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Superb sacrificial scene



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enlarged

1. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.36g. Pegasus right, CV behind, NO below, beaded border./ Victory stabbing bull right, TASCI below. ABC 2972, VA 2099, BMC 1913-19, S 343. *EF, beautiful smooth mid-green patina, magnificent figures, bold lettering. A superb example.* **£475**

Bull sacrifice is depicted on the iron age silver cauldron from

Gundstrup in Jutland and Pliny tells us that druids climbed a sacred oak, cut down some mistletoe, caught it in a white cloak and sacrificed two white bulls (*Natural History* XVI, 95). The bull sacrifice shown on this beautiful, boldly struck bronze may refer to some local Catuvellaunian tradition of bull sacrifice or it may simply be another piece of imported Augustan imagery or a bit of both.



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

2. Ogmios and Lyre. SS Face Type. Rybot group III. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 23mm. 6.44g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, empty lentoid eye./ Human-headed horse r, driver and sun-sceptre above, lyre below, rein leaves before. ABC 67v., LT J 35, DT 2335, Rybot 57, Hooker 17, S 17. *Gd VF, huge flan of bright AR, bold horse and full lyre. Ex "private collection from France."* **£350**
Illustrated in *War Coins of the Sun Warriors* (Chris Rudd 2018), p.29, fig.G (**this coin**).

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

3. Angular Bull. Detached Face Right. Holman F1/3-4a. c.80-50 BC. Potin. 16mm. 1.48g. Linear head right with eye pellet and slanted neck line./ Angular bull left, slightly curved back. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Near EF/Gd VF, glossy patina, bold cast.* **RRR only 9 others recorded. £250**

David Holman says: "Interesting patterning on the surface which was clearly in the mould before the face crescents were added. It looks like they tried to smooth the mould surface prior to adding the design but didn't get it right along that strip."

4. Torc Head Pegasus. c.30-10 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.92g. Head r, with large C-shaped ear and big eye, wearing neck torc./ Pegasus right, ringed-pellet below. ABC 219, VA-, BMC-, S-, BNJ 1997, no.13. *Good VF, bright silver, bold Pegasus. RR only 25 others recorded.* **£450**

The same big-nosed jut-jawed profile can be seen on ABC 216.

5. Kentish Wolf. c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 15mm. 2.11g. Wolf l, uncertain objects above, ring below./ Horse stepping r, ring in front, beaded border. ABC 258 var., VA 154-1, BMC 2480-83, S 176. CCI 02.1088 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, super stepping stallion. Ex J Tocchio coll. Fd. Striphead, Kent.* **R £285**

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

6. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 16-18mm 6.04g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l, shrimp and large blobs above, crab below, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise Good VF, large flan of rich yellow gold, crazy crab.* **£600**
The rich Chute king may have made his money from cross-Channel



trading, hence the sea creatures on his stater. 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 stater.

REGINI *West Sussex*

7. Westerham South. Sills British Aa2, class 1 Prototype. c.70-55 BC. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.57g. 'Two-fat-men-in-a-sun-boat' motif./ Short tree-like object, thick bent bar below. ABC-, DK 147 (**same dies**), S-. *Gd VF, almost as struck in golden gold on thick chunky flan.*
RR only 22 others recorded. £300

REGINI and ATREBATES *in alliance.*

8. Commios A-Type. Sills Class 1, obv.die 4. c.50-25 BC. AV quarter stater. 8mm. 1.21g. Letter A on plain field./ Horse l, ladder mane, solar motif above, rings below. ABC 1031, VA 353-5, BMC-, DK 325, S 67. CCI 97.0685 (**this coin**). *Good VF, chunky flan, good weight.* *Ex J Tocchio coll, ex T McMorris coll.*
S £425

9. Tincomarus Tic Horse. Sills class 6c, ComF/Tic, dies 19/23. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.18g. COMF in tablet on plain field./ Horse l, TI above, C below. ABC 1088, VA 388, BMC 842-851, DK 347, S 80. CCI 00.1943 (**this coin**). *Good VF/VF, neat dumpy flan, sharp COMF.* *Ex J Follows coll, ex C Fox coll. Fd. Chichester, W Sussex.*
RR only 30 others recorded. £425

Most of the examples recorded are waterworn examples from Selsey. Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, pp.350 and 368 (**this coin**).

