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Nos. 6, 11, 12, 15, 22, 26, 27 and 30 are ex Gloucestershire collector who has a keen eye for quality and bought many of his coins directly from finders.

Excessively rare One-Line Diamond Type Norfolk Wolf with Avocet perched on rump



Line links crescent to hairbar



1 enlarged



Avocet on rump of wolf



Pellet with diamond

1. Norfolk Wolf Left. One-Line Diamond. Talbot dies AA/71. c.50-15 BC. AV stater. 15-17mm. 5.33g. Left-facing Icenian wreath motif, short line links facial crescent to hairbar./ Wolf standing l, with bristly back, crescent and large pellets above, large pellet and four-pellet diamond below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. VF/Gd

VF, golden gold, bristly wolf, clear bird. One of the finest and heaviest known of this excessively rare type. Ex Vindos coll. **RRRR** only two others recorded **£750**

A long-beaked marsh bird, probably an avocet, perches on the wolf's rump. This stater is so crisply struck you can clearly see every hackle on the wolf's back.



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3



4 enlarged

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

2. Ogmios and V-Boar. Whisky Face with Beaded Lash. De Jersey class 2. c.60-56 BC. AR stater. 20-22mm. 6.38g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, large curls for hair./ Horse r, beaded lash in front, boar battle-standard below. LT 6598, DT 2340, Rybot 32, group II, Hooker 90. VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold beaded lash. **£250**

To read more about this fascinating series of silver staters see *War Coins of the Sun Warriors*, Chris Rudd 2018, only £15 + p&cp or *Celtic Improvisations* by John Hooker, £29 + p&cp.

SEQUANI (Doubs), E Franc e, cap. Vesontio (Besançon).

3. TOG Helmet and Lion. c.58-50 BC. Potin. 16mm. 2.72g. Helmeted head r, TOC in front./ Lion leaping r, tail raised, T[OC] below. LT 5629, BMC 349-362, RIG 281.

Gd VF, glossy olive-green patina, lovely lively lion. **£175**
TOC should almost certainly be read as TOG, short for Togirix, 'axe king'.

ALLOBROGES Savoy, Dauphiné, SE France, cap. Geneva.

4. Ibex and Wheel. c.2nd/1st cent BC. AR denarius. 15mm. 2.17g. Laureate head r./ Wild goat facing r, wheel below. LT 2879, DT 3102. Gd VF, magnificent horny ibex. **S £200**

The Alpine ibex, also known as the steinbock, bouquetin, or simply ibex, is a species of wild goat that lives in the mountains of the European Alps.

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IMPORTED *Gaulish coins found in England.*

5. Kidney Head. Viromandui? c.75-55 BC. Sills G-B Cd2 class 2. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.68g. 'Three men in boat'./ Vestigial kidney-shaped head l. LT-, BN 8607-08, DT 248, Sills GGC 445-46. *Gd VF, lovely golden gold, almost as mined. Ex T Griffiths coll.* **R type, RRR in UK £350**

A great rarity of the Viromandui – 'pony stallions', 'male ponies', 'horse-men (centaurs?)' or 'those who crush men' – a Belgic tribe who gave their name to Vermandois, an ancient part of Picardy in N.France. Dr John Sills (2003) says: "It may have been struck by an eastern neighbour of the Ambiani, perhaps the Viromandui". Only 31 recorded, inc. 6 in museums.

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

6. Angular Bull. Holman Type F2/3-2c. c.80-50 BC. Potin. 16mm. 1.32g. Linear head right with eye pellet./ Angular matchstick bull left, upright tail, two crescents above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S 63. *Gd VF, dark black patina, bold bull. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **£220**

David Holman says: "There is a very close parallel for this coin in the Snettisham hoard (CCI 61.0623). It could easily be from the same batch. The treatment of the bull and the distinctive position of the neckline are identical. Interestingly, the Snettisham coin has a 90 degree axis, as has yours, which is the less common axis in F2/3-2c, a common type with records of more than 60 examples. I see yours is an end-of-strip coin."

7. Canterbury Lion. c.40-20 BC. AE half unit. 12mm. 1.59g. Head r, corded hair./ Lion l, rings above, pellet and ringed-pellet below. ABC 291, VA 154-9, BMC 2488, S 176. *VF/Gd VF, glossy olive patina, clawed lion clear. Fd. Rochester, Kent, 2000.* **S £225**

8. Selsey Uniface. Flaw Type. Sills British Qb, class 2b, dies 3r/11. c.53-45 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.73g. Plain obverse./ Triple-tailed horse right, spoked wheel below. ABC 488, VA 216, BMC 461-75, DK 155, S 39. *Nr VF, as struck, heavyweight golden gold. Ex T Griffiths coll. Fd. Salisbury, Wilts, 2000.* **S £550**

"The reverse die was kept in use until it was virtually obliterated by flaws; it seems to mark a point in the series when production speeds up dramatically and coincides with the horizon between Qa and Qb clearly visible in the hoards" *Divided Kingdoms*, p.121.

