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Unique and numismatically important

At first this coin appears to be a 'standard' Cranborne Chase silver stater, however look more closely, it clearly bears an inscription. This unique silver stater has caused much excitement amongst scholars, not least because like unique coins discovered in the past, we cannot be sure what the neatly inscribed obverse inscription, aligned with its formulaic wreath, actually reads, the full design could in principle have had another letter at either end. The first A is only partially present, and it appears to be without a bar. The second letter is ambiguous, it looks like a long cursive S, with its top loop exaggerated to match adjacent A and V. This cursive S is similar to Sego's scribe (see ABC 459) who wrote his letter S

in two strokes, one above, one below. Or, instead, it could be that a letter C was in fact intended, and the engraver left an underlying mistake uncorrected. Either way, it cannot be a G, which was never written with this sort of long, straight, descending tail. If it is a C, and if, but only if the name is complete, it could read, Acu- meaning 'rapid, fast' and is a perfectly plausible first element. The R is indisputable and the second letter A, whose apex touches the linear cloak element of the design, might represent a monogram AT. Until more examples come to light we cannot interpret it and can only speculate. See Lot 9.



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Coins of GAUL

First we've had



1. Périgueux Flamboyant. Petrocorii or Nitiobroges? c.2nd cent. BC. Silver drachm. 13mm. 1.71g. Head left with elliptical eye, large open crescents for hair./ Cruciform motif, axes and pelleted-rings in angles. Savès 220-222, BN 3525-28, BMC 81. *Good VF, great head, both axes visible. Ex John Meredith collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2012).* **VERY RARE** the only one we've had. **Est. £500 £400**

CGF attribute this type to the Petrocorii 'the four armies' and they're probably right to do so. Strabo – his name means 'squint-eyed' – indicates that the Petrocorii were very good metal-workers (*Geog.* IV, 2, 2). Caesar says Vercingetorix asked them to supply 5,000 troops for his rebellion (*BG* VIII, 75). Depeyrot records only 18 examples of this very rare type, most of them in museums.



2. Animals Confronted. Meldi. c.60-50 BC. Cast potin unit. 20mm. 6.33g. Bird to right, holding a ?fish in its talons, ringed-pellets around, beaded border./ Two animals facing head-to-tail, ringed-pellets around, beaded border. LT 7602, DT 213A, Sch/GB 673. *EF, glossy dark patina, beautiful beasts. Ex Anthony Levine collection. First we've had.* **EXTREMELY RARE** less than five others recorded in France. **Est. £450 £360**

The Meldi (modern Meaux) lived between the Seine and the Marne, northern France. Caesar had sixty ships built by the Meldes in 55 BC for the expedition to Brittany (*BG* V, 5).

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Very rare war-coin of 'The Heroes' (Nervii)



3. Crossed Lines with Lyre. Sills Bb1, workshop 2, class 1c, dies 10/10, fig. 49c and pl. 11.354 (**same dies**). Scheers class IIa. Nervii. c.115-100 BC. Gold stater. 19mm. 7.54g. Branch-like motif of thick diagonal lines stemming from single central vertical line, superimposed on seemingly random pattern of thinner lines./ Globular horse galloping left, a bird-like rider is perched on the horse's rump holding a long lance; behind him is a nine-pellet solar rosette; below the horse a lyre lies horizontally to the left; another longer line extends diagonally from under the horse. cf. ABC 10, LT 8694, Scheers/GB fig. 95-97, VA 33, S 4. *Good VF, chunky piece of golden gold, crossed lines clear, bold horse and lyre. **VERY RARE** type, only 22 others recorded, **EXCESSIVELY RARE** this pair of dies, only two others recorded.* **Est. £2500 £2000**

