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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 = 11 euros, 12 US\$. Any questions? Please ask me. I'm here to help you.

### This snake guards a hoard of gold staters



enlarged

**1. North East Coast. Right Type with Sun.** Sills Mint A, class 3. c.60-50 BC. Gold stater. 18mm. 5.83g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, snake, small pellets in field./ Lunate horse r, coffee-bean behind, charioteer's arms and

pellets above, pelletal sun below, exergual line with zigzag and pellets below. ABC 1719, VA 800-5, BMC 184-91, S 28. CCI 11.0256 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, golden gold, well centred horse, super sharp sun.* Ex Tony Warner collection, ex Chris Hamlyn collection. **S type, UNIQUE? die pairing, previously unrecorded**

£950

The snake on the obverse (what else can it possibly be?) is guarding a hoard of gold coins (what else could all those dots represent?), which makes perfect sense according to ancient traditions. The sun-god Apollo-Belenus (that's his head on the coin) was clothed and armed with gold – tunic, buckles, lyre, bow, quiver and sandals. The Ulster hero Conall Cernach conquers a poisonous reptile which guards treasure. Giraldus Cambrensis tells of a well which contains a gold torc guarded by a snake. We're sure a similar myth was well known in late Iron Age Britain.



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*Coins of the EASTERN CELTS of Hungary*  
**2. Patraos Fallen Foe.** c.late 4th cent BC. AR tetradrachm. 24mm. 9.44g. Slightly Celticised laureate head of Apollo r, with short hair and ribbed fringe./ Horseman r, in crested helmet, spearing fallen enemy who defends himself with raised shield, TAY before. BMC S 182, Kostial 997 var., cf. Flesche 626-27, Pink OK 118, Forrer 301, Paeonian Hoard pl.9. *Nr EF, as struck, lightly toned, a close imitation of Paeonian prototype.* Ex William F Stevens collection, Chris Rudd List 31, 1998, no.1, ex A.H. Baldwin, 27.10.1997. **£500**

King Patraos ruled Paeonia c.340-315 BC. Derek Allen says: "The original coins and their imitations are found between the rivers Strymon and Axios and it is reported that imitations have been found in the region occupied in antiquity by the Agriones" (*Catalogue of the Celtic Coins in the British Museum*, Vol.I, 1987, p.33). Published in *Coin News*, July 2019 (**this coin**).



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**REMI** Marne, NE France, cap. Durocortorum (Reims).

**3. Three Phalli.** c.80-50 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.47g. Scrotal globule with three erect phalli./ Horse r. LT 8030 var, DT 181. *Gd VF, pale gold, clear phalli.* Ex J D D Brown coll, ex Michael Trenerry. **£150**

Politely known in France as 'quart de statère aux segments de cercles'.

**IBERIAN** Earliest recorded Celtic inscriptions c.600 BC

**4. Hercules and Tuna. Left Type.** Gadir. c.100-20 BC. AE quadrans (or semis). 19mm. 3.44g. Melkart in lionskin l./ Tuna, Phoenician MP'L and 'GDR. VB 692, B 1346, C 787. *VF, dark olive gree patina, nice head.* Ex Dr Hispanicus coll. **R £45**

The Ba'al of Tyre began as a sun-god. Later, like other deities of Phoenician ports, he became a sea-god called Melkart 'god of the city'. The Greeks knew him as Herakles.

**AMBIANI** Somme valley, N France.

**5. Wild Boar and Horse.** (type des dépôts d'Amiens). c.60-40 BC. AE unit. 14mm. 3.36g. Boar r, big dorsal bristles, ring in front./ Horse l, three-spiked 'bucranium' above. LT 8482 var., BN 8481-8443, DT 446 series 49. *VF/nr VF, dark green patina, nice boar.* **RR £85**

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**IMPORTED** Gaulish coins found in England.

**6. Boat Tree. Wedge Type.** Morini. c.60-50 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.44g. Stylised sun-boat motif./ Tree motif with wedges either side, zigzag line, crescent and Y-shape below. ABC 40, VA 69-1, DK 26, S 10. *EF, golden gold, sharp tree. An exceptionally nice example, best we've had for some time. Fd. Hampshire, 1980s or 1990s.* **£350**

The Wedge type has a simplified tree with a wedge-shaped line on either side.

