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## TRANSYLVANIA

Northwest and central Romania.

**1. Herakles Wild Head.** (Early Type). c.2nd/1st cent. BC. AR scyphate tetradrachm. 30mm. 10.99g. Wildly stylised head r./ Full-bodied horse r, stylised linear rider, hobble below. LT 9605, BMC S 63, Göbl OTA 252/2, Kostial 566. *Gd VF, almost as struck, remarkable rider and horse. Better silver than usual. Ex Tony Warner coll, ex Dr Miklos Hoka coll.* **£250**

## OLTENIA

Region of southern Romania.

**2. Chinless.** *Kinnloser Typ.* c.2nd cent. BC. AR tetradrachm. 24mm. 14.49g. Chinless head r./ Full bodied horse r, with 'duck-beak' head, naked rider with 'pelican' jaw, hobble below. LT 9618, BMC 47-54, Göbl OTA 244/6ff, Kostial 554-563. *Gd VF, better than usual obverse die, chunky flan of bright silver, great horse and rider. Ex Tony Warner coll.* **£475**

This is one of the most extraordinary horses seen on iron age tribal coins. The rider too is unusual: he seems to be laughing and looks so laid back that he could soon fall off. The hobble was used for restraining horses.

**SENONES** Yonne, NE cen. France, cap Agedincum (Sens).

**3. Ullucci Bird.** Class 5. c.80-50 BC. AE unit. 16mm. 2.78g. Leafy head r, beaded border./ Bird pecking l, YLLY[CCI], pentagram, star. LT 7508 var., BMC S 139, RIG 320. *Gd VF, sharp bird, clear letters.* **£125**

La Tour has the name the other way up. Ullucci means 'The Owls'. The pentagram is a sacred druid symbol.

**NORICUM** country of ancient Illyricum, forming part of Bavaria and Austria.

**4. Magdalensberg Type.** Square Cross Group III. c.1st cent. BC. AR obol. 9mm. 0.75g. Almost blank./ Cross motif, box pellet in centre, pellets in angles. LT-, BMC-, Göbl TKN pl.47, no.III; Kostial 285. *Gd VF, bold strike.* **£60**

**BELLOVACI** Beauvais region, northern France.

**5. Hallencourt Man-Cock.** c.50-25 BC. AE unit. 18mm. 2.52g. Stylised helmeted head of Roma r, torc at base of neck, curved triskele and lyre before./ Long-tailed cock strutting r, its body formed by a bearded human head, before is a large open-mouthed fish about to swallow (or vomit?) an angled object. LT-, BMC-, BN 7225-26, DT 516. *Gd VF, big flan, beautiful emerald patina, a fantastic bronze in fabulous condition.*

**RRR** first we've had. Securely provenanced. **£300**  
Named after Hallencourt in the Somme, this is one of the most remarkable bronze coins you're likely to encounter in years of collecting, and one of the rarest. The British Museum doesn't have a single example. A cousin of Britain's Chichester Cock, ABC 737.

**IMPORTED** Gaulish coins found in England.

**6. Gallic War Uniface.** Ambiani. c.58-56 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 6.20g. Blank./ M-shaped horse r, charioteer's arms above, large pellet below, 'coffee-bean' in front. ABC 16, VA 52-56, DK 9, S 11. *Gd VF, rich golden gold, full horse.* **£550**

**7. Gallo Belgic Broad Flan. Right Type.** Ambiani. c.56-55 BC. AV quarter stater. 14mm. 1.75g. Elaborate wreathed bust r./ Horse r, charioteer above, rosette below. ABC 28, LT 7879, VA 15-17, S 6. *Fine, golden gold.* **S £275**

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**CANTIACI** Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

**8. Thurrock.** c.120-100 BC. Potin. 17mm. 3.04g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull r, traces of MA above. ABC 120, VA 1402, BMC 660-66, S 62. *Chipped? Gd VF, great head.* **£45**

**9. Rounded Bull.** Holman F2/3-2. c.85-70 BC. Potin. 16mm. 1.28g. Linear head r./ Matchstick bull l. ABC 165, VA 125, BMC 705, S 63. *Gd VF, smooth patina. Ex Tony Warner coll. Fd. Moreton, Essex, 2010.* **£50**

**10. Curly Lion.** c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 2.35g. Head r, curly hair./ Lion leaping l, pentagram below, rings around. ABC 282, VA-, BMC-, S-, BNJ 1992, no.87. CCI 13.0188 (**this coin**). *Nr VF/VF, bold lion, clear pentagram. Ex Maureen Probert coll, ex Michael J Grover coll.* **RR £150**

