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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.



Glos. Cathedral

Nos. 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 come from the Gloucestershire collection of nearly 200 coins, which we acquired recently. The Gloucestershire collector who has a keen eye for quality and bought many of his coins directly from finders.

ex John Follows collection, extremely rare, as struck 'for export'



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1. Defaced Die. Sills Gallo-Belgic Ba, dies 1/1. c.57-56 BC. AV stater. 20mm. 7.73g. Traces of head left./ Horse right, solar flower below. ABC 7, LT-, DT 89, VA 30, S 3, Sills 331. CCI 13.0503 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, as struck in golden gold, heavyweight. Ex John Follows coll. Found Isle of Sheppey, Kent, 2013. RRR only 15 others recorded.* **£750**

Possibly made for export trade with Kent where most have been found. Dr John Sills says: "There are 15 known examples of Gallo-

Belgic Ba in total, all but three are either definitely or probably from Britain. The best one, in the Koenig collection, shows a left-facing head under the heavy defacement on the obverse but we may never know why both of the known obverse dies were defaced. Most people prefer a ritual explanation but my view is that the die cutter wasn't good enough to engrave an acceptable head and simply gave up." For more information on this fascinating type see John Sills *Gaulish and early British gold coinage* (Spink 2003), p.166, fig. 46a. Last few copies available £50 + p&cp.



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

2. Ogmios and Boar. Anchor Nose Type. c.57-56 BC. AR stater. 19-23mm. 6.47g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, with rolls of hair, round eye and phallic anchor-nose./ Horse r, small boar right below. ABC 70, LT 6614, Rybot 75/77, Hooker 72/74, S 16. *Gd VF, bright AR, prominent anchor-nose, full boar.* **£550**

This coin was probably minted to fund the Armorican fight against Julius Caesar. Rybot's *War Coins of the Sun Warriors* makes this fascinating, great-value series of staters easy to identify. Only £15 + p&cp from Chris Rudd. See page 4.

AMBIANI Somme valley, N France.

3. Wild Boar and Horse. (*type des dé-pôts 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. ABC-, LT 8482 var., BN 8481-8443, DT

446 series 49. *VF/nr VF, dark green patina, nice boar.* Ex R Wilson coll. **RR £95**

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

4. Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan. Right Type. Sills Gallo-Belgic Aa2, class 4. Ambiani. c.115-100 BC. AV quarter. 14mm. 1.64g. Elaborate wreathed head r./ Horse r, rosette below. ABC 28, LT 7879, VA 15-17, Sills 270-283, S 6. *VF, golden gold. Ex T Griffiths coll.* **R £300**

See John Sills *Gaulish and early British gold coinage* (Spink 2003), p.129, fig. 28.

5. Tanit Palm. Carthage. c.320-300 BC. AE 16. 16mm. 1.74g. Head of Tanit l./ Horse r, palm tree. ABC-, *Corpus Nummorum Sicularum*, Kartago (Carthage) 20 series. *Gd VF, neat horse, lovely palm. Found east Kent.* **RRR in UK £250**

A crucially important coin because it inspired an Iceni type, says Dr John Talbot in *Made for Trade*, p.94-95.



CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

6. Thurrock. c.120-100 BC. Potin. 17mm. 3.17g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull butting r, MA. ABC 120, VA 1402, BMC 660-66, S 62. *Gd VF, glossy patina, great head, superior specimen. Found east Kent.* **£175**

Thurrock types were the first coins made in Britain, copying coins of Massalia. Potin is a tin-rich bronze.

7. Canterbury Lion. c.40-20 BC. AE half unit. 13mm. 1.58g. Head r, corded hair./ Lion l, with S-shape tail, rings above, pellet and ringed-pellet below. ABC 291, VA 154-9, BMC 2488, S 176. *Good VF, glossy green patina, lovely wild-haired head, bold bounding lion. Ex Gloucestershire collection.* **S £275**

8. Amminus Biga. c.35-45 AD. AR unit. 10-13mm. 1.00g. Bust right, [A]MMI in front, beaded border./ Facing chariot, head of charioteer between, S below, [EG], beaded border. ABC 459, VA-, BMC-, S-, *Num. Circ.* July 1993, p.188, no.12. *VF/Good VF, toned, magnificent biga. Ex Gloucestershire collection.* **RR only 27 others recorded £550**

Amminus was expelled from Britain by his father Cunobelinus and in AD 39 or 40 surrendered to Caligula, who was then at Mainz. The S is for Segou.

REGINI West Sussex.

9. Ashdown Forest Helmet. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 10-13mm. 0.86g. Helmeted head r, lentoid eye./ Annulate horse r, wheel below. ABC 662, VA 264, BMC 583-92, S 54. *Good VF, bright silver, huge helmet. Found near Arundle, West Sussex.* **R only 33 others recorded £550**

The first example was found at Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, originally a deer hunting forest in Norman times it is now one of the largest free public access space in the South East. It is also as the 'home' of Winnie-the-Pooh.

