The first coin of “a most advanced tribe”

1. North East Coast. Right Type with Sun. Corieltavi. c.60-50 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.96g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards./ Lunate horse r, multi-armed spiral below head, charioteer’s arms and pellets above, ‘coffee bean’ behind, pelletal sun below on exergual zigzag line. ABC 1719, VA 800-11, BMC 188-91, S 28. Good V.F, well centred, yellow gold, clear spiral. Fd. Spilsby. Lincs. S £800

The Corieltavi, says Van Arsdel (1989, p.215), “were thought to be a backward tribe. This view has been proven false by archaeological studies made after 1960. They are now known to have been a most advanced tribe…a progressive people who embraced technological innovation.” Their radical artistry and metallurgical mastery can be seen in this superbly struck North East Coast gold stater, largely inspired by the Gallo-Belgic Biface metallurgical mastery. Abrasive design than its Gaulish prototype.

2. Two Suns, Horse Right. c.80-50 BC. AR quarter stater. 16mm. 1.77g. Stylised head r, star and elliptical eye./ Horse r, star above and below, beaded border. LT 7245, BN 7244-7247 var., DT 281. VF/Gd VF, bright silver, large flan, lovely horse, bold star. R £225

Struck in gold, silver and bronze. Only 43 others known of this silver version.

CORIOSOLITES NE Brittany (Corseul, St. Brieuc, Dinan).


Coriosolite quarter staters are much scarcer than their staters.

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4. Biface. Sills G-B Ca1. Ambiani. c.90-80 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 6.57g. Stylised laureate head r./ M-shaped horse r, ‘charioteer’s arms’ above, pellets around. ABC 13, LT 8593, 8597, DT 157-61, VA 42-48, S 5. VF/Gd VF, heavy weight, golden gold. Found West Wittering, West Sussex. £375

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

5. Thurrock. c.120-100 BC. Caet AE. 17mm. 2.83g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull r. ABC 120, VA 1402, BMC 660-66, S 62. VF, grey-green patina, bold head. Fd. near Dover, Kent. £55

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6. **Corded Triangle. Weald, Upright Box Type.** Sills class 1b. c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.33g. Plain obverse./ Small annulate horse l, corded triangle with ringed-pellet in centre above, pellets around, X-in-box below. ABC−, VA−, BMC 2470, DK 62, S 172. EF, smooth surfaces of golden gold. **RR £350**

7. **Dubnovellaunos Winged Beast.** c.25BC-AD5. AR unit. 12mm. 1.05g. Winged beast stepping r, ringed-pellets around./ Horse r, foreleg raised, traces of DVBNV above, rings around. ABC 321, VA 171, BMC 2499-501, S 179. VF, lightly toned silver, bold animals. **RR £275**

**REGINI West Sussex.**

8. **CR 20726 Carn Brae. Sills Aa, class 2a.** c.75-65 BC. AV stater. 17-20mm. 6.28g. Virtually blank. Triple-tailed disjointed horse l, pellets above, 'coffee bean' behind, large pellet below, exergual line with zigzag decoration. ABC−, VA−, BMC 7-23, DK 144, S−. VF/Gd VF, as minted, gorgeous golden gold, bold horse. **S £650**

This elusive stater (26 of 52 recorded are in museums) is named after the Carn Brae hoard, Cornwall, 1749. Dr John Sills calls the horse a “disarticulated cartoon” (DK, p.106).

9. **Willett's Nipple.** Sills class 4, British Ad2. c.55-45 BC. AV scythe quarter stater. 10-12mm. 1.40g. Nipple on plain breast-form field./ Irregular abstract motif. ABC 536, VA 1229, BMC 428-431, DK138, S 46, CCI 19.2497 (this coin). Gd VF, as struck, light golden gold. **R £250**

Named after Ernest Willett FSA who recorded this type from West Sussex hoards.

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

10. **Hampshire Thunderbolt.** Sill dies 1/8. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter. 11mm. 1.37g. ‘She-wolf-and-twins’ motif./ Cruciform thunderbolt motif, various objects around. ABC 767, VA 143, BMC 129-36, 410-13, DK 304, S 46. CCI 12.0203 (this coin). VF, sharp thunderbolt. Ex Brodie Hall coll. ex Matthew Rich coll. RR only 18 others this pair of dies. **£250**

Matthew Rich wrote and illustrated Boar Horse (Chris Rudd 2014). Published in Divided Kingdoms, p.314 (this coin).

11. **Hayling Moon Head. Line Type.** c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.04g. Head r, large fat crescents for hair./ Globular horse r, multiple stick legs, line above. ABC 839 var., VA−, BMC−, S−, BNJ 1992, pl.2.36. Good VF, bold strike in good quality silver. Fd. Compton, West Sussex. 2018. **RR only 21 others recorded £250**

The horse’s mane has become detached on the Line Type.

**REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.**

12. **Commios Ladder Head. Lazy E.** c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.59g. Moon head with ladder hair, lentoid eye, two double rings above./ Horse left, E symbol above, uncertain S-shape animal below. ABC 1040, VA 355-3, BMC 735-57, S 69. Tiny chip, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, full S-shape animal. **S £125**

The EI monogram probably stands for Eisiu. Commios' father?

13. **Tincomarus Bull Right.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.08g. Laureate head right./ Bull right, head facing, TIN above, C O below. ABC 1115, VA 381-1, BMC 911-21, S 85. Small chip, otherwise VF/Good VF, clear head, bold bull, full TINCO. Fd. Arundel, W Sussex. **R £150**

14. **Verica Warrior Rex.** Sills class 4. c.AD10-40. AV stater. 16-18mm. 5.28g. COMF in tablet on plain field./ Warrior on horse right, holding spear, VIR behind, REX below, beaded border. ABC 1190, VA 500-1, BMC 1146-53, 1155-58, DK 364, S 120. Good VF, rose gold, bold tablet and strong COMF. Fd. Barnham, West Sussex. **S £650**

The COMF cartouche was a British innovation, unparalleled in Gaulish coinage. Inspired by porters' stampe?

15. **Verica Cavalry Duo.** c.AD10-42. AR unit. 12mm. 1.03g. Horseman riding r./ Warrior charging r, holding spear, VERI above, CA below. ABC 1238, VA 530, BMC 1360-92, S 133: Small chip, otherwise VF, bold warriors, clear VERICA. **S £125**

16. **Verica Boar's Head.** c.AD10-42. AR minim. 8mm. 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. Chipped, otherwise Gd VF/ VF, clear VIR. **RR £125**

17. **Epaticcus Eagle.** c.AD20-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.10g. Herculean bust of Epaticcus r, wearing lionskin headdress, 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. Good VF, toned silver, full legend. **£150**
ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

18. Norfolk Wolf Left. Dotted Diamond Type. Talbot die group 18. c.50-30 BC. AV stater. 15-18mm. 5.09g. Left-facing wolf motif, downward leaves. / Brizzly wolf, bird on rump, pellet and four-dot diamond below.

ABC−, VA−, BMC 260, S 31. Good VF, lovely silvery rose-gold, almost as struck, crescents and wolf in high relief. Excellent example of unusual type. Ex JDD Brown collection. R £650

The curved-beak bird is probably an avocet. Only one in the British Museum.

19. Odin’s Eye. Ring Type. c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 0.84g. Traces of head r, herringbone hair. / Horse r, beaded ringed-pellet above and below. ABC 1531, VA 665-7, BMC 3541-45, S 433, VF, clear horse.

20. Eyelash Crescents. c.AD25-43. AR unit. 12mm. 1.04g. Traces of four opposed crescents (two solid, two outline with ‘eyelashes’). / Horse right, with cabled mane, pellet triad and leaf-like motif above. ABC 1588, VA 679, BMC 3763-66, S 435. VF, bold horse, unusual to see leaf-like motif so clearly. S £125

21. Norfolk God. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 13mm. 0.88g. Moustachioed head right with lentoid eye, wearing boar-skink headdress, ear of corn behind. / Horse r, corded mane, kite motif below. ABC 1567, VA 792, 794, BMC 3556-3604, S 434. CCI 05.0578 (this coin). Good VF, bright silver, great head, clear ear of corn. Ex David Beavis collection. Found Norfolk.

£225

Attributed to Queen Boudica AD 61 by Van Arsdell. Dr John Talbot also says it’s a late issue. See Made for Trade, p.47.

CORIELTAVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.


£450

For this and other Corieltavian faces see ABC p.91.

23. South Ferriby Shrimp. Rich Type 24f. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.12g. Boar r, large beaded ring above. / Horse r, belted neck and belly, large beaded ring above.

ABC−, VA−, BMC−, S−. PAS: NLM-F3E894 (this coin). VF, bright AR. Fd. Ulceby with Fordington, Lincs., 18 March 2017. RRR only seven others recorded £75

Unlisted by ABC, Van Arsdell and Spink. None in the British Museum. A great rarity at a bargain price.

24. Vepo Vep. c.AD15-40. AR half unit. 0.51g. Wreath motif, with rosette each side. / Horse r, [V]EP above, C[O] below, trefoil under head. ABC 1887, VA 967, BMC 3283-91, S 409. CCI 17.0161 (this coin). Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse with long ears. Ex David Warner collection. £150

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).