This simple design stuck to essentials for an emergency issue of good gold staters late in the second century BC. Home territories in Belgica were threatened by raiders from the North, and expensive reinforcements were needed - especially, it seems, from Britain, where the stater denomination is more often found than it is on the Continent (see John Sills, *Chris Rudd List* 53 pp.2-3 and *GGC* pp.165ff). The obverse may reference a custom of casting divination sticks before going to war, but also suggests a propitious, evergreen World Tree. On the reverse, a lyre identifies the issuing authority - probably Nervii, one of the three most powerful Belgic peoples. The solar horse speeds left towards dawn with a night-darkened sun-disk behind, and this engraver cleverly depicts its crouching rider/driver as a reversible, rotating figure with bird-like heads at both ends. One drives forward, the other pecks the horse's rump. This - more mare than stallion - may also stand for homelands themselves. An umbilical shaft connects its fertile belly to the Earth, while its muzzle trails a tendril: breath, life, and perhaps a restraining rope from which it has pulled free.



4. Uniface Tree. Sills Gallo-Belgic D, class 3. Morini. c.56-55 BC. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.46g. Plain obverse./ Tree-like object with bar and small crescent either side, bent line, crescent and heart-shape below. ABC 43, LT 8722, VA 69-3, DK 28, S 10. *Near EF, neat round flan of rich golden gold, terrific tree, full heart and crescent. Ex Michael Reid Hunter collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1996). Found Eastbourne, East Sussex, 1995.* **Est. £550 £440**

Oak trees were sacred to the Druids, who reportedly gathered mistletoe by moonlight (Pliny, *Natural History* 16.95). See the crescent moons either side of the tree?

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Coins of the **CANTIACI** of Kent



5. Nipples. Box-Bull. Holman G2/6-1a. c.60-45 BC. Cast potin unit. 13-16mm. 1.34g. Outline head right, eye ring and central nipple./ Outline bull with vertical legs, crescent above. ABC—, VA—, BMC 721, S—. CCI 08.9010 (**this coin**). *Near EF, pewter grey tone, lovely sharp example with prominent nipples. Ex Myra & Peter Woods Ancient Coin Collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2008).* **SCARCE** Est. £250 **£200**



6. Dubnovellaunos Pentagram. Sills class 4, rev. die 4. c.25 BC-AD 5. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.34g. Plain with slight banding./ Horse leaping right, pellet below head, ringed-pellet and three pellets above, pentagram below, beaded border. ABC 309, VA 163, BMC 2473-74, DK 80, S 170. CCI 96.3450 (**this coin**). *Good VF, smooth surfaces, struck in beautiful rose gold, well centred horse, full pentagram. Ex Michael Reid Hunter collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1995). Found possibly Stoke hoard, Kent, c.1993-96? VERY RARE type, 17 others this reverse die.* Est. £1000 **£800**

For Pythagoras, and maybe the Druids too, the pentagram was a sacred symbol of the mind-body harmony. It occasionally occurs on early Roman Republican denarii and more frequently on Gaulish types. Published in *DK* p.58 and p.97 (**this coin**) and *CHLAB* p.244-245, no.113 (**this coin**).

Coins of the **REGINI** of West Sussex

Unpublished in all major reference works



7. Yarmouth Quarter. c.55-45 BC. Gold quarter stater. 11mm. 1.36g. Stylised bearded head right with spiky eyebrow, wiggly haircurls, ten-pellet beard and radial lines for neck./ Cruciform 'thunderbolt' motif of two opposed 'fishes', 'shuttlecocks' and thin linear crescents. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, DK—, S—. CCI 97.0807 (**this coin**). *Good VF, neat round flan, intriguing design. Found near Chichester, West Sussex, 1996. VERY RARE only 19 recorded. Previously unpublished in all major reference works.* Est. £2000 **£1600**

This is the long-lost quarter stater that was almost certainly issued to accompany the full Yarmouth stater, ABC 518, and the Chichester Chariot Wheel silver unit, ABC 701, both of which have three radial lines, as does the Yarmouth quarter. For more information about this elusive and enigmatic type see *CR Auction* 183, Lot 7.