**11. Dubnovellaunos Yoke.** c.25BC-AD5. AV quarter stater. 14mm. 1.27g. Slightly banded obverse./ Horse r, yoke motif above, rings and ringed-pellets around. ABC 306, VA-, BMC-, DK 78, S-, BNJ 1996, no.9. CCI 13.0711 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, large flan, pale yellow gold, neat horse. Found Upper Horton, Kent. Ex Tony Warner coll.* **RRR only 7 others recorded £375**

Celtic coins with a findspot that have been registered with the Celtic Coin Index will always be worth more than unpedigreed unprovenanced orphans that are hawked on the internet without a robust guarantee of authenticity.

**BELGAE** Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

**12. Danebury Sunrays.** c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.70g. Horned head r, corded lines for hair, elliptical eye./ Annulate horse r, sunburst above, wheel below. ABC 866, VA 280, BMC 595-601, S 56. *Gd VF, bright silver, clear horned head and sunburst. Fd. Ibsley, Hants., 2017.* **RR £350**

**REGINI and ATREBATES** in alliance.

**13. Commios Concave Square.** c.50-25 BC. AR minim. 7mm. 0.28g. Cogwheel motif inside concave-sided square, ringed-pellet in each cusp./ Annular horse l, with linear mane, wheel above, ring below. ABC 1046, VA 482, BMC 654-656, S 59. *VF, bright silver, bold horse.* **RR £120**  
King Commios was a former ally of Caesar and one of the best known Gallic War heroes of his time.

**14. Verica Circles.** c.AD10-42. AR unit. 13mm. 1.10g. V[ER]I[CA] COMMI F around central ring-and-pellet./ Naturalistic lion bounding r, raised tail, upturned crescent above, REX below. ABC 1229, VA 505, BMC 1332-59, S 132. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold inscription. Ex D Turner coll.* **S £320**

**15. Verica Boar's Head.** c.AD10-42. AR minim. 8mm. 0.33g. VIR in central tablet, pellet daisy above and below,

beaded border./ Boar's head facing r. ABC 1268, VA 564, BMC 1579-81, S 160. *Tiny chip, otherwise Gd VF/VF, clear VIR.* **RR £125**

**16. Epaticcus Eagle.** c.AD20-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.15g. Herculean bust of Epaticcus r, wearing lionskin headdress, pellet behind, EPATI before, beaded border./ Spread-winged Roman eagle, head turned to l, talons clutching S-shaped snake, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2024-2293, S 356. *Near EF/EF, lightly toned silver, robust bust, magnificent eagle. Ex N Brayne coll.* **£175**

**ICENI** Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

**17. Crescent Corn Ears.** Talbot Type 98. c.AD25-43. AR unit. 14mm. 0.81g. Back-to-back crescents, ring above and below in centre of corn ear wreath motif./ Curvy horse l, wheel and arc above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1591, VA 675, BMC 3767-74, S 435. CCI 96.3584 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, nice wreath, bold horse. Ex T Warner coll. Fd. Old Buckenham, Norfolk.* **£185**

**18. Norfolk Boar Phallic.** Talbot Boar Horse C, Type 70b? c.AD25-43. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.18g. Boar r, long bristles, pellet daisy above, pellet below./ Horse r, four-spoke wheel and pellet triads above, phallic symbol below. ABC 1582, VA 659, BMC 3473-511, S 431. *VF, full phallus. Ex D Lee coll.* **£120**

**19. Antedios D-Bar.** c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 12mm. 1.07g. Double moon emblem on vertical wreath./ Horse r, corn-ear mane, pellet daisy and pellet triad above, two pellets under tail, pellet triad and ANTÐ monogram below. ABC 1645, VA 711, 715, BMC 3800-55, S 441. *VF/Good VF, large flan of lightly toned AR, well ornamented, full ANTÐ. Ex G Wentworth coll.* **£150**

Double moons and corn ears were tribal symbols of the Catuvellauni. Was Antedios a client king of Cunobelinus?

**CORIELTAVI** E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

**20. North East Coast. Sun Type.** Sills Mint A, class 4. c.60-50 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.85g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards./ Lunate horse l, charioteer's arms, pellets and crescent above, pelletal sun below. ABC 1731, VA 805-9, BMC 201-02, S 29. CCI 03.0818 (**this coin**). *Near EF, lovely toned yellow gold, bold wreath motif, clear crescents and hairlocks, charioteer's arms very evident. Ex T Warner coll, ex C Hamlyn collection. Fd. near Worksop, Notts.* **RR £750**

This handsome heavyweight Sun Type gold stater reveals a sad little hidden face above the horse; the charioteer's hands supply the eyes.



