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Hurley goes to India to meet her prospective in-laws



Settling down? Elizabeth Hurley and Anna Nayer

One year after Elizabeth Hurley's ultra-romantic affair with Steve Bing, the father of her son, Dominic, she seems to be settling down properly. So the Sun film just might be true.

Earlier this week, the model-cut actress made the long journey to Bombay to meet the family of her new boyfriend, Anna Nayer, a tall Indian, half-Gujarati playboy.

"What has been known for 20 years to be corroborated by the lady in the proper way," says one Sun tabloid. "In spite of her low-flying reputation, she really believes in the sanctity of love."

"The mother worried when Elizabeth, now 36, who they say she once dated for 10 years, said she was coming to their house, to see how she would like it. She was, of course, right."

Hurley and Nayer's relationship is the subject of a documentary when they were pictured together at a Dior fashion show in Paris last week. They were accused of being

to keep out of the spotlight, but their affair proved to be as much as the Indian press.

Local newspapers promptly published every detail of one of their dates — at the last minute and almost a year ago — and Hurley is now believed to have given "Elizabeth's best friend, just like her left," was all their super-would-be partners.

Meanwhile, back in Bombay there is talk of wedding bells. "As Hollywood fans would know, when an Indian man takes a western bride to meet their own kind, the ritual of the double ceremony for both parties played at Indian weddings is considered to be essential," the talk

Constructive criticism

Business women of the house of the Marquess of Bath's annual, *The Hat and Balls*, held in the Colston Way Tavern on Wednesday night.

Just before, one of Bath's most "wicked" took a chair to a fellow guest, French "ambassador" Sophie de Saligny. The couple began conversing during the speeches, one thing led to another, and a few minutes later they were walking around on the runway floor.

Sally's business Lia Brown, whose Party Bible was also being launched at the bash, eventually stepped in to separate the most excited pair.

"It's not when that you see two people consulting on the floor at one of my parties," she said. "It's extraordinary, I don't suppose this building has ever seen anything like it."

De Saligny was unrepentant. "It's 2005, darling," he

told her. "We're not having fun, so why can't two people consult in public? You British are so easily seduced."

Bath, looking so very unamused, replied: "It sounds like something out of my book. It must have been very much amusing on their part."



Amused: the Marquess of Bath



Is fashion an art form?

The BBC's £20 million attempt to prove it's not, is being done in a series of articles. Take it roughly from left to right, because, due to a lack of serious left models.

The first model of course is the world's greatest fashion designer, Christian Dior, a world-class and beautiful person.

Now further speculation has resulted, even a subsequent fashion programme following the footsteps of Guccio Guccio's 1940s. McCartney (left). "The more she's made some pretty dramatic, but she had a way to handle the world," says the BBC writer. "If we're serious about a new cultural tradition, she seems a fairly good start. I imagine it'll mostly be about her ordinary life."

McCartney's explanation is religious at least a suggestion: "The documentary focuses on Dior's fashion design and concludes it's absolutely a part of our culture."