8. Sussex Lyre. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.43g. Diademed goddess-head right, elliptical eye, large curls for hair./ Globular horse right, wheel with hub above, lyre leaning to left below. ABC 647, VA–, BMC–, S–. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, bold horse, clear lyre. Ex The Royal Berkshire Collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1997). Found near Chichester, West Sussex, 1995. RARE* **Est. £550 £440**

The head is probably that of Trisantona ('great wanderer' or 'strong floodier'), the Reginian tribal goddess who gave her name to the river Arundel (see *CR Auction* 186, Lot 9, and Chris Rudd, Trisantona and her Celtic gold hoards, *Coin News*, January 2023, p.43).

Coins of the Isle of Wight

New type, unpublished and previously unrecorded



9. Asura or Acura? c.AD 10-40. Silver stater. 17-20mm. 4.78g. Durotrigan inspired wreath motif, ASV RA either side of central spike./ Disjointed horse left, large pellets above, 'coffee bean' behind, large pellet and tiny pellets below. New type, unpublished and previously unrecorded. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, S–. CCI 19.4004 (**this coin**), PAS: IOW-45CA1A (**this coin**). *VF, lightly toned, clear inscription. A numismatically important piece. Found Newchurch, Isle of Wight, 18 May 2016. Est. £1500 £1200*

The Vectuarii were maritime people of the Solent who occupied what is now the Isle of Wight (Latin Vectis 'lever') and whose name is recorded solely by Bede (c.673-735). They apparently had close commercial contacts with the Durotriges, the Hampshire Belgae and with northern Gaul. Dr John Talbot says: "It is the only example that I am aware of. The pellets on the reverse below the horse suggest that it is from the Isle of Wight. This seems to link it to the 'crab' inscriptions." (pers.comm. 25.5.26).



10. Cranborne Chase. Pellet Triad Type. c. 45-30 BC. Base silver stater. 16-18mm. 4.83g. Wreath motif, pellet between crescent 'eyes' ./ Triple-tailed horse left, large pellets and one small pellet above, 'coffee bean' behind, large pellet below with pellet triad either side. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, S–. *Good VF,*

*sharp wreath, bold pellet triads. Ex Geoff Cottam collection. **SCARCE** much rarer than the usual Cranborne Chase type.*

Est. £850 £700

Dr John Talbot says: "... I believe strongly that both of these coins are Isle of Wight types. The two sets of triple pellets below the horse appear to be diagnostic for many Isle of Wight issues." (pers.comm. 4.8.26). Three was a magic number and pellet triads are a very common occurrence on Celtic coins, cf. ABC 162, 632, 836, 1196, 1292, 1298, 1399, 1417, 1579, 1582, 1588, 1606, 1639, 1687 and 1971-1995. Like the previous lot, we are attributing this unusual type to an authority on the Isle of Wight.

Coins of the **BELGAE** of Hampshire

Excessively rare – only three others recorded



11. Winchester Leaf Wreath. Sills Western British Qc Derivatives. c.60-50 BC. Gold quarter stater. 8mm. 1.03g. Four central leaves on crossed wreaths, ornaments in angles./ Horse right, ladder mane, floral sun above, annulet and pellets below. ABC 824, VA–, BMC–, DK 286, S–. *Good VF, neat chunky flan of bronzy gold, centrally struck wreath. Found Winchester, Hampshire, approx. 15 years ago.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only three others recorded. **Est. £1500 £1200**

All known examples are from the same pair of dies but this example shows more of the horse than the others, which tend to be quite off struck. The central motif is either a four-petalled flower or four leaves. An excessively rare silver half unit (ABC 968) also has four broad leaves on the obverse, as does the corresponding silver minim (ABC 986).

Coins of the **SOUTHERN REGION** later dynastic



12. Tincomarus Tincom Commi. Sills class 3. c.25 BC-AD 10. Gold quarter stater. 9mm. 1.19g. [TI]NCOM [CO]MM[I] between two beaded parallel lines./ Maned horse left, wheel above, ?dolphin below. ABC 1073, VA 365, BMC 798-810, DK 340, S 74. *VF/EF, neat flan of rose gold, super sharp horse. Ex JC collection.* **RARE** 38 recorded including 17 (almost half) in museums. **Est. £750 £600**

Derived from silver units of Commios (ABC 1034-40) where it seems to be a serpentine entity, the creature under the horse looks more like the head and neck of a duck. Or is it a dolphin? (cf. the reverse of ABC 1127, a visual pun on the ruler's fishy name). Or is it equine? Whatever this shape-shifting pictograph means, it occurs on other British coins of Belgic ancestry. Dr Daphne Nash Briggs believes "that it may represent an ancestral, otherworldly entity in Commios' Atrebatian line" (pers.comm. 23.8.2023).



