

## GST stages 20th-century classic

The Garden Suburb Theatre's October show (a couple of weeks earlier than its usual half-term slot) will be a play whose 1958 Broadway production received "the kind of breathless praise that has rarely been given to any play," as one writer put it. You may be surprised by this fulsome response if you do not actually know Friedrich Dürrenmatt's *The Visit* but it surely indicates that the work of this Swiss dramatist deserves to be better known here.

The play concerns the visit to her native town of the multi-millionaire Claire Zachanassian. The town is a run-down dump somewhere in middle Europe whose inhabitants hope that Claire will donate enough money to restore their fortunes. She does indeed offer them a billion marks but she wants something in exchange...

The director, Colin Gregory, says the play is hard to categorise. It could be described as a "comedy about revenge, greed and sacrifice," which might sound improbable but Dürrenmatt himself called it a tragi-comedy. It is about wealth and the dilemma of a community which is offered huge riches at the price of moral bankruptcy. The topic is as relevant today as when it was written in 1956, perhaps even more so now that financial considerations so often appear to take precedence over all others.

*The Visit's* status is a classic of the 20th century stage, conceived on a grand scale with a large cast of both adults and children; take this opportunity to see it.

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**Debbie Lane**



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Suzuki violinist



Eva Tausig, Rachel Brecknow and Elizabeth Ember

## ANNEMOUNT ANNIVERSARY FETE



Jill Murphy, celebrated childrens author and Suburb resident, with fancy dress contestants at the 60th Anniversary Fete at Annemount School

## WORDSEARCH WINNER

Congratulations to Joyce Brandrick of Temple Fortune Hill, winner of the Spring Wordsearch competition. Joyce describes herself as a Suburb person! She arrived on the Suburb as a toddler sixty seven years ago. During her teenage years, she lived in the School Cottage in Child's Way. Her father, a carpenter, worked for a time on the construction of St Jude's Church and then became the School caretaker. She remembers the destruction of nearby Fellowship House by a bomb, whilst she was in the shelter under the present school playground. She and her husband Bill raised their son and daughter on the Suburb and have lived in their current house for forty two years. They met in Queensway through their love of ballroom dancing, and later went on to teach dancing classes in



Finchley. They enjoy life locally, whether spending time at home or walking in the area. Joyce loves tapestry and embroidery, crossword puzzles and quiz games. She also enjoys television (especially Countdown), reading novels, music and amateur dramatics. She was excited to win a competition for the first time. With her £20 Book Token, Joyce will replace her well worn and well loved dictionary and also buy a thesaurus.



## The Visit

I thought that I would take the time  
To sit and write this little rhyme  
About the visit that we made,  
And all the plans so carefully laid.  
On the 28th May,  
We took a coach from Hampstead Way,  
The driver got us there on time  
We didn't even wait in line.  
We met John Marshall in Central Hall,  
A magnificent place that I recall  
There are wonderful statues of Ministers past  
With Attlee and Churchill in large bronze cast.  
To the House of Commons we then went  
About twenty minutes there we spent,  
We walked back through the wooden door  
Where Black Rod knocks, three times, no more,  
Across the hall to the House of Lords,  
Where microphones hang from long black cords,  
Amid the splendour all around,  
Modern technology abounds.  
We listened to the guided tour  
About laws and customs from days of yore.  
Then we all sat down for tea  
And enjoyed John Marshall's repartee.  
An afternoon that was well spent,  
On a visit to the Houses of Parliament.

Barbara Bliss

## WORDSEARCH

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CRICKET PLAYING NATIONS

Find and ring the names of 15 countries where the game of cricket is played. The names are hidden in the box of letters and may read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally.

W A M I N S N L U J E Y R T K  
F E D Z J R W D D N T K B R G  
M P S V Y I F W G A P T X F N  
Y T P T R L F L E H D D G D P  
I B A U I A A E S N Z J N M K  
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X D T H L O Q L E R J X N B A  
A U A G H B P Z F S B Z O M S  
J D N N T E W A I D N I H W S  
P A M F A E Z R G Z T R G U R  
B Y I B N C O C X N V D F P Q  
K C Y H E W B A B M I Z E E O  
X O S R T P T V J U V S J K C

If you are a senior citizen, you may list the answers on a postcard with your name, address and telephone number and post to: 35 Wildwood Road. The first correct entry drawn on the closing date, September 1996, will receive a £20 Book Token. To help you on your way, we have given you the first answer.  
Happy Hunting!  
Elizabeth Watkins

### WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

#### British Naval Vessels

The names of the fifteen vessels hidden in the box were:

Ark Royal	Hood
Beagle	Intrepid
Belfast	Invincible
Challenger	Sheffield
Conqueror	Southampton
Dreadnought	Victory
Endeavour	Warrior
Hermes	

There were a good number of entries but only five correct ones. The names of Eagle and York were included but were not part of the required solution. Elizabeth Watkins

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