment area to provide fun for all the family as well as a wide variety of other developments around the circuit aimed at

increasing visitor numbers. Stuart also spoke about the Silverstone University Technical Knowledge and the great success they have had in training young people for careers in high performance engineering.

Members of the Society also heard about a new award, to be called the Buckingham Society Conservation Awards, that the Society is to launch in 2019 to recognise efforts made by individuals and organisation to improve the look of our town. This could range from restoring domestic dwellings to new buildings that recognise the difference and unique features of Buckingham.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Tony Mayston, who had done the job for around 15 years.