13. Verica Little Horse Rearing. Sills class 2c, Rearing Horse, VI, No Pellets, dies 7/11. c.AD 10-40. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.18g. COMI in incuse tablet, ringed-pellet above and below, beaded border./ Roman-style horse rearing right, VI above, exergual line below. ABC–, VA–, BMC 1191, 1200, 1202-05, DK 372, S 124. CCI 10.2093 (**this coin**). *Good VF, rose gold, sharp inscription, bold horse. Ex Winchester collection.* **SCARCE** **Est. £850 £700**

Class 2 quarters have a very similar obverse to Verica's class 3 staters (ABC 1184) and show the horse springing from the exergual line. VI is short for Verica. Published in *DK* p.395 and 409 (**this coin**).

Near extremely fine, magnificent wine cups



14. Verica Cornucopiae Victory. c.AD 10-40. Silver unit. 10-12mm. 1.28g. Thyrsus between two cornucopiae, two-handled wine cup below, [COM] MIF around./ Long-robed figure seated right with left hand raised, VER[I] CA around. ABC 1241, VA 531, BMC 1393-419, S 134. *Near EF, lightly toned silver, sharp figure. Ex Winchester collection.* **SCARCE** **Est. £600 £480**



15. Epaticcus Interlocking Squares. c.AD 20-40. Silver minim. 9mm. 0.26g. TA in two interlocking squares, beaded border./ Pegasus right, E below on exergual line, P in front, A above. ABC 1367, VA 560, BMC 2351-57, S 361. CCI 97.1647 (**this coin**). *Good VF, sharp squares, toned silver, full legend. Ex The Royal Berkshire Collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2002).* **VERY RARE** **Est. £400 £320**

Coins of the **ATREBATES** of north Hampshire

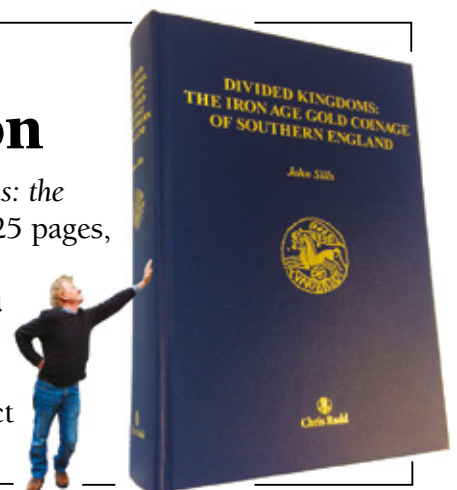


16. Caratacus Eagle. c.AD 40-43. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.28g. Bust right, wearing lionskin headdress, CARA in front, beaded border./ Eagle facing, snake in claws, ringed-pellet above, beaded border. ABC 1376, VA 593, BMC 2376-84, S 364. *Good VF, good silver, clear CARA, majestic eagle. Found Andover, Hampshire, 8 October 2023.* **SCARCE** **Est. £1200 £1000**

Caratacus is the best known son of Cunobelinus. He apparently ruled briefly in Berkshire and Oxfordshire and, with his uncle Epaticcus, probably prompted King Verica's flight to Claudius. For eight years Caratacus fought the Roman rape of Britain, until he was betrayed in AD 51 by Cartimandua 'Strong Pony', queen of the Brigantes. The *-tacus* element of Caratacus, like the *-tagus* of Prasutagus (Tacitus *Annals* 14.31), may be cognate with the Greek *tagos* 'chief' (X.Delamarre, 2003, p.431); if so, then Caratacus may mean 'Beloved Chief'.

