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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** extremely 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.

Struck in southern England before Caesar struck in Kent - an exceptional example of one of Britain's earliest gold staters



1. Tarring Type. Regini. Sills British Ad1, class 3, dies 3/4. c.70-55 BC. AV stater. 17-20mm. 6.22g. Wreath motif with downward-pointing leaves, fish-hook hair curls./ Triple-tailed disjointed horse l, very short legs, large pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind, large blob below. ABC-, VA 202, BMC 24-26, 29-30, DK 132, S-. CCI 19.4095 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, large flan of gorgeous golden gold, virtually as struck, sharp fish-hook hairlocks,*

unblemished surfaces. Fd. Chichester, W Sussex, 10.3.2019.

RRRR die pair, only three others recorded. **£850**

British-made gold staters minted before Caesar invaded Britain in 55 and 54 BC are rarely seen for sale. Even scarcer are specimens as crisp and minty-fresh as this stater. Dr John Sills says: "The Tarring series was a brief one...A defining characteristic is the obverse wreath with its downward-pointing leaves and the hair curls behind the wreath have distinctive upward-turned fish-hook tails" (DK, p.102).



EASTERN CELTS of Hungary

2. Bird and Triskeles (Dreizack und Triskeles). c.early 3rd cent. BC. AR tetradrachm. 23mm. 13.50g. Celticised laureate of Zeus r./ Rider with crested helmet on horse walking r, bird flying behind, triskeles between forelegs, hobble below hind-legs, remains of Audoleon legend around. LT 9734, BMC 119, Göbl OTA 415/9, Kostial 711-715, Flesche 548-49. Nr EF, light cabinet tone, magnificent Zeus head. Ex W F Stevens coll, Chris Rudd List 26, 1997, no.2, ex Sidney Mygind, 15.6.1996, Lanz auction 76, 18.5.1996, lot 67. **£600**

The remnant of the reverse legend was copied from King Audoleon who ruled Paeonia c.315-286 BC. Some cataloguers see a trident behind the rider. It looks more like a bird to us. Note how the rider's stylised torso seems to be floating above the horse. Bill Stevens was a Celtic-coin author. Published in *Coin News*, July 2019 (**this coin**).

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

3. Ogmios and Boar. Anchor Nose with S-Mane. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 18-21mm. 6.19g. Celtic head with S-shape rolls of hair./ Horse r, anchor-nosed rider above with dashes for hair, small boar below. LT-, DT-, Rybot 80, Hooker 80, Colbert de Beaulieu cl.III, S 16. *Good VF, bright silver, amazing hair, lovely boar and unusual rider. Ex Vaudrey coll, ex Quebec coll.* **£275**

Struck to fund the Armorican rebellion against Caesar in 56 BC.

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

4. Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan. Flat Fibula Type. Sills GB Ab1, class 7. Bellovacii. c.175-120 BC. AV stater. 22mm. 6.86g. Draped bust of Apollo l, with elaborate hairstyle./ Stylised horse l, charioteer above, rosette below. ABC-, LT-. DT 68, S 2. *VF, large round flan of golden gold. Ex P Tordeur coll, ex Librairie Archaion, no.270.* **£450**

This Flat Fibula Type is defined by Apollo's bulging neck and his unusual flat-topped cloak fastener. Not shown in La Tour, Van Arsdell or ABC.

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5. Sea Horses. Ambiani. c.60-50 BC. Bronze unit. 16mm. 2.20g. Head l./ Two sea horses back-to-back. LT 8526, DT 477, BMC-. CCI 97.1198 (**this coin**). F/VF, bold horses. Ex I Thompson coll. Fd. Chichester, West Sussex.

RRR as UK find £120

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

6. Corded Triangle. X-Box Type. Sills class 1c, Weald, Cross Box. c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 0.82g. Plain obverse./ Small annulate horse l, corded triangle with ringed-pellet in centre above, ringed-pellets around, X-in-box below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 63, S-. Gd VF, rose-gold, beautifully centred with full horse, triangle and X-box. **R £400**

7. Amminus Hippocamp. c.AD30-40. AR unit. 12mm. 0.73g. A inside circle within wreath, beaded border./ Hippocamp r, AM below, S above, beaded border. ABC 462, VA 194, BMC 2520-21, DK 104 var., S 189. Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold AM. **RR only 24 others recorded, inc. two in the British Museum. £375**

The hippocampus (sea-horse) signifies naval prowess, a strength this sea-girt ruler was keen to stress.

REGINI West Sussex.

8. Selsey Dahlia. No Mane Type. British Qc, Wheel Type, Sills class 2a. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter. 13mm. 1.14g. Wreath design./ Horse r, dahlia and pellet above. ABC 503, VA 220, BMC 478-84, DK 171, S 48. F, golden gold. **£120**

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

9. Adam's Dragons. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.94g. Four-arm spiral, each topped by dragon's head, ring under chin, central cogwheel./ Clumpy-hooved horse r, large wheel above, ringed-pellet above and below tail. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 18.1118 (**this coin**). VF, lightly toned silver, clear animal heads, bold horse. Found Wiltshire, 2017. **RRRR only two other examples recorded. £500**

The four-arm spiral dragon motif is similar to two gold quarter staters of the Regini (ABC 782, 785), two silver half units of the Belgae (ABC 947, 950) and two North Thames silver coins (ABC 2258, 2261).

10. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 16-20mm. 6.09g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves and fish-like hairlocks./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l, shrimp and large blobs above, crab below. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. Good VF, large flan of rich yellow gold, bold crab. **£475**

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.

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

11. 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 Eisu. Commios' father?

12. Tincomarus Comet. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.17g. Six arms radiating from central pellet, traces of inscription./ Boy on dolphin r. ABC 1127, VA 371, BMC 946-47, S 88. Gd VF/VF, bright silver, bold comet. Ex J D D Brown coll. **S £125**

'Julian star' comet copied from Augustan denarius, 19-18 BC, RCV 1607.

13. Epillus Rex. c.20BC-AD1. AR unit. 12mm. 1.08g. Outline crescent, small pellet daisy either side, REX above, CALLE below./ Spread winged eagle flying r, EPP behind. ABC 1160, VA 415, BMC 1025-26, S 99. VF, bright silver, bold eagle. Ex J D D Brown coll. **S £175**

On this coin Epillus ('Little Horse'), brother of Tincomarus, claims to be 'King of Calleva' (modern Silchester, Hants.). He probably was, before he moved to Kent.

14. Epillus Grapevine. c.20BC-AD1. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.87g. Bearded head r, vine leaf border./ Boar r, EPPI and pellet triad above, [F C]OM below, bearded border. ABC 1163 var., VA 416, BMC 1061-81, S 100. Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, superb boar. Ex J D D Brown coll. **R £185**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

15. Norfolk Wolf. Left Type with Pellet Triad. Talbot die-group 18. c.50-30 BC. AE core of AV stater. 16-19mm. 4.75g. Icenian wreath motif with leaves facing downwards./ Wolf standing l, long bristles on back, downturned neck torc and blobs above, large pellet and pellet triad below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1399 var., VA 610-3, BMC 253-257, S 31. Gd VF, glossy dark patina, superb wolf. **R as contemporary forgery £250**

Interesting because apparently struck from 'official' dies, which implies that the moneyers (and their master?) were possibly being dishonest.

16. Freckenham Crescents. Ring and Star. Talbot dies L/10. c.10BC-AD10. AV stater. 15mm. 5.33g. Back to back crescents, pellet triad above and below./ Annular horse r,



pellet triad in beaded ring above, star below. ABC 1447, VA 620-7, BMC 3386-88, S 426. CCI 17.1407 (**this coin**). *VF, rose-gold, bold crescents. Ex G Clubb coll, ex D Jenkins coll.*

R die pair, 36 others. **£550**

This type has coarser die cutting and no recessed ledge on the obverse.

17. Toney Curly Top. Sun Type. Talbot Saham Toney Unit, dies D/4. c.15BC-AD5. AR unit. 12mm. 0.67g. Small head facing right, pellet hair./ Horse right, pelletal sun-ring above and below. ABC 1546, VA-, BMC-, S-. *F/VF, toned silver, clear sun-rings. RRRR only one other recorded. £225*

This excessively rare type is defined by the heavy eyebrow and two sun-rings. The only other one known was sold by us 18 years ago.

18. Ecen Corn Ear. c.AD20-43. AR unit. 13mm. 1.26g. Back-to-back moons./ Globular horse r, three dots below. ABC 1657, VA 730, BMC 4033-4215, S 443A. *Gd VF, boldly struck, bright silver. Ex J D D Brown coll. £125*

19. Norfolk God. c.AD25-43. AR unit. 13mm. 0.75g. Head r, short hair and headdress./ Horse r, cabled arc above. ABC 1567, VA 792, 794, BMC 3605-3759, S 434. *Good VF, lightly toned, bold head. £250*

Attributed to Queen Boudica AD 61 by Van Arsdell. Dr John Talbot also says it's a late issue.

CORIELTAVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

20. North East Coast. Right Type with Sun. Sills Mint A, class 4. c.55-45 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 6.00g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, tiny pellets in field./ Lunate horse r, charioteer's arms, pellets and crescent above, pelletal sun below, zigzag exergual line. ABC 1719, VA 800-5, BMC 184-85, S 28. CCI 16.0498 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, neat round flan of yellow gold, clear exergual decoration. Ex T Warner coll, fd. Horncastle, Lincs., c.2000. S £850*

What's the aim of the exergual-style diagonal line at right angles to the hairbar? To define Apollo's hairline? Or what? It isn't on the earliest North East Coast stater, ABC 1716, nor on Gallo-Belgic C, ABC 13. Was it prompted by the diagonal line on the first Whaddon Chase stater, ABC 2433?

21. South Ferriby. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 15-17mm. 4.72g. Wreath motif with leaves facing upwards, crescents for eyes./ Traces of disjointed horse left. ABC 1743, VA 811, BMC 3148-78, S 390. PAS: NLM-D7846B (**this coin**). *Chipped, otherwise VF/Fine, clear wreath. Fd. Alkborough, north Lincolnshire, 5.5.2017. £95*

The diagonal line (see No.20) has become a ledge. Where else can you buy a genuine 2000-year-old Celtic gold stater, recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) and with an authenticated

findspot and find-date, for under £100? For 17 years *Liz's List* has offered Celtic collectors unrivalled value for money.

22. S-Triad Proto Boar. No Pellet Type. Rich Type 5e var. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.29g. Boar r, 'anemone' above./ Horse l, beaded ring above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1782 var., VA 855-7 var., BMC 3208 var., S 396 var. CCI 17.2108 (**this coin**). *Weak obv. die, otherwise Gd VF, super horse, bold ornaments. Ex T Warner coll.*

RRRR the only one we've had **£120**

There's no pellet in the solar ring above the horse. Unrecorded by *Boar Horse* (Chris Rudd 2014), the definitive catalogue of this series. Once again, who else offers you such high rarities at such low prices?

23. Vepo Ring. c.AD15-40. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.55g. Wreath./ Horse r, [V]EP above, [CO] below, pellets around. ABC 1896, VA 952, BMC 3316, S 413. *Nr EF, as struck, bright silver, bold horse, bold VEP. Ex Baldwins, fd. pre-2016. R £125*

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

24. Cotswold Oxo. Head Type E. c.10BC-AD10. AR unit. 13mm. 1.11g. Stylised head r, ringed-pellets forming hairline./ Triple-tailed annulate horse l, 'flower' motif below. ABC 2024, VA 1074, BMC 2976-80, S 377. CCI 18.1757 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned, sharply struck, bold horse. An uncommonly crisp specimen of above average quality. Ex T Warner coll, ex J Joyner coll, bt. Lloyd Bennett, May 1981. R £140*

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

25. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 18mm. 3.73g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets aboec, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2555-636, S 366. *Gd VF, neat flan of bright silver. Ex David Turner coll, fd. Winterborne Stickland hoard, Dorset, 2013. £125*

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

26. S-Type. Sills British Le2. c.52-47 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.21g. Reversed-S in middle of slightly banded field./ Trophy-type motif, serpentine bar each side, ringed-pellets around. ABC 2249, VA-, BMC-, DK 451, S-. *VF, pale rose-gold, well centred S. RR only 17 others recorded. £650*

Companion quarter to full SS-Type stater, ABC 2237. Does the S stand for Segontiaci, a tribe of south-east England that surrendered to Caesar in 54 BC? Or the initial of an unknown ruler? Or a lightning flash? An elusive rarity (unlisted by VA and Spink), not one in the BM.

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

27. Great Waltham. Sills Ab2, class 3. c.54 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.48g. Stylised 'wolf-and-twins' motif./ Uncertain design, Y-shape. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 400,



S-. *Gd VF/VF, golden gold, bold obverse. RRR only 14 others recorded.* £275

Another hard-to-find gold coin, unlisted by most catalogues, absent from most collections, none in the British Museum. And yet, incredibly, for sale here at less than £300.

28. Harlow Horses. c.50-30 BC. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.34g. Horse r, ringed-pellet above./ Annulate horse r, ringed-pellets around, pellet below. ABC 2502, VA 1643, BMC 397-98, S 52. *Gd VF, toned silver, bold horses.* **RR £250**

Sir John Evans (1890) got his Harlow Horses – not as nice as ours – from the sale of Rev. H. Christmas's coins.

29. Tasciovanos Rings, Horse Right. Sills class 6a. Kretz Type B, var. 1-2. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.25g. Crossed wreaths, pellets and ring in angles./ Horse r, bucranium above, [TAS]CI around. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 528, S-. *Gd VF, pale gold, bold horse.*

RR only 19 others recorded. £275

Missing from most catalogues, none in the British Museum.

30. Tasciovanos Regal Rider. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 11-13mm. 1.13g. VER in centre of plain field, beaded border./ Warrior on full-bodied horse r. ABC 2625, VA 1747, BMC 1674-76, S 234. *VF, bright silver, well centred VER, bold horse. Fd. Royston, Herts, 2010.* **RR £125**

31. Tasciovanos Jugate. c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 15mm. 1.77g. Two bearded heads r, [VERI] in front./ Ram l, TA above, flower below. ABC 2655, VA 1705, BMC 1711-13, S 242. CCI 98.1252 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, clear heads. Ex WF Stevens coll, ex J Fay coll.* **RR £125**

Bill Stevens (1933-2018) used to write about Celtic coins in *Coin News*. All his coins came from us.

32. Dias Throne. c.AD 1-10. AE unit. 15mm. 1.77g. Short-haired male head r./ Seated figure l, traces of VER below. ABC 2751, VA 1816, BMC 1739-44, S 251. *VF, glossy dark green patina, full head.* **R £85**

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

33. Cunobelinus Linear. Sills class 2. c.AD8-41. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.25g. Ear of corn with central stalk between [C]A to l, M[V] to r./ Horse right, with linear mane, CVN below, beaded border. ABC 2810, VA 1927-1, BMC 1837-42, DK 575, S 292. *Gd VF, rose gold, neat strike.* **R £425**

34. Cunobelinus Horseman. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 11-13mm. 1.14g. CVN[O] BEL[INI] in two panels, star above, beaded border./ Horseman r, CVN below on exergual line. ABC 2858, VA 1951, BMC 1862, S 302. CCI 16.0245 (**this coin**). *VF, toned silver, sharp letters.* **RR £250**

35. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.45g. Pegasus r, CV above, NO below, beaded border./ Victory stabbing bull r, [TAS]CI, beaded border. ABC 2972, VA 2099, BMC 1913-19, S 343. *Gd VF, glossy patina, bold figures.* **£120**

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36. Eagles and Snake. Carnutes. c.75-55 BC. AE unit. 15mm. 1.55g. Head r./ Eagle standing. LT 6088. *Fine, dark patina, clear eagle.* **£25**

37. Mini Stick Horse. Icenii. c.AD1-43. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.46g. Back-to-back crescents./ Globular horse r. ABC 1693. *VF, bold moons.* **R £25**

38. South Ferriby. Corieltavi. AV plated stater. 19mm. 2.60g. Wreath./ Disjointed horse r, 'sad' face above, star below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743. *Fair/Fine, most of plating intact on reverse.* **£35**

39. North Thames Serpent. Eastern. c.40-30 BC. AE unit. 11-14mm. 1.62g. Serpent, head turned back./ Rider on horse r. ABC 2318. *Fine, clear horse.* **RR £40**

40. Cunobelinus Janus. Cat & Trin. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 13mm. 1.82g. Two heads back-to-back./ Sow on haunches r, [C]AMV. ABC 2981. *F/Gd F, clear sow. Ex M Smith coll.* **S £35**

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