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

**7. Corded Triangle. Weald Upright Box.** c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.15g. Plain obverse./ Horse l, corded 'triangle' above with ringed-pellet in centre, two pellets and ringed-pellet above tail, cross-hatched net below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 2470, DK 62 variant, S 172. *EF, neat flan of rose gold, all ornaments clearly displayed. Fd. Isle of Grain, Kent.* **R £550**

The corded triangle has ears, making it vaguely resemble a facing bull's head. A nod perhaps to the butting bulls on Kent's cast bronze and potin coins? Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, pp.45 and 91 (**this coin**).

**8. Thurrock Flowing Bull.** c.120-100 BC. Potin. 3.58g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull r. ABC 120 var., VA 1410, BMC 663, S 62. *VF, great head. Found Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.* **£50**

How did a Cantian cast bronze get to Dobunnic Ross-on-Wye 'hill by running water'? Via the marine and riverine tin trade, we guess.

**9. Boar Lion.** c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 15mm. 1.91g. Boar l, standing on exergual line, ringed-pellet below./ Lion r, S-shaped tail, ringed-pellets around. ABC 270, VA 154-5, BMC 2487, S 176. *VF, bold lion, rich brown patina. Fd. near Dover, Kent 2011-13.* **RR £85**

**10. Sam Boar Branch.** c.AD 1-10? AE unit. 12-15mm. 1.68g. Long-snouted boar l./ Horse l, ringed-pellet above, [SA] below. ABC 375, VA 187, BMC 2516-19, S 187A. *Good F, earthy patina, bold animals. Fd. near Dover, Kent.* **R £50**

Once thought to be Amminus or Vosenos, Sam 'summer' is one of the rarest of British rulers. All Sam coins are hard to find.

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

**11. Chute.** Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 15-18mm 5.96g. 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, sharp wreath, full tails.* **£550**

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.

**12. Tincomarus Diadem.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 13mm. 1.18g. Diademed head l, [TINCO]MARVS around./ Horse l, lyre above. ABC 1100, VA 473, BMC-, S 90. CCI 12.0703 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, toned, lovely head, full lyre. Ex G Garner coll.* **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.

**13. Verica Circles.** c.AD10-40. AR unit 12mm. 1.22g. Central pellet within two circles, VERICA COMMI F around./ Lion r, with pellet mane, crescent above, REX below. ABC 1229, VA 505, BMC 1332-55, S 132. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold bounding lion, clear inscription. Ex JDD Brown coll.* **S £425**

The obverse was inspired by a shield denarius of Octavian, 35-34 BC, RCV 1546. The lion probably sprang, fully formed, from Tincomarus (ABC 1121, 1124) or Eppillus (ABC 1166).

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

**14. 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**

**15. Gisleham Glory.** Talbot dies A/3. c.40-20 BC. AV quarter stater. 10-13mm. 0.94g. Cruciform design with ringed-pellet at each end and four-spoked wheel in centre, teardrop motif with crossbar at top and pellets in angles, beaded border./ Globular horse r, beaded mane, pellet under tail, beaded ring above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1492, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 19.3999 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, rose gold, full horse. RRR only 13 others recorded, RRRR die pair, only three others.* **£850**

For details of the hidden sources of the 16 hidden faces of the Gisleham Glory (Talbot's Saham Toney Quarter Stater) see *Chris Rudd List* 156, p.1. The superb specimen in our 14 January 2018 sale fetched £4000, a world record price for the type. The one above was struck from a different reverse die, the horse's mane is beaded, not dashed. See *Made for Trade*, p.51-55, and images on p.207.





**16. Irstead Smiler.** Talbot dies C/1. c.30-10 BC. AV quarter. 10mm. 1.10g. Large branch, ringed-pellet to r./ Horse r, with open head, beaded mane, large crescent above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1480, VA 628, BMC 3437-38, S 430. *VF/Gd VF, sharp horse. RRR dies, only 10 others.* **£275**

**17. Norfolk Boar Phallic.** Talbot dies JA/95. c.20-1 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.67g. Stylised boar r, long bristles, beaded border./ Horse r, two pellet triads and four-spoked wheel above, phallic motif and pellets below. ABC 1582, VA 659, BMC 3482, S 431. *Gd VF, bright silver, well centred, bold bristly boar, well ornamented.* **RRR dies, only 7 others** **£225**