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Coins of the ICENI of northern East Anglia



17. Bury Helmet. Wing Type. Talbot Bury C, Sub-Type 1, dies A/3. c.55-50 BC. Silver unit. 15mm. 1.39g. Female head right wearing elaborate helmet./ Horse prancing left, ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet and two small rings below, spiral exergual line, pellet below. ABC—, VA—, BMC 3528, COI 3b, S—. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, well ornamented. Ex Vindos collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1997). Found Norfolk, early November 1996.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only 14 others this pair of dies recorded. **Est. £550 £440**



18. Toney Curly Top. Kite. Talbot Saham Toney Unit. c.AD 1-10. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.01g. Curly-haired, bearded head right with small pointed nose and hook ear./ Curvy horse right with beaded mane, pellet below tail, ringed-pellet below, kite shape above. ABC 1552, VA—, BMC 3555, COI 68b, S—. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, full bodied horse. Ex Geoff Cottam collection.* **VERY RARE** only 23 others recorded. **Est. £850 £700**

As we observed sixteen years ago, the Toney Curly Top head was directly copied from a coin of Tasciovanos (ABC 2610), as were the pellet triads in front of it (Did Cunobelin control the Iceni?, *Chris Rudd List 102*, November 2008, p.2-6). Dr John Talbot thinks the same engraver was responsible for both coins (*Made for Trade*, p.101).



ABC 2610



19. Crescent Corn Ears. Talbot EPH (B) Unit. c.AD 10-20. Silver unit. 13mm. 0.94g. Back-to-back crescents, ring above and below in centre of corn ear wreath motif, pellet triads in angles./ Curvy horse left, pellets on chest, six-spoke wheel and open crescent above, ring below. ABC 1591, VA 675, BMC 3767-74, COI 76, S 435. *Good VF, toned silver, bold crescents. Ex Geoff Cottam collection. Found near Sea Palling, Norfolk.* **Est. £450 £360**

This is the silver unit that accompanies the gold stater ABC 1453, the quarter stater ABC 1486 and the silver half unit ABC 1606.



20. Anted D-Bar. Talbot Anted Unit, Die-group 3, dies N/29. c.AD 25-35. Silver unit with a golden hue. 12-14mm. 1.20g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse right, corn ear mane, solar daisy above, reversed-S below head, ANTD and pellet triad below. ABC 1645, VA 711, 715, BMC 3800-4025, COI 86b, S 441. *Good VF, lovely golden hue, sharp crescents, full ANTD.* Ex David Lewis collection. **Est. £250 £200**

Dr John Talbot, author of *Made for Trade*, says: "The Anted was a lovely example from dies N:29. I have seen them golden in colour before... I think it occurs with coins with a high copper content. Almost all of the Anted units that I got measured had small amounts of gold in them but never over 1% and I suspect that this coin is the same." (pers.comm. 20.5.24).

Coins of the **CORIELTAUVI** of the East Midlands



21. North East Coast. Sun Type. Sills Mint B, fig. 12. c.60-50 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 6.05g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards./ Lunate horse left, 'charioteers' arms and pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind, pelletal sun below. ABC 1731, VA 805-9, BMC 201-02, S 29. *Good VF, big flan of golden gold, bold wreath, sharp horse, full pelletal sun.* Ex JC collection. Found Cambridgeshire.

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Est. £1200 £1000

See Dr John Sills fascinating article Early Corieltavian Gold, *Celtic Coin Articles from the Chris Rudd Catalogues*, p.340-342.