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

10. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.65-58 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 6.02g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse l, spiral under chin, shrimp and large blobs above, crab below, zigzag exergual line with pellets in angles. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Good VF, rich golden gold, well centred horse with 'safety-pin' head. Ex Gloucestershire collection.* **£750**

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

11. Eppillus Lion. c.20BC-AD1. AR unit. 12mm. 0.99g. Bearded head r, beaded border./ Lion stepping r, on exergual line, EPP[I] above, COM below, F in front. ABC 1166, VA 417, BMC 1088-115, S 101. *Gd VF, bright silver, clear lion. Ex Gloucestershire coll, ex DH coll.* **S £500**
Eppillus 'little horse' claimed to be the son of Commios. His brothers were Tincomarus and Verica.

12. Verica Little Horse Stepping. c.AD10-40. AV quarter. 9-11mm. 1.09g. COMF in incuse rectangle, beaded border./ Horse stepping r, standing on exergual line, VI above, beaded border. ABC 1202, VA 467, BMC 1207-16, S 125. *Small chip, Gd VF, full inscription, fat horse. Ex T Griffiths coll.* **R only 40 others recorded £450**

Verica 'the high one' was the son of Commios and the most successful.

13. Verica Cavalry Duo. c.AD10-42. AR unit. 11mm. 1.11g. Horseman riding r, COMM[IF] below./ Warrior charging r, holding spear, traces of VERICA around. ABC 1238, VA 530, BMC 1360-92, S 133. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold warriors. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **S £250**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

14. Norfolk Wolf Left. Triadic Type. Talbot Sub-type A, die group 1, dies A/4. c.50-30 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.67g. Left-facing wreath motif, downward leaves./ Bristly wolf l, jaws open, large pellets above. ABC 1399, VA 610-3, BMC 218-78, S 31. *VF, lovely silvery-gold, bold pellets. Ex T Griffiths coll.*

RRRR only two others this pair of dies recorded £500

15. Bury Diadem. Talbot Bury A, dies C/5. c.55-50 BC. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.40g. Female head l, heart-shaped ear, wearing lunar crown, serpent before./ Horse l, tiny s-shape mane, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1495, VA 80, BMC 3524-27, S 432. *Small chip, otherwise Good VF, bright silver, lovely head. Ex Mike Watt coll.*

RRRR only three others this pair of dies recorded £350

16. Ecen Six. Talbot Ece B Units, die group 2, dies F/16. c.AD25-43. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.01g. Double moon emblem./ Horse r, head facing, six pellets on shoulder, pellet 'daisy' above, traces of ECE below. ABC 1663, VA 762,



BMC 4445-513, S 445. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, neat horse. Found Attleborough, Norfolk.* **£175**

17. Antedios D-Bar. Talbot dies F/14. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 13-15mm. 0.89g. 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. *Small chip, otherwise Good VF, lightly toned AR, well ornamented. Ex M Watt coll.*

RR dies, only 49 others recorded £185

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

18. Norfolk God. Late FH Unit sub-set 2, dies DA/37. c.AD25-43. AR unit. 12-14mm. 0.87g. Moustachioed male head r, boar-skin headdress, two trefoils in front./ Horse r, belted neck and belly, cabled arc above, kite motif below. ABC 1567, VA 794 BMC 3605-3759 S 434. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold well centred horse. Found Attleborough, Norfolk.*

RRRR die pair, only 5 others recorded £185

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

19. Norfolk Ring Boar. Talbot BHB Half Unit, dies A/2. c.5BC-AD5. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.52g. Stylised boar r, ringed-pellet above./ Horse r, pellet rosette above. ABC 1621, VA-, BMC 3513-16, S 437. *Gd VF, neat flan of bright silver, well defined boar.*

R type, these dies RRRR only 1 other recorded £250

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

20. Kite. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.48g. Blank./ Lunate horse l, kite shape above containing four pellets above, pellet triad under tail, spiral below. ABC 1761, VA 825, BMC 3181-84, S 392 var. *Gd VF, neat flan of rose gold, kite and pellets visible. Found Billingham, Lincs.*

RR only 28 others recorded £650

21. Vepo Vep. c.AD15-40. AR half unit. 13mm. 0.51g. Plain./ Long-eared horse r, VEP above (VE conjoined), pellet above and below neck, pellet under tail.