**21. South Ferriby. Four-Pointed Star Type.** Sills Mint B. c.45-10 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.41g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse left, triangle head, four-pointed star below. ABC 1743 var., VA-, BMC 3178, S-. *Gd VF, rose-gold, bold star.* Ex M O'Bee coll. **RR only 20 others recorded. £650**

**22. South Ferriby.** c.45-10 BC. AE stater core. 18mm. 3.49g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse left. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743, VA 811-5, BMC 3161, S 390. *VF, bold wreath.* Ex T Warner coll. **R £50**

**23. CR 20259 Lindsey Scyphate.** c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 17mm. 1.24g. Stylised boar l, with short bristly back./ S-shape with pellets around, crescents either side forming stylised eyes and eyebrows. ABC 1773, VA-, BMC 3189-92, S 395. CCI 18.0748 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, usual irregular edge, clear S.* Ex Maureen Probert coll. **R £450**

When Scyphates first emerged in 1981 speculation was rife: were they bride price? nipple cups? blood cups? semen vessels?

**24. Vepo Vepoc.** c.AD15-40. AR unit. 14mm. 1.11g. Traces of wreath motif./ Horse right, VEPO above (VE conjoined), ringed-pellet under tail, pellet below. ABC 1869, VA 955, BMC 3310-14, S 412. *Gd VF, neat flan of bright silver, bold VEP.* Ex D Turner coll. **RR £350**

**25. Stork Head Right.** Rich Type 38b. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 12mm. 0.50g. Blank./ Horse r, pellet rosette above, pellet below tail. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3251-53, 3255, S-. CCI 96.1424 (**this coin**). *Nr EF, bright silver, full horse.* Ex M Rich coll. *Fd. Caistor, Lincs., 1995.*

**RR only 20 others recorded £120**

Matthew Rich wrote *Boar Horse* (Chris Rudd 2014)

**DUROTRIGES** *Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).*

**26. Spread Tail.** c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 18mm. 4.57g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, with triple-tails diverging from centre, pellets around, 'coffee bean' behind, zigzag exergual decoration. ABC 2160, VA 1238, BMC 2662, 2690, S-. *Pitted, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, well ornamented.* Ex T Warner coll. **£185**

**27. Cranborne Chase.** c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 16mm. 2.47g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 367. *VF, bold pellets.* **£35**

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**EASTERN** *uncertain north Thames types*

**28. North Thames Serpent.** c.40-30 BC. AE unit. 12mm. 1.34g. Serpent, head turned back./ Horse r. ABC 2318, VA-, BMC 402, S-. *F/Gd F, clear horse.* Ex J Lumley coll. **RR £65**

**TRINOVANTES** *Essex, S. Suffolk, cap. Camulodunon (Colchester).*

**29. Addedomaros Spiral.** Sills class 3. c.45-25 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.57g. Star-form solar spiral of six curved and corded arms, three crescents in centre./ Full-bodied horse r, ringed-pellet under tail, triad of horse muzzles above, cornucopia below. ABC 2517, VA 1620, BMC 2396-404, DK 488, S 201. *Gd VF, lovely rose-gold, whole cornucopia.* *An amazing bargain at this unusually low price.* **£550**

**30. Dubnovellaunos Centre Parting.** c.5BC-AD10. AE unit. 13mm. 1.24g. Head r, hair divided by centre parting./ Horse leaping l, ring above. ABC 2413, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF, glossy patina, lovely head.* **RR £125**  
Is it a parting in the hair? Or is it a headband? The style may have been derived from two Gallic bronze coins, DT 2446B and DT 2447.

**CATUVELLAUNI** *north Thames, cap. Verlamion (St. Albans).*

**31. Tasciovanos Warrior.** Series B. Sills dies 27/50. c.25BC-AD10. AV stater. 12-18mm. 4.12g. Crossed wreath motif, hidden faces in angles./ Warrior on horse r, holding carnyx, wheel in front, [TA]SC around. ABC 2565, VA 1730, BMC 1608, DK 504, S 217. CCI 15.0147 (**this coin**).  $\frac{1}{3}$  missing, pierced in antiquity (**RRR thus**), otherwise *Gd VF, rose gold, bold wreath.* Ex T Warner coll. **£250**

Probably worn as a pendant in Anglo-Saxon period. Carnyx visible. An interesting piece (extremely rare thus) at a bargain price. Published in *Divided Kingdoms* p.603 (**this coin**).