10. Tincomarus Diadem. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 13-15mm. 1.19g. Diademed head l, [TINCO]MARVS./ Curvy horse l, beaded mane, lyre above, uncertain object below. ABC 1100, VA 473, BMC-, S 90. CCI 96.3400 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, bright AR, lovely head, clear lyre.* *Ex J Tocchio coll, ex F A Spann coll, ex Prof. P Crossley-Holland coll.*
R £450

In 1995 Dr Philip de Jersey read the legend on this type, then called Tincommios Diadem, as possibly TINCOMMIRDVS (*Chris Rudd List* 15.11). It was John Orna-Ornstein of the British Museum who in 1996 first spotted the correct reading of the name on a gold stater as Tincomarus. Following Alfred Holder (1904) who thought *tinca* was a fish, as in English 'tench', Clive Cheeseman interprets the name as 'great fish' (*Britannia* 29, 1998, 309-315). Prof. John Koch thinks it might mean 'great in peace' (CR pers. comm. 9.4.08). This example was found in 1996 and has graced three collector's coin trays. Will yours be next?

11. Tincomarus Cernunnos. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 10mm. 1.28g. Facing horned head./ Bull l, head facing, TIN above, C below. ABC 1109, VA 370, BMC 926-29, S 83. CCI 12.0712 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, bright silver, sharp Cernunnos, bold bull.* *Ex J Tocchio coll, ex K Grzesiak coll.*
RR only 17 others this pair of dies £450

We began branding this silver unit 'Cernunnos' in 1992 (*Chris Rudd Celtic Collection*, List Six, No.5) because there appear to be two curved horns in the hair immediately above the forehead, more clearly seen in our image for ABC 1109. The facing head appears to be copied from a Medusa head with dishevelled hair on a Roman Republican denarius of L.Plautius Plancus, 47 BC (Sear *RCV* 429).

Ex John Follows collection



12. Verica Cornucopiae Victory. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.23g. Pine-cone wand (*thyrsus*) between two cornucopiae, wine cup below, [COM] MIF around./ Long-robed female figure seated r, left hand raised, [VERI] in front, C[A] behind, beaded border. ABC 1241, VA 531, BMC 1393-419, S 134. CCI 95.1007 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold figure.* *Ex J Tocchio coll, ex L Tongue coll, ex Van Arsdell coll.*
S £350

Robert D. Van Arsdell authored the magisterial *Celtic Coinage of Britain* (Spink 1989). Many of the coins in it are from his own collection.

13. Verica Star Boar. COMIF Type. c.AD10-40. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.15g. COMIF, crescent and pellet above and below, beaded border./ Boar right, star above, exergual line with VIRI below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 1279-80, S-. CCI 09.3846 (**this coin**). *Edge flan split, otherwise Gd VF, toned silver, full inscription.* *Ex J D D Brown coll.*
R £400

We wonder if the man who placed the two smiling faces on this beautiful silver unit was aware of the smiling face seen on Cheriton Smiler gold stater (ABC 755) and Irstead Smiler gold quarter stater (ABC 1480).

14. Epaticcus Dog. c.AD 20-40. AR minim. 8mm. 0.26g. Helmeted bust r, ringed-pellet in front, beaded border./ Dog right, foreleg raised, tree behind, E below. ABC 1364, VA-, BMC 2358-63, S 362. *Broken and repaired otherwise Near EF, superb bust, bold dog.* *Ex J Tocchio coll.*
RR only 22 others recorded. £250

ICENI *Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.*

15. Snettisham Wreath. Talbot dies E/11. c.35-20 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.10g. Wreath motif./ Long-legged annulate horse r, pellet triad above and below tail, large ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1462, VA-, BMC 3422-34, S 429. CCI 09.4731 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, rose gold, bold horse, beautifully ornamented.* *Ex J Follows coll.*
RRRR die pair, only 1 other recorded. £850

16. Dead Head. Left Type. Talbot Saham Toney Unit, dies A/2. c.AD 1-10. AR unit. 13mm. 0.80g. Male head r, fat c-shaped ear./ Horse l, pellet mane, lozenge above with pellet in centre, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1558, VA-, BMC 3553, S 433. *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, sharp headdress.*
RRR only six others this die pair. £750

In 1992 we described it as a "deathlike Celtic head right, with hollow oval eye and rictal grimace" and suggested that it might represent a severed male head (*Chris Rudd List* 4, no.13, ex Mossop collection). The example illustrated by John Talbot (*Made for Trade: A New View of Icenian Coinage*, Oxbow 2017, p.207) shows a corn ear stuck into the hair, which might indicate that it's an Icenian corn-god.