£175

26. Anted. c.AD 20-43. AR unit. 12-14mm. 0.82g. Stylised head r, with stalk laps, ‘worms’ and pellets in front, ringed-pellets and X on cheek, pellets behind. / Triple-tailed horse l, pellet and TE[D] above, ringed-pellet and AN below. ABC 2072, VA 1082, BMC 3032-38, S 380. CCI 18.1792 (this coin). Near EF/Good VF, bright metal, boldly struck head, most of ANTED visible. Much better than most we see. Ex Tony Warner collection.

S £250

Found near Cirencester by Jethro Carpenter, co-finder of the famous Bredon Hill hoard of over 5,000 Roman coins of 3rd century AD, unearthed 18 June 2011. See The Searcher, December 2011, p.14-16. The stylised moon-head is one of the strangest you’re likely to see on an ancient British coin. The king’s name is clearly lettered.

DUROTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

27. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 20mm. 4.03g. Wreath motif. / Horse l, pellets, zigzag. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. CCI 06.0233 (this coin). Gd VF, huge flan of bright AR, clear zigzag. Ex Tony Warner collection, ex E-J Ogarthorpe collection.

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TRINOVANTES Essex, S. Suffolk, cap. Camulodunum (Colchester).

29. Dubnovellaunos Trefoil. Annullate Head. Sills class 1. c.5BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.24g. Wreath motif, two outline crescents and two ringed-pellets in centre, forming two ‘sad’ hidden faces./ Horse galloping l, ringed-pellet head, trefoil above. ABC–, VA 1660, BMC 2442, DK 541, S–, CCI 19.2907 (this coin). Superficial surface crack, otherwise Good VF/VF, rose gold, bold head. Ex David Turner collection. **R £350**

CATAVALLAUN & TRINOVANTES united by Cunobelinus.

30. Cunobelinus Linear. Sills class 2. c.AD8–41. AV stater. 18mm. 5.40g. Ear of barley with long whiskers, CA to l, MV to r./ Horse leaping r, linear mane, branch and two pellets above, CVN below, beaded border. ABC–, VA 1660, BMC 2442, DK 541, S–, CCI 19.2907 (this coin). Floral surface crack, otherwise Good VF/VF, rose gold, bold head. Ex David Turner collection. **R £350**

31. Cunobelinus Plastic. Berries Type. Sills class 6, dies 40/55. c.AD8–41. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.32g. Ear of barley, [C]A to left, M[V] to right./ Horse rearing r, branch and pellet triad above, [CVN] below. ABC–, VA–, BMC 1846-47, DK 586 var., S 294. CCI 13.0608 (this coin). Fine/VF, dark brown patina, star flan of rose gold, clear berries. Ex Brian Lawrence collection. **R £450**

32. Cunobelinus Winged Victory. c.AD8–41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.11g. Bust r, CV[NO] behind, [BELIN]YVS in front./ Winged Victory standing on globe, [TAS C]IOV around. ABC 2882, VA–, BMC 1883, S 316. VF, lightly toned silver, bold bust. Not in Van Arsdell. **RR £225**

33. Cunobelinus Hunting Dog. c.AD8–41. AR unit. 10-12mm. 1.01g. CVN in panel./ Hunting dog left, beaded pellet above, CA below, M behind, beaded border. ABC 2846 var., VA 1949, BMC 1860-61, S 301. Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, toned silver, full CVN, bold dog. RR type, this legend variant RRR only 13 others recorded. **£225**

34. Cunobelinus Jupiter Lion. c.AD8–41. AE unit. 13mm. 1.48g. Bearded head of Jupiter Ammon r, [CVNO] in front, branch behind, beaded border./ Lion crouching r, branch above, CAM in tablet below. ABC 2994, VA 2107, BMC 1991-97, S 347. VF, dark patina, great head. **£85**

CHEAP-CHEAP! none over £40.

35. Wild Goat. Senones. c.100-75 BC. Potin. 18mm. 3.35g. Head l/ Wild goat l. LT 7405, BMC 384. Gd VF, dark patina, bold head. **£40**

36. Ecen Corn Ear. Iceni. c.AD10-43? AR unit. 13mm. 0.80g. Traces of moons./ Horse r, three pellets below. ABC 1657. Fair. **£20**

37. Cranborne Chase. Durotriges. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 18mm. 3.55g. Sim. to No.27. Fine. **£30**

38. Addedomaros Corded. Catavalluini. c.45-25 BC. AE unit. 14mm. 1.28g. Head l, corded hair./ Horse l, ringed-pellet below. ABC 2544. Fine, bold horse. **£20**

39. Tasciovanos Verlamio. Catavalluini. c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 12-14mm. 1.99g. Star motif, traces of VERLAMIO in angles./ Bull l. ABC 2679. VF/F, brown patina, star visible. **S £15**

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