22. S-Type Proto Boar. Rich Type 2. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 14-16mm. 1.28g. Speared boar right, pelletal sun above, spiral in front, S-shape below, beaded border./ Horse left with S-shape mane and braided tail, beaded ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1779, VA—, BMC 3201, S—. *Good VF, silvery silver, both animals well centred.* Ex Brian Wright collection. **VERY RARE** only 23 others recorded. **Est. £500 £400**

Coins of the DOBUNNI of the West Midlands

**Excessively rare – only four others
this pair of dies recorded**



23. Boduoc. Eight Spoke. Dies 3/5. c.15 BC-AD 5. Gold stater. 16-18mm. 5.03g. BO[DVOC] on plain field./ Triple-tailed horse right, ringed-pellets and crescent above forming hidden sad face, tiny x's around, eight-spoked wheel below. ABC 2039, VA 1052, BMC 313-42, COD 9b, S 388. CCI 23.0538 (**this coin**). VF/Good VF, lovely rose gold, smooth surfaces, bold horse, full wheel. Ex JC collection. Found near Monmouth, Wales. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only four other examples this pair of dies recorded. **Est. £1500 £1200**

Peter Healy, author of *Coins of the Dobunni* says: "There are three other examples: 66.0027 5.53g, 73.0054 5.42g, 20.0244 5.4g... There is one other die 3 from a worn die or poorly struck - 16.0343/WAW-F96044... This is a 6 letter die which appears to have been used early in Boduoc stater production... If the state of this coin is due to die wear rather than misstruck, it raises some interesting questions. The lettering of Boduoc staters is usually crisp. For the die to be worn down to this extent a lot of coins must have been produced suggesting there are a lot yet to be found or the gold was recycled." (pers.comm. 28.8.25).



24. Cotswold Eagle C/D. Big Head, Petals Up. c.10 BC-AD 0. Silver unit. 11-13mm. 1.13g. Head right, pellet triads hairline, ringed-pellet eye, boss and cross on chin./ Horse left, eagle above, ringed pellet in front, flower below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COD 11e, S-. Near EF, lightly toned silver, exceptionally sharp strike, well ornamented. Ex JC collection. Found Wiltshire. **VERY RARE** only 20 others recorded. **Est. £400 £320**

Coins of the Dobunni by Peter Healy is a comprehensive catalogue of the Celtic coins of the West Midlands c.45 BC-AD 45, many previously unpublished. All dated and described in detail, with ABC references and a guide to rarity. Greatly enlarged images make identification easy. Foreword and extra pages by Chris Rudd, edited by Elizabeth Cottam and Daphne Nash Briggs. 101 types, sub-types and variants; nearly four times as many as in *Ancient British Coins*. 21x15cm, card covers, 86 pages, 250 enlarged coin photos plus colour illustrations and maps.

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Coins of the **DUROTRIGES** of Wessex

Ex Shapwick hoard, Dorset, c.1983



25. Badbury Starfish. DQS Starfish Quarters, class 2, Die-group 5.1, dies O6/R11. c.40-20 BC. Silver quarter stater. 12mm. 0.88g. Five-arm starfish motif with central pellet and curve of pellets between each arm and ringed-pellet at end./ Horizontal thunderbolt with line of pellets between two eight-rayed lightning flashes, ringed-pellets around. ABC 2220, VA 1270, BMC 2780-81, S 369. CCI 84.0307 (**this coin**). *Good VF, lightly toned silver, sharp starfish, lovely lightning flashes. Found Shapwick hoard, Dorset, c.1983. RARE 33 this pair of dies.* **Est. £650 £500**

Published in Dr David Robinson's book *Durotrigan Quarter Staters*, p.226 (**this coin**) but recorded as 0.83g. The book contains die identifications, rarities and findspots (where known) of this large series, plus maps and tables. Information about the hoard published *CHIAB*, p.112-119, no.464 (**this coin**).

Coins of the **EASTERN** North Thames region

**Excessively rare – only two others
this pair of dies recorded**



26. Floret Trophy. Sills British Le2, Floret, dies 1/5. c.50-40 BC. Gold quarter stater. 11mm. 1.37g. Small four-petal flower in centre of plain field./ Highly-stylised Roman trophy with oval ring and S-shape above, ringed-pellets around. ABC 2246, VA 146, BMC 436, DK 450, S-. CCI 96.1667 (**this coin**). *VF, neat flan of rose gold, well ornamented. Ex Michael Reid Hunter collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1996). Found Silver End, Essex, early January 1996 by Joseph Fay author of Theory of a Legend (see p.14).* **EXCESSIVELY RARE only two others this pair of dies recorded.** **Est. £1000 £800**

Published in *DK* p.460, no.17 and p.476 (**this coin**).

