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*Liz's List* is issued six times a year by Chris Rudd. Subscription: £10 UK, £15 Europe or £20 Rest of World. 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.

## ex Gloucestershire collection



**1. Eppillus Pegasus.** c.20BC-AD1. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.19g. EPPIL COMF in two lines on plain field, beaded border./ Pegasus right, pellet above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1154, VA 435, BMC 1010-15, DK 355, S 98. CCI 21.0192 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, well centred, bold Pegasus. Ex Gloucestershire collection. Fd. 1980s-90s.* **RR £850**  
Eppillus 'little horse' was the second of three rulers who claimed to

be the 'son' of Commios, the others being Tincomarus and Verica. This coin is struck in beautiful rose-gold but it likely has a high gold content: the two analysed specimens in the British Museum (BMC 1012, 1014) have 47-50% gold, but equally quite a high copper content (33-35%). Pegasus is a mythical winged divine horse, one of the most recognised creatures in Greek mythology and is frequently seen on ancient British coins both north and south of the Thames, cf. ABC 219, 315, 318, 1262, 1379, 2601, 2637, 2652, 2664, 2721, 2834, 2876, 2921, 2927 and 2972.



**IBERIAN** Earliest recorded Celtic script c.600 BC.  
**2. Vulcan Star.** Malaca. c.early 1st cent. BC. AE semis. 22-25mm. 8.66g. Vulcan head r./ Star. VB 800, Burgos 1733, Calico 968. *VF, large chunky flan, great head. Ex Dr Hispanicus coll.* **S £85**  
Vulcanus (Greek Hephaistos) was the god of blacksmiths and moneyers; hence the tongs behind his head.

**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. 23-25mm. 6.56g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, empty lentoid eye, crozier nose, V-lips./ Human-headed horse r, 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 a full lyre and rein leaves. Major

Norman Rybot comments: 'The lips are stalked and add an unpleasant expression to an already ugly face,' *War Coins of the Sun Warriors*, p.63. Available from Chris Rudd £15 + p&cp.

**IMPORTED** Gaulish coins found in England.  
**4. Andocombos.** Carnutes. c.45 BC. AR denarius. 13mm. 1.70g. Male styled head l. with diadem and goatee beard, [ANDECOM]/ Horse galloping l, [A]NDECOM[BOS], beaded border. LT 6342, BMC 579-582, RIG 23. *Nr EF, lightly toned AR, bold name. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **S £275**  
57 of 68 known specimens are in museums.

**5. Criciru Pegasus.** Suessiones. c.50-40 BC. AE unit. 17mm. 2.81g. Helmeted head l, beaded border./ Winged horse l, CRICIRU below, beaded border. LT 7951, BMC 86-96. *VF/gd VF, glossy dark-green patina, lovely Pegasus. Ex R Wilson coll.* **R £150**



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

**6. Rounded Bull.** Holman uncertain Group D or E. c.95-70 BC. Potin. 16-18mm. 1.78g. Head of Apollo r./ Bull r. ABC 165, VA 123-25, BMC 702, S 63. *Gd VF/VF, bold head, glossy patina. Ex J Fay coll. Fd. Leaden Roding, Essex. £140*

David Holman says: "My initial impression from the obverse was D3/4-1 or perhaps D4/4-1, but the reverse is very poorly cast. However, enough is visible to see that the front legs of the bull (yes, it is right-facing; the 'head' projection gives it away) are joined. The legs of D3/4 and D4/4 are always well apart. Also, the nose appears to be open and the face detached, which would be new for D3/4, but is known for D4/4-1b, although the head there is always cruder than this. Another possibility is a minor variety of E3/4-1 with joined front legs. I'd list it as 'uncertain Group D or E, c.95-70 BC'" (pers.comm. 11.3.2021).

**REGINI** West Sussex.

**7. Selsey Dahlia. No Mane Type.** Sills class 2a. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 14-16mm. 1.28g. Wreath design with hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse right, floral sun and ringed-pellet above, 8-spoke wheel below. ABC 503, VA 220, BMC 478-81, DK 171, S 48. *Gd VF, pale golden gold, lovely hidden face, full dahlia and wheel. Ex J Fay coll. Found Chelmsford, Essex. £450*

There are two types of Selsey Dahlia quarter stater: one with a mane (ABC 500) which is rare, the other with no mane (ABC 503) which is common. They are the quarters which accompany the full Selsey staters (ABC 485, 488). The Essex provenance is somewhat unusual, both types of Selsey Dahlia quarter are more prolific in West Sussex than north Hampshire, which suggests that they originated with the Regini rather than the Atrebates.

