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So Many? By Phi

Most clues are normal. Seven clues give the wordplay for one word and the definition of another, the two words differing in a consistent way – the shorter word, however clued, is the entry, and is given by the answer length in brackets. Three clues have a misprint in the definition – the correct letters in presented order spell out the word involved in the above difference. Solvers should observe that the answers to these three clues can be extended in the same way as the other seven.

Solvers should submit a new clue to any of the three words clued with misprints, but instead in the style of the seven other special clues. That

gives six options, as each of the three words can be clued with either the entry as definition and the longer version as wordplay, or vice versa. The deadline is 31 January, 2013.

ACROSS

- 1 Assured Shakespearean resolute in capturing Henry (6)
- 5 Express, half abandoned, recalled British Rail (6)
- 9 Totally beguiled, recording increase (6)
- 10 Girl's husband, occupying a bunk, turned over (5)
- 12 Corrupt and secretive around Zanzibar (6)
- 13 Stop army officer becoming drunk (5)
- 14 Sprain for some is twisting left ankle, ultimately (4)
- 15 Explosion of anger in the trial (7)
- 16 A copper almost completely grabbing it, in effect (6)
- 19 Circles golfer chasing some golf (8)
- 21 John departs aboard historic fleet under artificial light (8)
- 28 Swimmer - this writer's run one out of the sea (6)
- 29 Punishing Charles in gaol, initially (7)
- 30 Name for damp part of Asian nation (4)
- 31 Group of mates I encountered in misfortune (5)
- 32 Capital city in South Africa, beside hill there, on reflection (6)
- 33 Mixed up old and new, investing energy (5)
- 34 Crowd and company returned as a smallish group (6)
- 35 Monstrance, unusually large, unusually rosy (6)
- 36 Skull tissue to intrigue when injected into organic compound (6)

DOWN

- 1 Non-standard silk - what's behind importing it? (6)
- 2 Misery about contemporary gallery following twisted course (7)
- 3 Snake-symbol's energy absorbed by ancient god (name forgotten) (6)
- 4 Stomachs final character appearing in G&S (8)
- 5 Detective brought up a French prisoner (6)
- 6 Warmed Scots soldiers in Slough (6)

- 7 Loose rocks surrounding it - limestones? (7)
- 8 A great many corralling Northern oxen (5)
- 11 Resounded no longer? Not right, just not at first (4)
- 17 Pre-Union Scots soldier last to leave country that's not working (8)
- 18 Grasses with Scottish rock on bottom (7)
- 20 Energy from Western state entirely used up for plainsman (7)
- 22 Gold and lust, say, leading to love, according to Shakespearean hero (6)
- 23 Line containing negative comment about verse's last words (6)
- 24 Unnecessarily mention cloth clutched in upraised fist (6, 2 words)
- 25 Collar coated in rubber? Inexcusable (6)
- 26 Fool's a brief time attending school (5)
- 27 Those familiar to Macbeth not initially escaping his title (4)

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Some of you will observe this year's puzzle to be slightly displaced, while others will, I'm sure, tell me of elements in the grid that should not be there (and which I spotted rather late in the process). It should, I hope, still be entertaining, and it does bring a different clue type, as promised last year. As a final nod to last year's puzzle, and just to confirm that there was a film released in 2012:

<http://cloudatlas.warnerbros.com/index.php#>

The UK (and NZ) should be getting it reasonably early in 2013.

As many of you will know I now have a website, and the first things I put up there were the Apex puzzles from previous years. So if you want to relive past glories head off to:

www.phionline.net.nz

Do get the domain and country elements correct (I will not be held responsible for your being introduced to US fraternities, Progress Hydraulics, public health information, Latin texts or anything else phionline points at). When you get to the site, you'll also find a range of other Phi puzzles, mainly very early things at the moment. I am planning to put up a hitherto unpublished puzzle just before Christmas, if I can find time to redraft a few clues.

As always, we will be supporting Moorfields Eye Hospital in Eric's memory. Postal recipients will find a Moorfields Donation Form in with the puzzle; email recipients are encouraged to visit:

<http://www.moorfields.nhs.uk/Getinvolved/MoorfieldsEyeCharity/Howyoucanhelp/Makeadonation>

where there are ways to donate online (though you can also just print off the form for your own postal use). Donating directly means you can use Gift Aid to increase the amount the hospital receives. If people are content to let me know how much they donate (and it's perfectly understandable if you don't want to) then I can estimate the amount raised and report back with the total at the time.

Yes, that is a second email address below, generated so that I can buy books for my Kindle. (Kiwis can't buy Kindle books from amazon.co.uk, and I have no idea why Amazon.com thinks the .nz address is UK-based.) I am increasingly using both, and there has been no major confusion yet.

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