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Liz’s List is issued six times a year by Chris Rudd. Subscription: £10 UK, £15 overseas. Reference books: ABC: Cottam, de Jersey, Rudd & Sills Ancient British Coins £75, LT: La Tour Atlas des monnaies gauloises £18, VA: Van Arsdell Celtic Coinage of Britain, BMC: Hobbs British Iron Age Coins in the British Museum; DK: Sills Divided Kingdoms £95; S: Coins of England £30 all plus postage. B: Burgos; C: Calico; VB: Villaronga & Benages. Rarity of Gaulish coins based on Depeyrot estimates. Rarity of British coins based on numbers recorded by the Celtic Coin Index: RRRR excessively rare 1-5 recorded, RRR very rare 6-15, RR very rare 16-30, R rare 31-50, S scarce 51-100. Remember, most coin finds are unreported, so these figures are only a rough guide to rarity. All coins shown actual size unless otherwise stated. Pink tint indicates coins of special note. Abbreviations: AV gold, AR silver, AE bronze, F fine, VF very fine, EF extremely fine. g. grams, l. left. r. right. Currency guide: £10 = 12 euros, 16 US$. Any questions? Please ask me. I’m here to help you.

Published by Dr John Sills in Divided Kingdoms

1. Late Whaddon Chase. Double Circle Type. Sills British Lc1, class 3b, dies 2½/22. c.55-45 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.73g. Virtually blank./ Horse r, beaded mane, wing motif with beaded tail and pellets above, cogwheel in front, large double circle below. ABC 2344, VA 1502, BMC 346, DK 430, S 33. CCI 12.0200 (this coin). Nr EF, neat round flan of golden gold, super horse, bold cogwheel. Ex Tony Warner coll. RR only 17 others recorded. £950

This is a superb specimen of the Double Circle Type gold stater. The virtually-blank obverse is free from any of the usual scuffs and scratches that accumulate due to decades of being tossed around in cultivated soil — the surfaces are smooth and immaculate. The well-formed horse is centrally positioned on the flan, allowing us a full view of the winged symbol above and the solar ‘cogwheel’ in front. Published in Divided Kingdoms p.472 (this coin).

CORIOSOLITES NE Brittany (Corseul, St. Brieuc, Dinan).
2. Ogmios and Boar. Chin Whorl with Severed Head and Two Leaf Curls. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 20-28mm. 5.71g. Head of Armorican-sun-god r, with lentoid eye./ Human-headed horse r, two leaf curls in front ‘tied’ to severed head above. LT 666, DT 2336, Rybot 10, Hooker 53. VF, bold hair curls, huge flan of bright silver. £120

The irregular flan is typical of emergency coinage when there’s no time for the usual quality control. Struck in a rush to fund the Armorican rebellion of 56 BC.

SENONES Yonne, NE cen. France, cap Agedincum (Sens).
3. Indian Head with Slender Horse. ‘Potin à la tête “d’indien” et au cheval élancé’. c.52BC. Potin. 17mm. 2.97g. Head l, linear hair./ Slender horse stepping l. LT 7437, BN 7433-7442. VF, glossy dark patina, bold head. £150

Of the 70 recorded 36 were found at Alésia where Caesar defeated Vercingetorix.

SEQUANI (Doubes), E France, cap. Vesontio (Besançon).
4. Quintus Doci Sam. c.57-50 BC. AR denarius. 12mm. 2.06g. Helmeted head l, Q DO[CI]./ Horse l, Q D[OCI SAM F]. LT 5405, BMC 346-365. Gd VF, lightly toned, bold head. £75

The legend indicates that Quintus Doci, a Romanised Gaul, was the son of Sam. Minted to help fund the Armorican revolt of 56 BC.

AMBIANI Somme valley, N France.
5. Gallic War Uniface. Two Beaded Reversed S Type. Sills class 5a var. c.53-52 BC. AV stater. 15-17mm. 5.74g. Plain obverse./ M-shaped horse r, crescent and pellets above, beaded reversed s-shape either side of pellet below. LT 8704 var., DT 242 var. CCI 13.0652 (this coin). Gd VF, golden gold, smooth surfaces, clear beaded S’s. Ex Tony Warner coll. £650

Beading the S-symbols gives them added emphasis, apparently unrecorded by La Tour (1892) and Delestrée & Tache (2002).

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11. Birchington Bull with One Hind Leg.

Gd VF, smooth dark patina. £50

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.


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1.54g. ‘Two-fat-men-in-a-sun-boat’ motif./ Short tree-like object with radiating branches, thick bent bar below, Y-shape under bar. ABC–, LT–, DT–, Sills GGC (2003), 433, fig. 76j, DK 21, S–, CCI 95.0755 (this coin). Gd VF, almost as struck in golden gold on thick chunky flan. RRR only 11 others recorded.

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Britain’s most important imported coin. Inspired first coins made in Britain (see No.10). In July we sold one for £600.