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

9. Cheriton Smiler. Eyelash Type. Sills class 2b, Cheriton Axehead. c.55-45 BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 4.97g. Horizontal wreath motif with outward facing leaves, three parallel cabled lines, crescents with radiating lines below./ Disjointed horse l,

with elongated neck, blobs around, crab below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 86-87, DK 314, S-. *VF, brassy gold, bold horse. Ex J Cross coll.* **R £750**

Dr Philip de Jersey says: 'Cheriton staters were struck from a fairly small number of dies, probably about ten each for obverse and reverse. Over time individual dies become easier to recognise, thanks to little flaws and quirks of the design.'

REGINI and ATREBATES *in alliance.*

Excessively rare with extra ring

10. Commios Muzzles. Regini & Atrebates. Sills class 1b, dies 7/?. c.50-25 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.32g. Wreath motif with downward-facing leaves, tiny ring, snake's head below./ Disjointed horse right, wheel below. ABC 1022, VA 350, BMC 724-27, 729, DK 321, S 65. *Gd VF/Fine, rose gold, sharp wreath. Found Chichester, West Sussex, 2016.*

RRR obv die, only 8 others recorded £450

11. Tincomarus Interlocking Squares CF. c.25BC-AD10. AR minim. 7mm. 0.24g. CF in centre of two interlocking squares./ Boar running r, [TI] above, retrograde NC below. ABC 1136, VA 383-1, BMC 981-82, S 91. *Gd VF, sharp squares, clear inscription. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **RR £200**

12. Verica Tiberius. c.AD10-40. AR plated unit. 12mm. 1.01g. Naked augur standing facing, holding lituus, [C]OM MI[F]. / Tiberian-type laureate bust right, VERI [CA] around. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1250, VA 533, BMC 1421-49, S 136. *VF, most of plating intact. Ex Gloucestershire coll. Fd. Hannington, Hants.*

S type RRRR plated, only 5 others recorded £150

Prof. John Creighton thinks the naked figure could be a statue from Commios cult temple on Hayling Island.

13. Verica Cross Boss. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 10-12mm. 0.94g. Central pellet within four-spoked wheel, VERICA CO[MMI F] around./ Lion r, REX below. ABC 1232, VA-, BMC 1356-57, S-. *1/3 missing, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, bold lion, clear pellet mane. Ex T Griffiths coll.*

RR only about 12 others recorded £150

ICENI *Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.*

14. Snettisham Beaded Rings. Talbot dies A/1. c.35-20 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.14g. Wreath motif, bear's paws and crescents in angles./ Long-legged annulate horse r, beaded ring below. ABC 1462, VA-, BMC 3422-34, S 429. *VF, rose gold, bold wreath. Ex Vindos coll.*

RRR only 8 others recorded. £420



15. Norfolk Boar Star. Talbot Boar Horse B Unit. c.5BC-AD5. AR unit. 13mm. 1.15g. Boar r, bristly back (some pelleted at base), large ring above./ Horse r, pellet triad and crescent above. ABC 1579, VA 657, BMC 3455-72, S 431. *VF/F, bright silver, pellets and bristles clear.* Ex Gloucestershire coll. **£175**

16. Ecen Corn Ear. c.AD25-35. AR unit. 13mm. 0.90g. Back-to-back moon emblem./ Horse right, corn-ear mane, S below head. ABC 1657, VA 730, BMC 4033-215, S 443A. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, sharp horse.* **£175**

17. Antedios D-Bar. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 12mm. 1.11g. Double moon emblem on vertical wreath./ Horse r, corn-ear mane, pellet daisy above, pellets under tail, pellet triad, pellets and [AN]T[D] monogram below. ABC 1645, VA 711, 715, BMC 3800-55, S 441. *Gd VF, lightly toned AR, well ornamented, sharp horse.* **£185**

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

CORIELTAVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

18. Esuprasu. c.AD 40-47. Base AV stater. 19mm. 4.76g. Vertical wreath motif, two beaded rings at either side forming owl-like face./ Lunate horse left, [I]ISVP above, [R] under head, ASV below. ABC 1917, VA 920, BMC 3269, S 405. *Gd VF, dark rose gold, bold horse with clear inscription.* **R £650**

Prasu-, from Latin *praeses*, means 'guardian, protector'. *Esu-Prasu* therefore possibly means 'guardian of [the god] Esus', in much the same way as *Esu-Praso* of the Iceni means 'chief priest of Esus'. Maybe Corieltavian *Esu-Prasu* was also a Druid-king?

19. Esuprasu. c.AD 40-47. AE core of AV plated stater. 19mm. 4.50g. Vertical wreath motif, two beaded rings at either side forming owl-like face./ Lunate horse left, star under tail, IISVP above, [R] under head, below; [A] retrograde S, V. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1917, VA 920, BMC 3269, S 405. PAS: YORYM-14DD80 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, green patina, bold horse with clear star and bold inscription.* Fd. Paull, *East Riding of Yorkshire, 2008.* **S £275**

Unlike the S of IISVP above the horse (and the previous coin), the S of ASV below the horse is reversed, a blunder which is further evidence that this is a 2000-year-old forgery. Glorious glossy green patina.