**Ex John Follows, ex Chris Fox collections**

**8. Bognor Cogwheel. No Mane Type.** Workshop 2, class 2a, dies C23/49. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 15mm. 1.41g. Wreath design, beaded border./ Triple-tailed horse r, ringed-pellet protruding from chest, floral sun above, cogwheel below. ABC 512, VA-, BMC 503-18, DK 163, S 48. CCI 99.1235 (**this coin**). *Good VF, cabinet toned gold, neat horse, full cogwheel. Ex J Follows coll, ex C Fox coll. Fd. Hayling Island, Hants. RR £550*

The ringed-pellet-on-a-pole may suggest that the three-tailed horse carries the sun with it wherever it goes. A great coin from two of the greatest Ancient British collections.

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

**9. Chute.** Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 17mm 6.07g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l, shrimp and large blobs above. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Good VF, large flan of rich yellow gold. £550*

**10. Hampshire Thunderbolt.** Sills class 1. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.42g. 'Two-men-in-a-boat' motif./ Cruciform thunderbolt motif, various objects around. ABC 767, VA 143, BMC 129-36, 410-13, DK 304, S 46. *Nr VF/VF, yellow gold, sharp thunderbolt. Ex Gloucestershire coll. S £320*

**REGINI and ATREBATES** in alliance.

**11. Tincomarus Tinc Horse.** Sills class 6a, ComF/Tinc. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.18g. COMF in tablet on plain field./ Horse r, crescent rein, bottom of TIN above, C below. ABC 1085, VA 390, BMC 854-879, DK 344, S 82. *Gd VF/VF, rose gold, sharp tablet. Ex Gloucestershire coll. £400*

**12. Tincomarus Butting Bull Left.** c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 1.35g. Laureate head l./ Bull l, head facing, TIN above, C below. ABC 1112, VA 396, BMC 906-10, S 84. CCI 18.0041 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold bull, complete inscription. A lovely chunky silver coin. Ex Gloucestershire coll. Fd. Amberley, W Sussex. RRRR only four others this pair of dies £225*

**13. Verica Cross Boss.** c.AD10-40. AR unit. 11-14mm. 1.00g. Central pellet within four-spoked wheel, VERICA COMMI F around./ Lion r, crescent above, REX below. ABC 1232, VA-, BMC 1356-57, S-. CCI 21.0193 (**this coin**). *VF, bold lion, most inscription visible. Ex Gloucestershire coll, ex P Clifton coll. RRR only about eleven others recorded £225*

**14. Verica Cornucopiae Victory.** c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.24g. Pine-cone wand (*thyrsus*) between two cornucopiae, wine cup below, [COM] MIF around, beaded border./ Long-robed female figure seated r, left hand raised, VER[I] in front, CA behind. ABC 1241, VA 531, BMC 1393-419, S 134. PAS: SUSS-22CAE8 (**this coin**). *Near EF, bright silver, well struck with bold cornucopiae. Fd. Waverley, Surrey. S £400*

**15. Epaticcus Eagle.** c.AD20-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.28g. Lionskin bust r, EPATI in front, beaded border./ Spread eagle, S-shape serpent in talons, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2038, S 356. CCI 09.4268 (**this coin**). *Nr EF, lightly toned silver, great head, bold EPATI. Ex Gloucestershire coll. Fd. before 1985. £300*

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

**16. Bury Diadem.** Talbot Bury A, dies E/8. c.55-50 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. Ex M Fidler coll. RRRR die pair, only three others recorded £275*

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



**17. Aesu.** Talbot die-group 4, dies sA/s3. c.AD20-25. AR unit. 11-14mm. 1.25g. Back-to-back double moon emblem./ Horse r, corded mane, six pellets on shoulder, pelletal sun above, AESV below. ABC 1702, VA 775, BMC 4558-72, S 447. CCI 19.1128 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, toned, nice horse, full inscription. Ex T Warner coll, ex B Winstanley collection.* **S £250**

A 2nd century AD potter of Brampton, Norfolk, stamped his wares AESVMINVS. Aesu coins are scarce.