17. Antedios D-Bar. Talbot die group 7, dies AA/45. c.AD35-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.25g. Double moon emblem on vertical wreath./ Horse right, corn-ear mane, pellet daisy above, pellet under tail, pellet triad and ANTĐ monogram below. ABC 1645, VA 711, 715, BMC 3800-55, S 441. *Gd VF, bright silver, well ornamented, crisp lettering.*
R dies. £250
Note the stylised corn ear on the horse. The corn ear was the



personal heraldic symbol of King Cunobelinus and his regal capital at *Camulodunon*. John Talbot says: "This die group seems to have been focussed on eastern-Breckland."

CORIELTAUVI *E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.*

18. South Ferriby. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 5.39g. Wreath motif, snake's head in front./ Lunate horse l, 'anchor' face above, star below. ABC 1743 var., VA 811-5, BMC 3152-56, S 390. *Gd VF, rose gold, super sharp strike. Fd. Withernwick, Yorks.* **£500**

The wreath motif on this deeply engraved stater is composed of prominent rectangular blocks.

19. W-Forelegs Proto Boar. Rich Type 16a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.64g. Boar r, double beaded ring above./ Horse l, beaded ring above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1782, VA 857-5 var., BMC 3208-09, S 396. CCI 63.0091 (**this coin**). *VF, lightly toned, bold horse. Ex M Rich coll.* **R £185** Matthew Rich is author of *Boar Horse*, (Chris Rudd 2014) the definitive guide to the boar horse silver units of the Corieltauvi tribe, available from Chris Rudd £15 + p&p.

20. Stork Head Right. Rich Type 38e. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 11mm. 0.45g. Plain./ Horse r, beaded ringed-pellet right, pellet under tail and below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 98.1491 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, sharply struck horse. Ex M Rich coll. Fd. Croxton, Lincs., 1998.* **RRR only 1 other example recorded £175**

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

21. Cotswold Eagle. Head Type B. AR unit. 13mm. 0.69g. Head r, large crescents for hair./ Triple-tailed horse l, 'flower' motif below. ABC 2015, VA 1042 (Corio), BMC 2953-62, S 377. *Chipped, otherwise VF, lightly toned, bold horse. Fd. Devizes, Wilts.* **£85**

EAST WILTSHIRE *centred on Vale of Pewsey.*

22. Vale of Pewsey. c.50-30 BC. AV quarter. 9mm. 0.75g. Cruciform wreath pattern./ Long-legged horse l, ringed-pellet above and below. ABC 2107, VA-, BMC-, S-. *VF, as struck, bold horse. Ex J Follows coll. Fd. Devizes, Wilts.* **R £325**

23. Six Spoked Pellet Ring. c.30-1 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.81g. Moon-shaped head r, large star on chin./ Horse l, six-spoked wheel above with pellet rim, ringed-pellets around. ABC 2125, VA 1171, 1175, BMC 3019-20, S 378. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, clear pellet ring. Found Wilsford, Wilts.* **RR £350**

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

24. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater probably with a little **gold**. 18mm. 5.59g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, with safety-pin head, pellets, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. *Near EF, neat chunky flan, bright silver, a lovely example.* **£425**

The heavy weight and high calibre silver of this stater both suggest that it contains a small amount of gold, cf. metal analyses of comparable Cranborne Chase staters from the Corfe Common hoard, Dorset, 1980, in the British Museum, BMC 2527-2537 (Richard Hobbs, *British Iron Age Coins in the British Museum*, 1996, p.153).

EASTERN *uncertain north Thames types*

25. Little Horned Serpent. Sills dies 1/3. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Wreath design with hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse r, ring-pole protruding from chest, horizontal S-shape below. ABC 2225, VA-, BMC-, DK 475, S-. CCI 07.0470 (**this coin**). *VF, golden gold, nice wreath, full S-shape. Ex L Daniel coll, ex J D D Brown coll; ex DNW 63, 7 October 2004, lot 187.* **RR only 18 others recorded. £500**

TRINOVANTES *Essex, S. Suffolk, cap. Camulodunon (Colchester).*

26. Clacton de Jersey. Curved Exergue. Sills class 2a. c.50-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 14mm. 1.45g. Two-men-in-a-boat motif./ Long-legged horse r, pellet below, exergual line with zigzag and crescent decoration. ABC 2350, VA-, BMC-, DK 412, S 42. *VF/Gd VF, silvery gold, neat flan, leggy horse, clear exergual decoration. Ex J Follows coll.* **S £350** Named after Dr Philip de Jersey of Guernsey.