**32. Tasciovanos Cavalryman. TASI Type.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 14mm. 1.09g. TASI in rectangular panel, pellet above and below, three line border; two plain, central beaded./ Warrior riding horse l, holding large elliptical shield. ABC 2640 var., VA 1800 var., BMC 1677-79 var., S 238 var. CCI 16.0187 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, toned silver, bold cavalryman, complete inscription.* **RR**

*type, this legend variant RRR only six others recorded £325*  
Normally the inscription reads TASC. On this blundered and excessively rare example the letters in the panel read TASI. Clearly a mistake and an easy mistake to make because the king's name was often shortened to TASCI.

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**33. Tasciovanos Mega-Pegasus.** c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 18mm. 3.82g. Head r./ Pegasus l. ABC 2652, VA 1818, BMC 1685-87, S 241. *Gd F, bold strike, biggest British bronze. Great value at this uniquely low price. Ex D Beadell coll.* **RR £75**

**34. Tasiovanos Goat.** c.25BC-AD10. AE half unit. 11mm. 0.69g. Bearded head l, [VER] in front./ Goat r, flower above and in front, ringed-pellet below. ABC 2709, VA 1715, BMC 1765-68, S 256. *VF, glossy olive-green patina, full head. Fd. Tamworth, Staffs.* **R £75**  
From Tasciovanos' biggest bronze to his smallest.

#### CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

*united by Cunobelinus.*

**35. Cunobelinus Spiky.** c.AD8-41. AR unit. 14mm. 1.11g. Head l, spiky hair, CAMVL in front, beaded border./ Seated Victory r, ring in front, [C]VNO below exergual line. ABC 2855, VA 2045, BMC 1863-55, S 303. *Gd VF, bold CAMVL. Fd. near Thaxted, Essex, 2016.* **RR £300**

**36. Cunobelinus Metalworker.** c.AD8-41. AE unit. 14mm. 2.08g. Head l, CVNO[BELIN]./ Metal worker r, TASCIO. ABC 2969, VA 2097, BMC 1972-83, S 342. *Gd VF, dark green patina, bold inscription, clear metalworker. Ex T Warner coll, ex L Tongue coll. Fd. near St Albans, Herts.* **£125**

**37. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice.** c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.53g. Pegasus r, [CV] behind, NO below./ Female winged figure stabbing bull r, TASCIO below, beaded border. ABC 2972, VA 2099, BMC 1913-19, S 343. *Gd VF, dark green patina, well centred with bold Pegasus and fabulous sacrificial scene. Ex M J Grover coll.* **£200**

**38. Agr A-Type.** Sills Class 3c. c.AD25-30. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Central ear of corn, [CAM] to left, CV[N] to right./ Horse rearing right, dashes for mane, branch above, small cross below, A in exergue. ABC 2999, VA-, BMC 1855, DK 580, S 353. CCI 11.0160 (**this coin**). *Fine! Good VF, rose gold, superb horse. Ex D Turner coll.* **RR £550**  
Agr ('war hound') may have acted as a regent for Cunobelinus if the latter visited the Roman emperor Tiberius, says Dr John Sills (*DK*, p.758). Featured in *The Searcher*, May 2009 (**this coin**). Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.692 (**this coin**).

**CHEAPO-CHEAPO!** all low grade, none over £50.

**39. Togirix Snake.** Sequani. c.80-50 BC. AR denarius. 10-12mm. 1.71g. Head l./ Horse l. LT 5550. *Nr F, off struck. Ex A Clarke coll.* **£25**

**40. Kentish Wolf.** Cantiaci. c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 15mm. 2.69g. Wolf l./ Horse stepping r. ABC 258. *VF, glossy green patina, wolf visible.* **R £50**

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**41. Ecen Corn Ear.** Icenii. c.AD10-43. AR unit. 10-12mm. 0.55g. Back-to-back moons./ Horse r, three dots, EC[EN] below. ABC 1657. *Chipped, otherwise VF.* **£25**

**42. Cunobelinus Centaur.** Cat & Trin. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 1.61g. Head l./ Centaur r, [TASCIOVANI] around. ABC 2957. *Fair.* **£10**

**43. Cunobelinus Jupiter Lion.** AE unit. 15mm. 2.51g. Bearded head l./ Lion crouching r, CAM below. ABC 2984. *F/VF, great lion. Ex M Smith coll.* **£25**

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*Elizabeth Cotton*

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