**18. Norfolk God.** Talbot LFH Unit sub-set 1, reverse die group 19, dies -/82. c.AD30-45. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.96g. Spiky head r, trefoil in front./ Horse r, kite and beaded arc. ABC 1567, VA 794, BMC 3605-759, S 434. *VF, bright silver, bold horse, uneven edge. Ex J Tocchio coll. Fd. nr Hunstanton, Norfolk, 2014.* **Unique obverse die £275**

Dr John Talbot says: "I have spent some time looking at this coin. The reverse is easy, it is die 82 p.204 of *Made for Trade* (Oxbow 2017). The obverse has never previously been identified. It is similar to a couple of other obverse dies, but is in fact a previously unidentified die. It is the first time a new die has been identified for one of the late Icenian coinages in quite a while." (pers.comm. 12.4.2021).

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

**19. South Ferriby Ladder.** c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 5.32g. Traces of wreath, ladder-like object below./ Lunate horse l, large star below. ABC 1743 var., VA 811 var., BMC 3148-78 var., S 390 var. *Good VF, sharply struck in rose gold, clear ladder, bold star. Fd. Stafford.* **R this pair of dies £850**

The so-called 'ladder' motif on this gold stater was ultimately derived from the lines of Apollo's cloak on Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan gold staters (see ABC 4).

**20. W-Forelegs Proto Boar.** Rich Type 16a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.13g. Bristly boar r, large beaded ring and ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below./ Horse l, large beaded ring above, ringed-pellet in front and below. ABC-, VA 857-5, BMC 3208-09, S-. *Gd VF, bright silver, both animals boldly struck. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **R £325**

Matthew Rich says: "Type 16 is a prolific issue with 46 examples of Type 16a and 33 examples of Type 16b in the CCI and the condition of the surviving coins, many worn almost to obliteration, indicates a long period of circulation." *Boar Horse*, Chris Rudd 2014. This coin is in particularly nice condition so must have been an early strike.

**21. Stork Head Left.** Rich Type 39b. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 11mm. 0.43g. Traces of boar./ Horse left with stork head, pellet rosette above, pellet triad below tail. ABC 1836, VA-, BMC 3249-50, S 399. *Gd VF, toned silver, well centred horse, clear pellet triad. Ex C Willans coll.*

**RRR only 12 others recorded £175**

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

**22. Cotswold Cock. Head Type A.** c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 16mm. 1.08g. Moon-shaped head r, large crescents for hair./ Horse left, bird's head above, ringed-pellets around, cock's head below. ABC 2012, VA 1020, BMC 2950-51, S 377. *VF/Gd VF, huge flan of bright silver, great cock. Fd. Childswickham, Worcs.* **R £275**

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

**23. Savernake Forest.** c.50-30 BC. Base AV stater. 17mm. 4.14g. Plain obverse./ Curvilinear horse right, spiral sun above, large wheel below, pellets around. ABC 2091, VA 1526, BMC 361-64, S 37. *VF, silvery gold, full horse, bold wheel. Fd. Shrewton, E. Wilts.* **R £550**

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

**24. Omo.** c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 5.40g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets, OM[O] below exergual line. ABC 2172, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF, bright silver, clear OM[O].* **RRR reverse die £300**

Considerably rarer than the Cranborne Chase stater, ABC 2157, 2169, this unusual Omo type first appeared in a poorly recorded hoard found near Southampton in 1997. This is the first that we've had and Dr John Talbot, author of *Made for Trade* (Oxbow 2017) and who is currently studying coinage of the Durotriges says: "There only seems to be one die with this particular exergue. It seems much rarer than I expected. I only have 6 records of that die and not all will show the key area." (pers.comm. 12.4.2021).

**25. Duro Boat Bird.** Sills British Af2, Stippled. AR quarter stater with possibly a little **gold**. 10-12mm. 1.25g. 'Two-men-in-a-boat' motif./ Y-shape motifs, 'rat' and stippled triangle. ABC-, VA-, BMC 2738, DK 298, S-. *EF, good silver, sharp strike. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **R £350**

**26. Duro Boat Dots.** c.50-40 BC. AR quarter stater. 11-13mm. 0.99g. Traces of 'three-men-in-a-boat'./ Zigzag and pellet thunderbolt, uncertain animal and ring to left, clamshell to right. ABC 2211, VA 1249, VA 2748-79, S 368. *Gd VF, bright silver, sharp thunderbolt. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **£85**

**EASTERN** *uncertain north Thames types*

**27. Little Horned Serpent.** Sills Corded Serpent. c.55-45 BC. AR quarter stater. 13mm. 1.29g. Wreath design with hidden face, beaded border./ Horse right with tiny beaded mane, ring-pole protruding from chest, corded serpent body above. ABC 2225, VA-, BMC-, DK 475, S-. CCI 13.0677 (**this coin**). *VF, golden gold, serpent's head fully displayed. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **RR only 19 others recorded £500**

We sold a stunning example of this very rare type in *Chris Rudd List* 173, November 2020, Lot 24 but it didn't show the serpent's head as clearly as this one.