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Coins of the **TRINOVANTES** of Essex

**Excessively rare – only one other
this pair of dies recorded**



27. Heybridge Triangle. Sills British Lc2, class 2a, dies 2/3A. c.50-40 BC. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.29g. Wreath between two corded lines, stylised locks of hair above./ Double-tailed horse right, single line dewlap and beaded mane, 'coffee-bean' in front, ringed-pellet and short dashes below, beaded border. ABC 2359, VA–, BMC–, DK 433, S–, *BNJ* 1992, no.170. *Good VF, gorgeous golden gold, well centred. Found Belchamp Walter, near Sudbury, Suffolk, 5 April 2026.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only one other this pair of dies recorded. **Est. £2000 £1600**

John Sills says the "Triangle type is distinguished by a coffee bean motif in front of and behind the horse and a pellet triangle above the tail...It is the first quarter that can be associated beyond doubt with the stater series [eastern Whaddon Chase, e.g. ABC 2341]" (*DK*, p.441).

Coins of the **CATUVELLAUNI** of Hertfordshire

**Excessively rare – only four others
this pair of dies recorded**



28. Addeddomaros Floral Spiral. Sills class 1b, Shell Whorl, dies 2/8. c.45-25 BC. Gold stater. 18-20mm. 5.54g. Two solid opposed crescents, chevron either side./ Globular horse right, spiral sun above, 8-shape double ringed-pellet behind and in front, branch and ringed-pellet below, [AÐÐEDOMAROS] around. ABC 2511, VA 1635, BMC 2405-11, DK 484, S 202. *Good VF, huge flan of rose gold, beautiful branch and clear floral spiral. Ex JC collection.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only four others this pair of dies recorded. **Est. £2000 £1600**

Like Commios in the South Thames, Addeddomaros usually managed to get only part of his name on to his staters. This coin is lavishly decorated with fascinating symbols and the huge flan ensures that they are well displayed. Two points worth noting. The double volute behind of the horse occurs on a number of different Celtic coins, including the Weald Net gold Cantian stater (ABC 177) and a silver coin of the Boii (LT 9962).



ABC 177



29. Tasciovanos Tascio Ricon. Sills class 7b. c.25 BC-AD 10. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.45g. TASCIO RICON in two panels on vertical wreath./ Cavalryman charging left, wearing chain-mail armour, holding dagger and shield, beaded ringed-pellet below. ABC 2580, VA 1780-5, BMC 1629-33, DK 515, S 219. *Good VF, rich golden gold, boldly branded, well displayed cavalryman. Found Flore, Northants, 1989. RARE* **Est. £1500 £1200**

Rigon, spelt here as *ricon*, seems to be a contraction of a longer word and may mean 'supreme king' as suggested by Rainer Kretz. This coin shows the cavalryman charging into battle, clad in a short tunic of chain-mail armour and wearing a wide-brimmed iron helmet. The supreme athleticism of the warrior is apparent, he's looking back in his saddle as he wields a sword and carries a large elliptical shield and is riding with no hands on the reins. This must surely be one of the most evocative and realistic military images ever seen on an Ancient British coin.

Ex Berkhamsted hoard, 1993-94



30. Andoco Phallic Bucranium. Sills class 1, dies 1/1. c.20-1 BC. Gold stater. 15-18mm. 5.44g. Crossed wreath motif with back-to-back crescents and four ringed-pellets in centre concealing stylised hidden faces./ Full-bodied horse galloping right, with pin-cushion mane, phallic bucranium and anemone above, O in front, top of AND below. ABC 2715, VA 1860, BMC 2012-14, DK 513, S 262. CCI 94.0731 (**this coin**). *Good VF, large flan of rose gold, beautiful bucranium and anemone. Ex Martin Bridgewater collection, bt Chris Rudd (1994), ex Josef Brewi collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1995). Ex Berkhamsted hoard, near Watford, Herts., 1993. EXTREMELY RARE only 13 others this pair of dies recorded.* **Est. £3500 £2800**