**18. Antedios D-Bar.** Talbot dies Y/40. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.98g. Double moon emblem on vertical wreath./ Horse r, corn-ear mane, pellet daisy above, two pellets under tail, pellet triad, pellets 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, sharp ANTÐ.* **S dies** **£185**

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

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

**19. South Ferriby. Stork Head Left.** Rich Type 29. c.55-45BC. AR unit. 14mm. 0.98g. Plain./ Horse l, with stork head, pellet rosette above, pellet below. ABC 1809, VA 887, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF, lightly toned, bold horse. Ex J D D Brown coll.* **RR** **£75**

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

**20. Sunburst Little Horse.** c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.16g. Plain./ Triple-tailed annulate horse r, cogwheel sun above, small animal (stylised foal?) below. ABC 2009, VA 1010, BMC 2942-46, S 375. *EF/VF, glorious rose gold, full horse. Ex D Beavis coll.* **RR** **£450**

**21. Eisu Oxo.** c.AD20-43? AR unit. 14mm. 0.76g. Stylised head r, ringed-pellets and S-shape in front./ Triple-tailed annulate horse left, EI above, SV below. ABC 2081, VA 1110, BMC 3043-51, S 382. *VF, large flan, well centred, full EISV. Fd. near Tetbury, Glos.* **£250**

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

**22. Wiltshire Wheels.** c.30-1 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 0.77g. Wreath motif./ Two tailed annulate horse l, two small rings and large wheel with pellet rim above, ring and wheel below. ABC 2103, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 08.9250 (**this coin**). *Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, sharp horse, both wheels clearly displayed. Ex D Beavis coll, ex David Prior coll. Fd. Milton Lilbourne, Wilts.*

**RRR only 13 others recorded** **£475**



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

**23. Cranborne Chase.** c.58-40 BC. AR stater (with a bit of gold?). 18mm. 5.55g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind, large pellet below. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. *Gd VF, heavyweight, chunky flan, bright silver, sharp cloak lines, small rev. blemish.* **£250**

High weight hints at the possibility of a little gold in this stater.

**24. Duro Boat Bird.** c.50-30 BC. AR quarter stater. 11mm. 0.93g. 'Three men in a boat' motif./ Central thunderbolt, Y-shape and uncertain object (stylised bird?) to r. ABC 2208, VA 1242, BMC 2734-47, S 368. *EF, bright silver, bold strike.* **S** **£275**

**EASTERN** *uncertain north Thames types*

**25. Little Horned Serpent.** Sills Corded Serpent. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.29g. Wreath design./ Horse r, ring-pole protruding from chest, horizontal S-shape below. ABC 2225, VA-, BMC-, DK 475, S-. CCI 20.0425 (**this coin**). *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise VF, golden gold. Fd. near Canterbury, Kent. RR only 16 others recorded* **£250**

Dr John Sills says: "This is the British type, leaves in the wreath just below the hairbar not symmetrical and flawed, cloak fastener to the right of the wreath thick and fairly straight rather than the thin, reversed-S shape of the Belgic type."

**26. Five Rings.** c.55-45 BC. AR plated minim. 7mm. 0.21g. Cruciform motif of row of five ringed-pellets, ?wreath above and below./ Skinny horse l, beaded mane, R--S above, ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. New type, unpublished and unrecorded. *VF, most of plating intact. Fd. Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, 1.1.2020. Of the highest rarity and possibly Unique* **£250**

There seems to be an inscription above the horse, which might perhaps be R--S, which might possibly be interpreted as Rues. But this is uncertain and speculative, particularly since there's no recorded precedent of any North Thames silver minims. The most distinctive feature of this mysterious minim is the row of five ringed-pellets (five suns?), the closest match for this motif being a Cantian silver unit of Vodenos or Vosenos, ABC 363.