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

27. Hadham Heart Ear. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.41g. Head r, with long nose and heart-shaped ear, large locks of corded hair./ Horse r, corded mane, ringed-pellet behind and below, small animal above. ABC 2475, VA-, BMC 380, S 50. CCI 01.0744 (**this coin**). *Good VF, toned silver, clear heart ear. Ex J Tocchio coll. Fd. 'east of Cambridge.'* **RR only 26 others recorded £500**

28. Whaddon Goat. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.93g. Head right, corded hair./ Annulate goat stepping right, short dashes for mane, pellet in front and below. ABC 2487, VA 1552, BMC 383-85, S 51. *VF, bright silver, bold hair.* **RR £425** This coin shows the ornate helmet above the corded hair, also seen on ABC 2481 and 2484 but not normally seen as clearly on this type.

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29. Rues Bearded. c.AD 1-10. AE unit. 13mm. 1.74g. Bearded head r, [RVII]./ Warrior on horse r, [RVI]. ABC 2754, VA 1892, BMC 1698-1701, S 272. *VF, holly green patina, bold warrior. Fd. Halesworth, Suffolk.* **R £125**
Rues could mean 'red', from the same root as Ruby, Rufus and Rudd, and may refer to the colour of his hair.

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

30. Cunobelinus Wild B. Sills class 5, dies 36/43. c.AD 8-41. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.22g. Ear of barley between CAMV./ Wild-type horse prancing right, spiky mane, angled foreleg, branch above, CVN below. ABC 2813, VA-, BMC 1844, DK 584, S 293. CCI 04.2493 (**this coin**). *Good VF, rose gold, clear CVN. Ex J Follows coll.* **R £450**

31. Cunobelinus Spiky. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 14mm. 1.21g. Head l, spiky hair, CAMV in front, beaded border./ Seated Victory r, ringed-pellet in front, [CVNO] below exergual line. ABC 2855, VA 2045, BMC 1863-65, S 303. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold Victory. Ex M Watt coll.* **RR £350**

The style of this head may have influenced the Norfolk God, ABC 1567. An unmistakably British design with bold lettering.

32. Cunobelinus Centaur. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 14mm. 2.28g. Head l, [CV]NOBELI [NI]./ Centaur r, TASCIOV[ANI F] around. ABC 2957, VA 2089, BMC 1968-71, S 336. CCI 18.1353 (**this coin**). *VF, dark brown patina, good head. Ex J Tocchio coll.* **£150**

33. Agr A-Type. Sills Class 3c, dies 27/33. c.AD25-30. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.29g. Central ear of corn, [CA] M to left, CVN to right./ Horse rearing r, dashes for mane, branch above, small cross below, [A] in exergue. ABC 2999, VA-, BMC 1855, DK 580, S 353. CCI 05.0126 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, smooth surfaces of rose gold, superb horse. Ex J Tocchio coll, ex S Hegarty coll, ex C Hamlyn coll.* **RRR only seven others this pair of dies £995**

CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £50.

34. Thurrock Butting Bull. Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Potin. 17mm. 3.19g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull butting r. ABC 120 var. *Gd VF, glossy patina, well detailed head. Found Dover, Kent.* **£50**

The Thurrock type were the first coins made in Britain and are more correctly identified as 'Kentish Primary Series' by David Holman and Prof. Colin Haselgrave.

35. Odin's Eye. Iceni. c.35-25 BC. AR unit. 13-15mm. 1.05g. Head r, herringbone hair./ Horse r, ringed-pellet in front and below. ABC 1531. *VF, some surface encrustation. Ex M Watt coll.* **R £40**

36. Antedios D-Bar. Iceni. c.AD1-20. AE core of AR plated unit. 13mm. 0.89g. Back-to-back moons./ Horse r, pellet daisy above. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1645. *VF, smooth light green patina.* **RRR as core £30**

Contemporary forgeries were forged in ancient times to deceive and 2000 years ago, when this had its silver plating, you wouldn't have been able to tell the difference between it and a 'real' silver coin.

37. Stork Head Right. Rich Type 38h. Corieltavi. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.41g. Plain./ Horse r, beaded ring above, pellets below. ABC 1833 var. *VF, bold horse.* **RR 25 others £45**

38. Duro Thunderbolt. Durotriges. AR quarter stater. 12mm. 0.67g. Plain./ Central thunderbolt, clamshell motif. ABC 2217. *Fine, clear thunderbolt.* **£15**

39. Hod Hill. Durotriges. c.58-40 BC. AE stater. 15-18mm. 2.75g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, pellets. ABC 2175. *Fine, glossy green patina, bold pellets. Fd. Wiltshire.* **£30**

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