Addedomarus, perhaps a younger brother of Cassivellaunos, could well have sired both Tasciovanos and Andoco. If this was the case, we guess that Andoco was the junior. The obverse design echoes Tasciovanos and although Andoco's design is in his own name, it clearly acknowledges his brother. "Andoco staters are all struck from a single obverse die, which copies the class 6 Rotated Cross obverse in virtually every detail [Tasciovanos Warrior ABC 2562, DK 509-10]." DK, p.559. Over 20 years ago Rainer Kretz produced this illuminating die reconstruction of Andoco's stater which we reproduce here so that you can see for yourself just how many stylised faces are cleverly concealed in the complex wreath motif, copied from a Tasciovanos stater (see Lot 29). (The Problem of Andoco., *Num. Circ.*, October 2002, p.267-271). Dr John Sills says there is "a flower springing from the face" of the horse (DK, p.559). Is this 'flower' related to the two grainlike pellets in front of the horse and the irregular line under AND? If so, it is one long vegetal motif? Or is it a serpent or dragon being trampled by the horse's hooves? Published in DK, p.580 and 605 (**this coin**), *CHIAB*, p.211, no..99 (**this coin**).





31. Rues Concave Squares. c.AD 1-10. Bronze fractional unit. 11mm. 1.03g. Two concave sided squares around central ring, solid line border./ Eagle facing right, RVII behind, solid line border. ABC 2763, VA 1903, BMC 1756-58, S 274. *Near EF, dark-green patina, sharp squares, exquisite eagle. Ex Geoff Cottam collection. Found Letchworth, Herts. **VERY RARE** Est. £500 **£400***
The obverse and reverse are reminiscent of the Eppillus Rex silver unit, ABC 1160. A similar concave-sided square occurs on a Danebury minim, ABC 1046.

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32. Cunobelinus Classic A. Twin Tendrils Type. Sills class 7a, dies 67/118. c.AD 8-41. Gold stater. 15-17mm. 5.42g. Ear of barley with central stalk, elaborate scrolls at base, CA to left, M[V] to right./ Stallion rearing right, branch above, CVNO below on exergual line, beaded border. ABC 2798, VA–, BMC 1830-31, DK 565, S 288. CCI 18.0901 (**this coin**). *VF/Good EF, rich rose gold, stunning stallion, full CVNO. Ex Neil Bundle collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2022). Found Rib Valley, Herts. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only two others this pair of dies. Est. £2000 **£1600***

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33. Cunobelinus Plastic. Berries Type. Sills class 6, dies 40/55. c.AD 8-41. Gold quarter stater. 11mm. 1.31g. Ear of corn without central stalk, [C]A to left, MV to right, two pellets below./ Naturalistic horse right, branch and 'berries' above, CVN[O] below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 1847, DK 586, S-. CCI 06.0265 (**this coin**). *VF/Good VF, rose gold, pretty horse boldly struck with clear 'berries'. Found Warwick, early 1990s.* **Est. £750 £600**

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Tasciovanos Tascio Ricon, see Lot 29.

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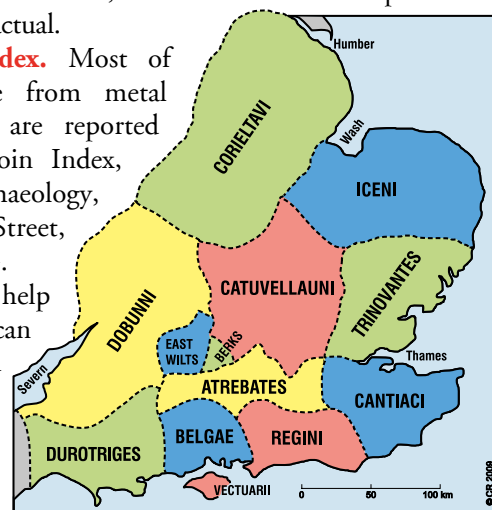
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