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German Potterite extraordinaire, **Wolfgang Mletzko**, has just completed *another* Harry Potter UK tour. (We've lost track of the number of times he's Pottered over the years!) Today, he filed a report about **Abbotsbury Swannery**: *Harry Potter Places* Book Three, Site #33.

Although this is a **Skip-It** rated Potter Place, Wolfgang thoroughly enjoyed it.

“The Swannery is worth a visit, and the pretty ‘Merry old England’ style village of Abbotsbury, too! It's a nice day trip from London. Allow some extra time to walk around Abbotsbury or Weymouth.”

While there, Wolfgang spoke with a friendly Swannery staff member who was happy to share some details about the *Half-Blood Prince* footage shot here:

- The October 2007 location filming took place in a huge field of reeds approximately 700 meters west of the Swannery.
- About 150 people and a helicopter were involved, but no principle actors—only doubles.
- The original shoot lasted 3 weeks, with an additional week of filming sometime later.
- All the scenes with principle actors clearly visible in the reeds were shot in the studio.
- To create the studio set, filmmakers harvested a lot of reeds and moved them to Leavesden.

If you've never been to Wolfgang's website, you should check it out!

Below is the address of his **Harry Potter Film Locations** map, which contains links to information about each of the UK Potter Places he's visited.

http://www.bdyg.homepage.t-online.de/Harry_Potter/Film_Locations/film_locations.html

If you don't speak German, go to **Google Translate** first, then paste in the link above.

<http://translate.google.com/>

Thank you, Wolfgang!

And,

HAPPY POTTERING!

Below are two screenshots (extremely enhanced) from *Half-Blood Prince*, showing the set created with reeds harvested from Abbotsbury Swannery. This footage was so dark we had to significantly lighten the screenshots—thus, the odd colors and pixilation.



Obviously, the Weasley house seen in the background was a computer graphics image.

On the next page is the Abbotsbury Swannery film site map that Wolfgang created.

“Shortly before you spot the car park on the left, about 50 meters before you turn right to the ticket office, you’ll see a wooden signpost on the right. This is the public footpath [red line on the map] that leads to the place where I shot the film site photo.”



“I took a picture of the HbP reed-field film site from a dyke on the northern slope. I didn’t attempt to walk there. I don’t like wet and dirty shoes, or being cut by the sharp leaves of this plant!”



Below is a shot of an area of reeds that Wolfgang *did* walk through during his Abbotsbury Swannery visit.



Wolfgang's photo of the beautiful swans that live here.



Wolfgang's photo of lovely Abbotsbury village.