ABC 1887 var., VA 967 var., BMC 3288, S 409. *Gd VF, sharp horse, bold inscription. Found Billingham, Lincs.*

R only 36 others recorded £150

22. Aunt Cost Uniface. c.AD 15-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.04g. Plain./ Horse l, AVN and pellet above, trefoil below. ABC 1938, VA 914-3, BMC 3261, S 403. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **R £250**

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

23. Cotswold Eagle. Head Type B. AR unit. 11-14mm. 0.88g. Head r, large crescents for hair, small animal in front./ Triple-tailed horse l, stylised bird's head above. ABC 2015, VA 1042 (Corio), BMC 2953-62, S 377. *Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, clear little animal in front and bird's head. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **£150**

DUROTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

24. Spread Tail. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 19mm. 5.52g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, three diverging tail lines, 'coffee-bean' behind, large pellets above. ABC 2160, VA 1238, BMC 2662, 2690, S-. *Near EF, chunky flan, bright silver. Ex L Daniel coll.* **£500**

The Spread Tail type is much scarcer than Cranborne Chase staters. This coin possibly came from the Brighstone hoard, Isle of Wight, 2005.

25. Badbury Rat. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 13mm. 0.77g. Virtually blank with traces of defacement./ Central zigzag thunderbolt between beaded lines, 'clamshell' motif to l, 'rat' and ring to r. ABC 2214, VA 1260, BMC 2748-70, S 368. *Gd VF, well ornamented, clear rat. Ex Gloucestershire coll. Found Corfe, Dorset.* **£75**

The marks on the obverse are likely signs of ritual defacement.

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

26. Whaddon Goat. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.88g. Head right, corded hair, ringed-pellet in front./ Annulate goat stepping right, two pellets below with ringed-pellet between. ABC 2487, VA 1552, BMC 383-85, S 51. CCI 01.1483 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, bright silver, bold hair. Ex Gloucestershire coll. Found Northants.* **S £475**

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27. Tasciovanos VER/TASC. Sills class 4b, dies 24/?. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Crossed wreaths, one straight, one curved, two back-to-back solid crescents in centre, VER and ringed-pellet in angles./ Horse l, beaded mane, bucranium above, [T]AS below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 524, S-. *Chipped, otherwise Good VF, sharp wreath, bold horse.* **RR only 16 this obverse die recorded £475**

28. Tasciovanos Warrior. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 11-14mm. 0.71g. Bearded head l, beaded crescents for hair./ Warrior on horse r, TASC[IA] around. ABC 2610, VA 1745, BMC 1667-68, S 230. *VF, bright silver, sharp warrior.* *Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **R only 31 others recorded £450**

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

29. Cunobelinus Wild. Sills class 3e, Wild A, Curved Leg, dies 31/? c.AD8-41. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.32g. Ear of corn, [CA] to l, MV to r./ Horse leaping r, branch above, CVN below. ABC 2816, VA 2015, BMC-, DK 582, S 294. CCI 14.0537 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lovely rose gold, bold horse.* *Ex Gloucestershire coll. Found Abbess Roding, Essex.* **R £650**

30. Cunobelinus Two Leaves. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.12g. Two crescents back-to-back, CV to left, N to right, two ivy leaves above and below./ Warrior on horse r, with short-sword, CAM below, beaded border. ABC 2888, VA 2047, BMC 1866-67, S 304. *VF, lightly toned silver, bold warrior, clear CAM.* *Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **S £375**

31. Cunobelinus Warriors. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.35g. Warrior on horse r, [CV] behind, NOB below./ Warrior standing l, holding spear and shield, [TASCIO] VANTIS around, beaded border. ABC 2963, VA 2093, BMC 1961-67, S 338. CCI 01.0547 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, large flan, glossy dark green patina, bold inscription. An unusually beautiful bronze.* *Ex J Lumley coll, ex J Tocchio coll. Found St Albans, Herts.* **£350**

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32. Indian Head. Leuci. c.80-50 BC. Potin. 16-18mm. 3.77g. Diademed head l./ Long-legged boar l. LT 9044, BMC 405-408. *VF, lovely boar.* *Ex T Griffiths coll.* **£40**

33. Ecen Six. Icenī. c.AD 20-25. AR unit. 13mm. 0.69g. Sim. to No.16. *Fine, clear horse.* **£35**

34. Cranborne Chase. Durotriges. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 16mm. 2.50g. Wreath./ Horse l. ABC 2169. *Fair.* *Ex T Griffiths coll.* **£25**

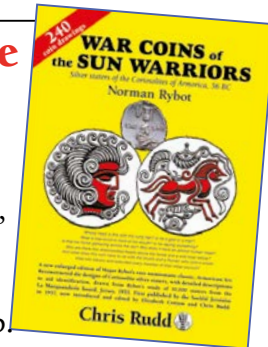
35. Addedomaros Corded. Catuvellauni. c.45-25 BC. AE unit. 11-13mm. 0.85g. Head l./ Head l. ABC 2544. *Small chip, otherwise Fair.* **£15**

36. Cunobelinus Centaur. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 1.60g. Head l./ Centaur r. ABC 2957. *Fair, clear centaur.* **£15**

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