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

**27. Great Waltham Chevron** (formerly Westerham Reversed L). Sills British Ab2, class 1. c.54 BC. AV quarter. 10mm. 1.47g. 'Men in a boat' motif./ Tree-like motif, reversed L-shape to l, wavy line below. ABC 2454, VA-, BMC-, DK 397, S-. *Gd VF, as struck in golden gold.*

**RRR only 13 others recorded** **£175**





**28. Tasciovanos Verlamion.** Sills class 4a, VER/TAS, dies 22/19, Kretz Type C, var.3. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.30g. Crossed wreaths, crescents in centre, VER and teardrop in angles./ Horse stepping l, tail raised, teardrop and pellet triad below tail, [T]AS below. ABC 2598, VA 1690, BMC 1642-44, DK 523, S 224. *VF, pale rose gold, bold horses, unusual to see teardrop and pellet triad below tail.* **R dies, 34 others recorded.** **£350**

VER is short for *Verlamion* (St Albans, Herts.), which Richard Coates interprets as 'Place of the man called Crooked-hand' (*Celtic Studies* 39, 2005, p.169-176). It was the capital of the Catuvellauni.

**29. Tasciovanos Ver.** c.20BC-AD10. AR unit. 13-15mm. 1.46g. VER in beaded circle./ Horse right on exergual line, TASCIA around. ABC 2622, VA 1699, BMC 1670-73, S 233. CCI 01.1604 (**this coin**). *Nr VF, large flan, whole horse well displayed, virtually complete inscription. Ex W F Stevens coll, ex Chris Rudd List 61, 2002, no.62, ex Charles Brown, 1.9.2000. Fd. Northamptonshire, 2000. RR only 30 recorded, inc. four in the British Museum.* **£200**

William F Stevens (1933-2018) was a Celtic author and lecturer in linguistics.

### CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

*united by Cunobelinus.*

**30. Cunobelinus (Agr?) CAM CVN.** Sills class 3b. c.AD8-41. AV quarter stater. 10-12mm. 1.36g. Ear of corn without central stalk, [CA]M to l, CVN to r./ 'Plastic' type horse prancing r, branch above, CVN below. ABC 2819, VA 2017, BMC 1845, DK 579, S 295. *Near EF, sharply struck in rose gold, bold horse. This is an exceptional example in almost mint-state condition.* **R £550**

Dr John Sills thinks this superb quarter stater may have been issued by Agr (short for Agricu 'war hound?'), who was probably a son and heir apparent of Cunobelinus (*DK*, p.757-758).

**31. Cunobelinus Camuloduno.** c.AD8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.31g. Blundered CAMVL ODVNO in two panels, scroll above and below./ Sphinx crouching l, [C]VNO below. ABC 2924, VA 1977, BMC 1928-30, S 332. *VF, dark green patina, bold sphinx.* **S £65**

**32. Cunobelinus Rex.** c.AD8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.51g. Bust l, CVNOBE IINVS REX around./ Bull butting r, TASC in exergue, beaded border. ABC 2966, VA 2095, BMC 1944-51, S 340. *Nr EF, dark patina, full inscription.* **£175**

**33. Cunobelinus Metalworker.** c.AD8-41. AE unit. 14-16mm. 2.68g. Head l, CVNO[BELIN], beaded border./ Metal worker r, [TASCIO], beaded border. ABC 2969, VA 2097, BMC 1972-83, S 342. *VF, olive green patina, bold metalworker.* **£85**

**CHEAPO-CHEAPO!** *all low grade, none over £30.*

**34. Three broken Icenii coins.** One silver plated, 2 silver; Norfolk God, 2 pattern/horse. *All with 1/2 missing.* **£30**

**35. Aunt Cost Tyretrack.** Corieltauvi. c.0-20 AD. Silver half unit. 7-10mm. 0.42g. Central wreath./ Horse l, AVN. ABC 1953. *1/3 missing, otherwise Gd VF, pretty horse, clear AVN.* **£30**

**36. Duro Thunderbolt.** Durotriges. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 11mm. 0.40g. Virtually blank./ Central thunderbolt, clamshell motif. ABC 2217. *VF, bright AR.* **£25**

**37. Tasciovanos Vir.** Catuvellauni. c.20BC-AD10. AE unit. 13mm. 0.79g. Traces of head r./ Ram l. ABC 2694. CCI 04.0424 (**this coin**). *Fine, brown patina, clear head and ram. Ex K Arzinger coll.* **RR £25**

**38. Cunobelinus Centaur.** Catuvellauni and Trinovantes. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm 2.37g. . Head l, CVNOB[ELINI]./ Centaur r, TAS [CIOVANI F]. ABC 2957. *Fine, inscription visible.* **£25**

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