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### Ex John Follows collection

**28. Essex Wheels.** Sills dies 4/10. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 12-14mm. 1.33g. Wreath pattern./ Triple-tailed horse right, 'onion' shape above on horizontal bar with ringed-pellet at each end, spoked-wheel below. ABC 2231, VA 260, BMC 485, 496, DK 439, S-. CCI 08.9851 (**this coin**). F/Gd VF, golden gold, bold horse with full onion motif. Ex J Follows coll. **RRRR** only one other this pair of dies **£450**

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

**29. Puckeridge Bird Hare.** c.50-30 BC. AR half unit. 8-10mm. 0.35g. Long-eared hare bounding right, large beaded ring behind, ringed-pellet below./ Horse left, beaded mane, crescent above. ABC 2499, VA 474, BMC 393, S 52. Chipped, otherwise VF, bright silver, bonny bounding hare. Ex Joe Fay coll. Fd. nr Ongar, Essex. **RR** **£125**

Dio Cassius says Queen Boudica released a hare before fighting the Romans in AD 60.

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

**30. 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. Ex Gloucestershire coll. **R** dies, 34 others recorded. **£475**

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.

**31. Tasciovanos Capricorn.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 0.77g. Crossed wreath, back-to-back crescents./ Capricorn r. ABC 2619, VA-, BMC 1666, S 239. PAS: BH-FFDBD5 (**this coin**). VF, bright silver, bold capricorn. Fd. Ellesborough, Bucks., 20.4.2014. Ex Gloucestershire coll. **RRR** only about 13 others recorded, not in Van Arsdell. **£550**

The capricorn on this **Extremely Rare** silver coin was copied from an Augustan denarius of *Colonia Patricia*, 18-16 BC, Sear RCV 1592. Six years since we last had one.

**32. Dias Saltire.** c.AD 1-10. AR unit. 10-12mm. 1.11g. Saltire cross within square./ Boar r, [TASCIO DIAS]. ABC 2742, VA-, BMC 1663, S 267. Irregular flan, otherwise Fine, clear saltire. Ex Gloucestershire coll. **RR** **£50**

**CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES** united by Cunobelinus.

Ex Gloucestershire, O'Reilly and Baker collections

**33. Cunobelinus Two Serpents.** c.AD10-41. AR unit. 11-14mm. 0.72g. Two coiled ram-headed serpents, guilloche border./ Horse left, belt around neck and beaded mane, ringed-pellet below, CVNOB under exergual line, beaded border. ABC 2831, VA 1947, BMC 1856, S 299. CCI

02.1169 (**this coin**). Irregular flan, otherwise Good VF, bold horse with clear CVNOB. Ex Gloucestershire coll, ex Ian O'Reilly coll, ex Larry Baker coll. Found Orsett, Essex. **RRR** only seven others recorded, including one in the British Museum **£600**

"One of the earliest of Cunobelin's coinages," says Dr Philip de Jersey. The ram-horned snake combines the forceful fecundity of the ram with the complex underground symbolism of the snake.

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

**34. Vepo Vep.** Corieltavi c.AD 15-40. AR half unit. 8-11mm. 0.36g. Traces of wreath./ Horse r, bottom of VEP above. ABC 1887. 1/3 missing, otherwise Gd VF, neat horse. **R** **£25**

**35. Duro Thunderbolt.** Durotriges. c.20 BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 11mm. 0.29g. Blank./ Traces of thunderbolt. ABC 2217. Fair. **£10**

**36. Addedomaros Corded.** Catuvellauni. c.45-25 BC. AE unit. 11-13mm. 0.99g. Head l, corded hair./ Horse l. ABC 2544. Fine, bold horse. **S** **£30**

**37. Cunobelinus Centaur.** Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15-17mm. 2.08g. Head l./ Centaur r. ABC 2957. Fair/fine, clear centaur. **£15**

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