



It's March, and the end to this season's record breaking winter weather is finally in sight. Those of you who have just endured your first Colorado winter, please don't start packing those removal boxes just yet – the storms we suffered in late '06 and early '07 will go down in history and aren't typical for the Front Range. Next year will be better, I (almost) promise. But you should also know that even though it's officially the first month of spring and daytime temperatures are pushing 60 degrees, you would be ill-advised to put away your hat and gloves just yet. Around here, nothing is certain until May at the earliest.

I'll stop talking about the weather now, even though I know it's something the British can't seem to get enough of. Let me instead give you the lowdown on the latest from Blighty, as reported by an organization that clearly didn't spend enough time on Google to find out that their acronym is already in use by the Boulder Brits Club.

First, I'm sure you will all be thrilled to hear that Liz Hurley has finally married businessman Arun Nayar. The couple chose to hold two wedding ceremonies; one at Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire and another one this week in the historic city of Jodhpur, India. The couple is reported to have been partying with the Maharajah and having their picture taken by star-struck locals. Is it just me, or does anyone else spot a potential for filling the tabloid gap that the Beckhams will create by moving to LA?

On a more serious note, Tory leader David Cameron has decided to sack one of his front benchers, homeland security spokesman Patrick Mercer, for making a derogatory comment about ethnic minority soldiers. The remark suggested that many of these soldiers use accusations of racism to "cover up their idleness" and led Cameron to the swift decision to have Mercer return to the back benches. Reactions to this kerfuffle have been varied, as would be expected, and more can be found on www.bbc.co.uk.

I am sorry to report that actor John Inman, best known for his role as an effeminate shop assistant in the 1970s television series *Are You Being Served*, has died at the age of 71. Inman, who was born in Preston, Lancashire and made his professional debut at 11 on the South Pier in Blackpool, had been suffering from a long illness. He will be missed by many, in the UK as well as overseas.

Back to Colorado now, and the *real* BBC: Beer and Bhuna at the Taj Mahal in Louisville took place as planned on March 6th, and was a roaring success as always. We got a chance to get to know some new members as well as catch up with the veterans. Thanks to all who attended, and to those of you who couldn't make it: Hope to see you next time! Speaking of which, I urge you to keep an eye on the website for information from André about an upcoming event called the GBH, or the Great British Halloween. I'm sure I mentioned somewhere in this column that the current month is March, so I'm as intrigued as you are and can't wait to find out more about what he is cooking up (or whether he is just very good at planning ahead).

Until next time,
Carolina