20. W-Forelegs Proto Boar. Rich Type 16a var. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 1.22g. Boar r, 'anemone' above, beaded ring below./ Horse l, 'anemone' above, ringed-pellet and corded exergual line. ABC 1782 var., (ringed-pellet below boar, horse with beaded mane), VA 857-5, BMC 3208,

S 396. CCI 17.2127 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, dark toning, bold animals, well ornamented.* Ex T Warner coll, ex J Lumley coll. Fd. N.Lincs., 2007-08. **R variant £275**

The definitive guide to the boar horse silver coins of the Corieltavi is *Boar Horse* by Matthew Rich, Chris Rudd 2014, £15 + p&sp.

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

21. Cotswold Cock. Head Type A. c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 12-18mm. 0.98g. Moon-shaped head r, large crescents for hair, small animal in front./ Triple-tailed horse l, corded mane, ringed-pellets around, large beaded wheel in front, cock's head below. ABC 2012, VA 1020, BMC 2950-51, S 377. *Irregular flan, Good VF, big full-weight flan of toned silver, clear wheel.* **R £200**

This curious Cotswold Cock doesn't appear to have been broken, just mis-struck on a very spread flan. It also shows the beaded-rimmed wheel in front of the horse, not normally seen.

22. Eisu Oxo. c.AD20-43? AR unit. 12mm. 0.86g. Stylised head r, ringed-pellets and crescents around./ Triple-tailed annulate horse l, [EI] above, SV below. ABC 2081, VA 1110, BMC 3043-51, S 382. *VF/Gd VF, neat flan of lightly toned silver, bold horse.* Ex Gloucestershire coll. **£250**

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

23. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 18-20mm. 3.43g. Wreath motif./ Triple-tailed horse l, pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2555-636, S 367. *Gd VF, large flan, bold horse.* Ex T Griffiths coll. **£125**

The small obverse gash suggests that this coin was ritually 'killed' before becoming part of a sacrificial votive deposition.

24. Duro Boat Dots. c.20 BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 12mm. 0.69g. Traces of 'three men in a boat'./ Zigzag thunderbolt, pellets either side. ABC 2211, VA 1249, BMC 2748-79, S 368. *Fine, toned silver.* **£25**

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

25. Baylham Horses. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 10-12mm. 0.42g. Two facing horses on beaded spear./ Horse r, beaded mane curled up behind neck, V-shape and pellet above, beaded border. ABC 2288, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Tiny chip, otherwise VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold V-shape.* **RRRR only 4 others recorded £250**

An eye at the end of the mane? With a bird to the right? Iconographically an intriguing coin.



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

26. Tasciovanos Pegasus. Small Tablet Type. Sills class 7a. c.25BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.37g. TASC in rectangular box on vertical wreath motif./ Winged horse flying l, pellet below. ABC 2601, VA 1786, BMC 1647, DK 533, S 226. Nr EF, scintillating rose gold, full TASC, every letter sharp, full bodied Pegasus. Ex Gloucestershire coll. **R £800**
See the hidden face under TASC?

27. Tasciovanos Cavalryman. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.25g. TASC in central panel, triple beaded border./ Helmeted horseman l. ABC 2640, VA 1800, BMC 1677-79, S 238. VF, lightly toned, bold warrior. Ex Gloucestershire coll. **RR £275**

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVAUTES

united by Cunobelinus.

28. Cunobelinus Linear. Sills class 2. c.AD 8-41. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.30g. Ear of corn with central stalk between [C]A to l, M[V] to r./ Horse right, with linear mane, CVN below. ABC 2810, VA 1927-1, BMC 1837-42, DK 575, S 292. Gd VF, rose gold, bonny horse, bold CVN. Fd. Knebworth, Herts. **R £425**

29. Cunobelinus Horse-Dog. c.AD8-41. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.95g. CAM in panel, V above, L below, triple line border./ Dog crouched left, branch above, CVNO below, beaded border. ABC 2852, VA-, BMC-, S-. Small chip, otherwise VF, dark toned silver, bold horse-dog. Fd. Holbrook, Suffolk. **RR** only 21 others recorded. **£150**
Cunobelin's name means 'Hound of Belenus'. So it seems probable that the dog-like rear of the horse is an intentional mutation, providing a visual pun on the CVNO below it.

30. Cunobelinus Plant. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 11-13mm. 0.97g. Plant or branch with nine buds or fruits, traces of CVNOBELINVS around and within two circles, the outer one beaded./ Partially-cloaked Herculean figure walking r, holding club and thunderbolt, CA to l, MV to r, beaded border. ABC 2906, VA-, BMC 1897, S 309. CCI 21.0758 (**this coin**). VF, lightly toned silver, clear plant. Ex Gloucestershire coll, ex J Fay coll.

RR only 26 others recorded **£450**

Sprig of acorns or poppyheads? cf. Amminius Plant, ABC 456.

31. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.76g. Pegasus r, CVNO, beaded border./ Victory stabbing bull r, [TA]SCI below. ABC 2972, VA 2099, BMC 1913-19, S 343. CCI 18.1454 (**this coin**). Gd VF, glossy black patina, bold horses. Ex J Tocchio coll. **£250**

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

32. Evans Bull. