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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.

Two superb smiling faces for the price of one



1. Harlow Wheel. Catuvellauni. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 14mm. 1.15g. Stylised wreath with central ringed-pellet, hidden smiling faces, hairlocks and cloak lines in angles./ Naturalistic horse r, dewlap and corded mane, 8-spoked wheel with beaded rim and ringed-pellets above, ring in front. ABC 2463, VA 234, BMC 365-66, DK 472, S 43. *Gd VF, golden gold, sharp wreath, clear hidden faces.*

Fd. Clare, Suffolk, June 2018. RR only 23 others recorded inc. 8 in museums.

£950

Both hidden smiling faces are almost completely revealed on this lovely specimen. The same little faces can be seen on coins of the Iceni and southern region. See Chris Rudd, Hidden faces on Celtic coins, *Coin News*, November 2019, p.41-43.



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2. Rybot Intruder. Boar Type with Triangular Eye and Beaded Cordon. Jersey or Unelli. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 17-20mm. 6.24g. Lunate head of Armorican sun-god r, with dot in centre of triangular eye socket, beaded horse-lips, crescentic hairline, and cranial boar above three S-shaped hairlocks, beaded border./ Long-bodied linear chariot-horse r, with human head, two-line tail, stylised driver with eyelike lentoid head, before: square X-type beaded banner on lash, below: V-form lyre symbol with five knobbed lines radiating from ringed-pellet, cupped by straggly beaded cordon. LT J 32 var., DT 2285 var., cf. Rybot 97, 99. *Gd VF, thick chunky flan of good AR, lightly toned, well defined 'moon' head, well ornamented androcephalous horse, lovely lyre. Moneys' tong marks on edge. Ex C Bodmer coll. RR, few known, first we've had.* **£650**

Dr Philip de Jersey says: "Could it be a coinage actually manufactured

on Jersey? Or could it be the coinage of Viridovix, the Celtic leader who was defeated by Caesar's army in the Cotentin in 56 BC?" (Le Catillon II: its numismatic significance, pers.comm. 9.11.2018).

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

3. Ogmios and Lyre. Crozier Nose with Sun Sceptre and Rein Leaves. Rybot group III, de Jersey class 3. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 21-24mm. 6.20g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, empty lentoid eye, crozier nose, V-lips, beaded whiskers behind./ Human-headed horse r, driver and sun-sceptre above, lyre below, three rein leaves before. ABC 67v., LT J 37, DT 2332, Rybot 60, Hooker 11, 12, S 17. *Gd VF, huge flan of bright AR, fantastic Celtic head and 'man-horse'.* **£350**

Thanks to the big flan we see head whiskers and rein leaves, often absent.

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

4. 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.

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MASSALIA (Marseilles), Gallo-Greek seaport, SE France.

5. Marseilles Wheel. Group III. c.300-250 BC. AR obol. 9mm. 0.50g. Head of river-god l./ Four-spoked wheel with MA in angles. LT 580, Brenot & Scheers III 14-19, DN 32. VF/Gd VF, sharp MA. Ex J D D Brown coll. **£55**

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

6. Crossed Striations. Holman C3/1-2a. c.105-90 BC. Flat linear potin. 18mm. 1.74g. Linear head l, with neckline, eye ring without pellet, crossed striations./ Linear bull l, legs slightly apart, two crescents above, line below, crossed striations. ABC-, VA 112, BMC-, S-. Gd VF, neat round, 'end-of-strip' coin, clear striations.

RR only 25 others recorded, **RRR** with crossed striations **£125**
Crossed striations "produced by textile, pressed into clay to produce the cavity system" says Van Arsdell (1989, p.82).

7. Corded Triangle. Weald, Upright Box Type. Sills class 1b. c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.31g. 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. Good VF, smooth surfaces of rose gold.

RRR only 13 others recorded from this reverse die **£350**

8. Amminus Hippocamp. c.AD30-40. AR unit. 11-14mm. 0.84g. [A] inside circle within wreath, beaded border./ Hippocamp r, AMI below, S above, beaded border. ABC 462, VA 194, BMC 2520-21, S 190. VF, bright AR, bold hippocamp.

RR only 24 others recorded **£350**

Amminus was an exiled son of Cunobelinus.

9. Solidus. c. AD 40-43. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.20g. SOLIDV in centre of plain field, guilloche pattern and beaded border./ Naked male figure standing l, CV to left, N[O] to right, beaded border. ABC 474, VA 2073, BMC 1894-95, DK 107, S 351. VF, bright AR, bold SOLIDV.

RRR only 9 others recorded, inc. two in British Museum. **£750**

REGINI West Sussex.

10. Sills Insular Cf. Class 1. c.70-55 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.51g. Stylised 'wolf-and-twins' motif./ Tree-like object on horizontal bar, 'heart-shape' below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 133, S 39A. Gd VF, golden gold, bold tree.

RRR die pair, only six others recorded. **£350**

This heavyweight golden-gold quarter can also be catalogued as Sills GGC 460, dies 2/2. It is distinguished by a rosette to the right of the 'twins' (not visible on this specimen).

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

11. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.54-53BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 6.12g. Wreath pattern with downward facing leaves and fishlike hairlocks./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l; shrimp, blobs and dots above, 'coffee bean' behind, disjointed crab below, zigzag exergual decoration with pellets. ABC 746,

VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. Nr EF, as struck, large flan of fabulous yellow gold, beautifully ornamented with key features all displayed. Unmarked and in pristine condition. **£700**

The unusually high grade reminds us of Chute staters we had from the Chute III hoard, Wiltshire, of 1994. See *CHIAB*, p.415-6. This is a beauty. 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.

12. Danebury Dagger. c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.14g. Boar l, dagger in front, pelleted crescents above, snake below./ Horse l, clumpy hooves and flowing mane, pelletal sun above, row of tiny pellets below, ringed-pellets around. ABC 869, VA 867 (as Corieltavi), BMC-, S 396. CCI 00.0269 (**this coin**). Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, virtually as struck, lightly toned, clear dagger. Ex T Warner coll. Found Winchester, Hampshire, c.1998.

RRR only 8 others recorded, including one in museum. **£550**

The first we had, sold in 2013 for £750. The dagger and blood (dots below horse) may represent ritual Druid sacrifice.

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

13. Commios Ladder Head Wheel. c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 1.08g. Moon head l, lentoid eye, ladder-like hair, two large ringed-pellets./ Horse l, wheel above. ABC 1034, VA 355-5, BMC 758, S 69. Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold ladder hair. Ex J D D Brown coll. **RR** **£250**

King Commios was a former ally of Caesar and one of the best known Gallic War heroes of his time.

14. Commios Concave Square. c.50-25 BC. AR minim. 8mm. 0.28g. Cogwheel motif inside concave-sided square, ringed-pellet in each cusp./ Annular horse l, wheel above. ABC 1046, VA 482, BMC 654-656, S 59. CCI 19.0001 (**this coin**). VF/Gd VF, lightly toned, bold square. **RR** **£185**

15. Tincomarus Laureate Head. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 11mm. 1.10g. Laureate head r./ Bull r, head facing, TIN above, C below. ABC 1118, VA 381-3, BMC 922-25, S 85. Gd VF, good silver, bold bull. Found Winchester, Hampshire. **RR** **£150**

16. Verica Star Boar. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.14g. COMF between two crescents, pellet above and below, beaded border./ Boar r, star above, VIRI below. VA 470-3, BMC 1312-21, S 131. CCI 00.1178 (**this coin**). Nr EF, toned silver, full inscription, great boar, superior pedigree piece. Ex J D D Brown coll, ex I McKenna coll, ex Matthew Rich coll, ex Cotswold coll, ex Michael Trenerry. **S** **£325**

Numismatist Matthew Rich wrote *Boar Horse*, cited in No.26.

17. Verica Viric. c.AD10-40. AR minim. 7mm. 0.24g. VIRI[C] on plain field, beaded border./ Boar r, C above, O below. ABC 1280, VA 423, 510-1, BMC 1519-20, S 146. Nr EF, super boar. Fd. Amberley, W.Sussex. **RR** **£185**



18. Epaticcus Eagle. c.AD20-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.26g. 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. *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, full EPATI. Fd. in Hampshire.* **£185**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

19. Freckenham Crescents. Ring and Star Type. Talbot dies L/10. c.10BC-AD10. AV stater. 15-18mm. 5.34g. Back to back crescents, row of horizontal pellets, pellet triad above and below./ Horse r, beaded ring above, ring in front, four-pointed star below. ABC 1447, VA 620-7, BMC 3386-88, S 426. *Gd VF, rose-gold, bold pellets.* **R £750**

Back to back crescents were copied from the Catuvellauni.

20. Bury Diadem. Talbot dies E/8. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 15mm. 1.29g. Female head l, wearing diadem, serpent in front./ Horse l, beaded pellet above, ringed-pellet below, quatrefoil in front. ABC 1495, VA 80, BMC 3524-27, S 432. *VF, lightly toned silver, well centred horse.* **£195**

The head may be of Sirona ('Star'), a goddess of healing also seen on ABC 1498, 1501 (note the stars) and 551.

21. Snettisham Uniface. c.40-10 BC. AR unit. 16mm. 1.18g. Plain./ Horse r, beaded mane, ringed-pellet motif above, ringed pellet below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3544, S-. *VF, large flan of bright silver, clear horse.* **R £150**

22. Norfolk Boar Phallic. Dash Triads Type. Talbot obv. die AA. c.AD10-25. AR unit. 13mm. 0.74g. Stylised boar r, long bristles, row of pellets below./ Horse r, four-spoked wheel above, phallic motif and pellet triads below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse, full phallic symbol.* **RRR type, rev. die UNIQUE? £185**

No pellet between boar's legs, triads dashed not dotted. So this is a new, unpublished type. Dr John Talbot says: "The reverse die is new, previously unrecorded. I suspect that this is one of the last coins struck in die-group 8" (pers.comm. 28.1.2020).

23. Norfolk God. Moustache Type. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 13mm. 0.96g. Head r, wearing boarskin headdress./ Horse r, kite and beaded arc above. ABC 1567, VA 794, BMC 3605-759, S 434. *VF, lightly toned silver, sharp head.* **£175**

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

CORIELTAVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

24. North East Coast. Left Type. Sills Mint B. c.60-50 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 6.18g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, horizontal line of pellets below./ Lunate horse left, 'coffee bean' in front and behind, charioteer's arms and pellets above, crescent and pellet below. ABC 1722 var., VA 804, BMC 193-99, S 29. *EF, large flan of golden*

gold, horse standing out in high relief. S type, this die pair **UNIQUE? £950**

If you could see the zigzag below the horse (as on BMC 193 and 194) you'd realise that there is a hidden face here, with the zigzag forming a toothy grin.

25. Domino. c.60-50 BC. Base AV stater. 18mm. 4.62g. Traces of wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, 'domino' box above, 4-arm anti-clockwise spiral below. ABC 1758, VA 829-1, BMC 3185-86, S 393. *VF, full spiral. Fd. North Ferriby, near Hull, Yorkshire, 10.9.2019.* **R £250**

26. South Ferriby Boar. Rich Type 22a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit 15-17mm. 1.17g. Simplified boar r, beaded pellet above, ringed-pellets around./ Horse r, beaded ring above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1800, VA 875-1, 875-2, BMC 3214-15, S 397. *Edge bit ragged, otherwise Good VF, huge flan of bright silver, boldly struck.* **R £175**

27. Aunt Cost Blundered Legend. Z-Type. c.AD15-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.16g. Virtually blank./ Horse l, double upper forelegs, pellet above trefoil below, [C]OZT around. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 17.0119 (**this coin**). *F/Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold horse, clear inscription. Ex J D D Brown coll.* **RR legend variant £175**

Dr John Sills says: "The S in COST is often very angular on this type, more like a reversed Z" (pers.comm. 29.1.2020).

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

28. Cotswold Eagle. Head Type B. c.40-20 BC. AR unit. 15mm. 0.84g. Head r, blobby chin, crescents and pellets in front./ 3-tail horse l, bird's head above, flower below. ABC 2015, VA 1042, BMC 2953-62, S 377. *Gd VF, big flan of lightly toned silver, bold horse. Fd. South Cerney, Oxon., c.1994-5.* **£175**

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

29. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 19mm. 4.02g. Wreath motif./ Triple-tailed horse l, pellets. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2555-636, S 367. *VF/Gd VF, big flan, nicely centred horse. Ex T Warner coll.* **£85**

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

30. Westbury (formerly Middle Whaddon Chase. Big Wheel Type). Sills British Lb1, class 1. c.55-45 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.66g. Crossed-wreath design with two back-to-back crescents in centre, ornaments in angles./ Naturalistic horse r, wing motif and pellet triads above. ABC 2442, VA 1487, BMC 331-35, DK 468, S 32. *Bold EF, golden gold, almost as minted, fabulous horse, full wing. A stunning stater of exceptional quality.* **S £950**

The beaded bar by the wing may be a bridle bit, hobble or slave chain. Rarely seen so clearly as on this excellent example.

31. Addedomaros Spiral. Sills class 3. c.45-25 BC. AV stater. 19mm. 5.47g. 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, rose-gold, stunning starfish, whole cornucopia.* **£900**

Addedomaros was a great innovator. This is the third of his highly imaginative obverse stater designs. Nothing like it had ever been seen before in Britain or Gaul.

32. Tasciovanos Verlamion. VER[L] TASC[I] Type. Sills class 4b. Kretz Type C, var. 2. c.20BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.30g. Crossed wreaths, crescents in centre, VER in angles./ Horse stepping l, bucranium above, [T] in front, AS below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 524, S-. *Good VF, toned rose gold, bold horse. Found Horley, Surrey.* **RR only 22 others recorded. £300**

Not in ABC, VA, BMC nor Spink. Where else can you find such remarkable gold rarities at such remarkably low prices?

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united by Cunobelinus.

33. Cunobelinus Plastic. Ring Type. c.AD8-41. AV stater. 17mm. 5.45g. Ear of barley, CA to l, M[V] to r./ 'Plastic' style horse r, branch and pellet above, pellet under tail, ringed-pellet and CVNO below. ABC 2786, VA 2010, BMC 1809-12, DK 562, S 286. *Gd VF, rose gold, centrally struck, bold inscription. Fd. Andover, Hants.* **S £900**

What lovely whiskery barley! What a lively frisky horse! Dr John Sills says: "The horse is now galloping rather than prancing and has a fine pellet mane...the hind quarters are higher than the forepart to accommodate a large ringed pellet below the body" (DK, p.628).

34. Cunobelinus Wild B. Sills class 5. c.AD8-41. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.26g. Ear of barley between CAM[V]./ Wild-type horse prancing right, pointed ears, spiky mane, angled foreleg, branch above, [CVN] below, beaded border. ABC 2813, VA 1935, BM 1844, DK 584, S 293. *Gd VF, lovely rose gold, bonny horse.* **RR £375**

35. Cunobelinus Man Horse. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 13mm. 0.70g. CAMVL monogram between two lines, inside circular wreath./ Centaur stepping l, holding branch over shoulder, ringed-pellet and [CVNO] below. ABC 2828, VA 1918, BMC-, S 307. *Nr VF/VF, lightly toned, bold centaur.* **RRR only 15 others recorded. £225**

The human-headed horse with a victory palm may point to the success of Cuno's cavalry in the capture of *Camulodunon*. Not one in BMC.

36. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.53g. Pegasus r, [CV] behind, NO below./ Female winged figure stabbing bull r, TASC I 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. **£185**

CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £45.

37. Champagne Wild Man. Senones. c.80-50 BC. Potin. 17mm. 4.24g. Head r, phallic hair./ Horse l, tail raised. ABC 103. *VF, glossy grey patina. Ex A Clarke coll.* **£30**

38. Thurrock. Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Cast AE. 17mm. 3.01g. Head l./ Bull butting r. ABC 120. *VF, bold head.* **£30**

39. Norfolk Boar Phallic. Icenic. c.AD10-25. AR plated unit. 13mm. 0.99g. Sim. No.22. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1582. **RRR thus. VF, half of plating intact. £45**

Forged in ancient times to deceive.

40. Vepo Rosette. Corieltavi. c.AD15-40. AR half unit. 8-11mm. 0.43g. Wreath motif, with rosette each side./ Horse r, [VEP] above, C[ORF] below. ABC 1875. *1/3 missing otherwise Gd VF, lightly toned, bold rosette. Found North Ferriby, Hull, July 2017.* **RR £30**

41. Cunobelinus Sitting Boar. Cat. & Trin. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 1.30g. Traces of bust l, wearing crested helmet, CVNOBELI in front./ Boar sitting l, on its haunches, [TASC.FIL] below. ABC 2933. *Fine, boar visible.* **R £25**

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