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

10. Thurrock MA. c.120-100 BC. Potin. 16mm. 3.35g. Head of Apollo l/ Bull butting r, MA above. ABC 120, VA 1402, BMC 660-66, S 62. Gd VF, bold head, clear bull. Fd. Dover, Kent.£65

11. Birchington Bull with One Hind Leg. Holman Group A, A1/1-2b. c.120-100 BC. Potin. 16mm. 1.37g. Head of Apollo l, three lines for helmet./ Naturalistic bull butting l, only one hind leg. ABC 141, VA 105/1404, cf. BMC 667, S–. Gd VF, as cast, dark patina. Fd. Dover, Kent.

RRR only four others recorded including British Museum’s. £150

David Holman says: “The bull looks to have only one back leg, also the front appendage looks to consist of two joined pellets in a vertical arrangement.”

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.


c.65-58BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 6.05g. Wreath motif with downward facing leaves and fish-like hairlocks./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l, blobs, dots and shrimp above, traces of crab below. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. Gd VF, large flan of pale yellow gold, well centred horse. £450

The rich Chute king may have made his money from cross-Channel trading, hence the sea creatures on his staters. Like a later Isle of Wight ruler (ABC 1385, 1388) he too could have been called Crab, which may be why a crab features so prominently on his staters.

13. Danebury Sunrays. c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.69g. Head r, corded lines for hair./ Annulate horse r, spoked wheel below. ABC 866, VA 280, BMC 595-601, S 56. Fine/VF, lightly toned silver, clear wheel.

RR £65

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.


R £325

The letters in front of the king’s face clearly show that his name was Tincomarus, not Tincommios, as previously thought. A rather special specimen.

15. Verica Cornucopiae Victory. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.38g. Pine-cone wand (thyrsus) between two cornucopiae, wine cup below, [COM] MIF around, beaded border./ Long-robed female figure seated r, left hand raised, VERI in front, [CA] behind. ABC 1241, VA 531, BMC 1393-419, S 134. CCI 01.1961(this coin). EF, bright silver, well struck with bold seated figure. Ex Philip T Ashton coll. £400

ICIENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

16. Odin’s Eye. Plouviez Triad Type. Talbot dies C/4. c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 1.02g. Male head right, herringbone hair, large elliptical eye and two-pin lips./ Horse r, pellet triad below. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, S 435, 3546, S 433 var. VF, copper hued silver, clear head, bold horse. Fd. Stonea, Cambs. RRR only four others recorded £250

17. Norfolk Boar Phallic. c.20-1 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.75g. Stylised boar r, long bristles./ Horse r, ring and pellets above, phallic motif and pellets below. ABC 1582, VA 659, BMC 3482, S 431. VF, lightly toned silver, bold bristly boar. £125

18. Eecn Corn Ear. c.AD10-43. AR unit. 14mm. 0.74g. Double moon emblem./ Horse r, row of dots and
19. **Mini Stick Horse.** c.AD10-43. AR half unit. 9mm. 0.42g. Back-to-back crescents./ Globular horse r. ABC 1693, VA 683, BMC 3781-84, S 438. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse.*

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

20. **North East Coast X Type with Star.** c.60-50 BC. AV stater. 17-20mm. 5.82g. Wreath motif, tiny dots behind crescents, X above with pellets in angles./ Disjointed horse r, pelletal sun below, star under head. ABC−, VA−, BMC−, S−. CCI 11.0515 (*this coin*). *Gd VF, sharply struck in golden gold, clear X. Ex D Turner coll.*

RRRR no others recorded from this obverse die. £900

“From a previously unrecorded obverse die” (Dr John Sills, pers. comm. 29.9.2019).

21. **South Ferriby.** c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 18-20mm. 4.89g. Wreath motif, pellet between crescent ‘eyes’./ Lunate horse l, ‘anchor’ face above, multi-rayed star below. ABC 1743 var., VA 81-5, BMC 3152-56, S 390. *Gd VF, rose gold, super sharp strike. Ex M O’ bee coll.* £500

This deeply engraver stater clearly shows that the horse’s body is composed of crescent moons.

22. **South Ferriby Shrimp.** Rich Type 24d. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 16mm. 1.23g. Bristy boar r, pellet under tail, beaded ring above./ Horse r, pellet under tail, beaded ring above. ABC−, VA−, BMC 3218, S−, *VF, lightly toned.* R £75

23. **Vepo Vepoc.** c.AD15-40. AR unit. 11-14mm. 1.09g. Wreath motif./ Horse r, VEPOC above (VE conjoined), ringed-pellet below and under tail. ABC 1869, VA 955, BMC 3310-14, S 412. Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, neat flan of bright silver. Ex M Probert coll. RR £175


**DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).**

24. **Cotswold Eagle. Head Type D.** c.40-20 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.77g. Head r, pellet triads for hair./ Triple-tailed horse l, stylised bird’s head above, flower below. ABC 2021, VA 1049, BMC 2968-75, S 377. VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold flower motif. Fd. near Tetbury. Glos. S £120

**EAST WILTSHIRE** centred on Vale of Pewsey.

25. **Savernake Forest.** C.50-30 BC. Base AV stater. 17mm. 4.08g. Plain obverse./ Curvilinear horse r, spiral sun above, large wheel below, two ringed-pellets in front. ABC 2091, VA 1526, BMC 361-64, S 37. *VF, big spiral sun.* R £450

Named after Savernake Forest hoard, Wiltshire, found in 1857 by workers digging clay for brick kilns.

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

26. **Cranborne Chase.** C.58-40 BC. AR stater. 19mm. 5.09g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets around, ‘coffee bean’ behind. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. *Gd VF, chunky flan, bright silver.* £120


**EASTERN uncertain north Thames types**


Found by an 80-year-old female metdet and named after Dr Philip de Jersey of Guernsey.

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


R type, RRRR die pair, only one other recorded. £950

This rare pedigee stater comes from the collection of the well known, well respected numismatist Tony Abramson, the Anglo-Saxon coin expert. Published by Dr Philip de Jersey, *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, p.330 (*this coin*) and Dr John Sills, *Divided Kingdoms*, p.533 and 540 (*this coin*).

30. **Tasciovanos Tasci.** c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.34g. Crossed wreaths, [TASC] in angles./ Horse r, [TASC] around. ABC 2595, VA 1602, BMC 1641, DK 528, S 223. *Gd VF, golden gold, bold horse.* R £350

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31. Tasciovanos Jugate. c.20BC-AD10. AE unit. 15mm. 1.50g. Two bearded profile heads r./ Ram l. ABC 2655, VA 1705, BMC 1711-13, S 242, CCI 02.0774. (this coin).
RR £75

32. Andoco Crescent Wreath. Sills dies 2/2. c.20-1 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.34g. Crossed-wreath motif with back-to-back crescents in centre, pellet between them, ANDO in angles./ Full-bodied horse l, bucranium above. ABC 2718, VA 1863, BMC 2016, DK 532, S 263. Gd VF, pale yellow gold, bold horse and full bull’s head.
RR only 25 others known. £550

33. Rues Lion. c.AD1-10. AE unit. 14mm. 2.01g. Lion r, double ring border, hatching between, RVII around/ Spread-winged eagle facing, [RV]II above. ABC 2760, VA 1890, BMC 1691-92, S 270-71. Gd VF, dark brown patina, leonine lion.
RR £120

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES
united by Cunobelinus.

34. Cunobelinus Plastic. CAM CVN Type. Sills class 3b. c.AD8-41. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.36g. Ear of corn without central stalk, CAM to l, [CVN] to r/ ‘Plastic’ type horse prancing r, branch above, CVN below. ABC 2819, VA 2017, BMC 1845, DK 579, S 295. EF, sharply struck in scintillating rose gold, bold horse, sensational specimen with mirror-like surfaces, virtually minted.
RR £750

Derek Allen says that the CAM CVN Type quarter stater corresponds with the Plastic Series A full staters [ABC 2786] (Cunobelin’s Gold, Britannia 6, 1975, 1-19). However, in his recent resequencing of Cunobelin’s gold coins Dr John Sills positions the CAM CVN Type alongside Cunobelin’s Wild A staters. This is an exceptional example in almost mint-state condition.

35. Cunobelinus Two Leaves. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 13mm. 1.15g. Two crescents back-to-back, CV to left, N to right, two ivy leaves above and below, beaded border./ Warrior on horse r, with short-sword, CAM below, beaded border. ABC 2888, VA 2047, BMC 1866-67, S 304. VF, lightly toned silver, fabulous well centred warrior.
RR £325

36. Cunobelinus Metalworker. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.40g. 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.
£120

£50

CHEAPo-CHEAPo! all low grade, none over £40.

38. Seuthes III Imitation. Bulgaria. c.3rd cent. BC. AE unit. 18mm. 4.89g. Zeus head r./ Horseman r. cf. Sear GCV 1725. Fine, clear head.
S £30

Seuthes III was king of the Idrysai tribe, c.324 BC, Thrace.

39. Beterra Lion. Béziers, Herault, S France. c.90-60 BC. Quarter part of AE as. 15-19mm. 3.07g. Top part of male head r, inc. eye. / Lion’s head and neck r, K behind. LT 2432, BN 2432-2443, VB 2690, RIG 69. Good VF fragment, dark green patina. Ex David G Smith coll. Fd. Montlaurès, S. France.
R first we’ve had, one of the few ever offered for public sale. £25

This screamingly scarce Hercules-and-lion bronze was inspired by Kese-inscribed coins of Tarraco, NE Spain, hence the letter K. Of the 39 other examples recorded by Depeyrot (2002) 1.156, almost all are in museums. Found near an oppidum mint-site, this piece was chopped prior to re-smelting. A great rarity at a bargain price.

40. Ecen Stepping Horse. Iceni. c.AD10-43? AR unit. 13mm. 1.22g. Back-to-back moons./ Horse right, facing head, ECE. ABC 1660. VF, clear horse.
£25

41. Dubnovellaunos Centre Parting. Trinovantes. c.5BC-AD10. AE unit. 15mm. 1.67g. Head r/ Horse leaping l, ring below. ABC 2413, VA-, BMC-, S-. Fair, horse visible.
RR £25

RR as core £40

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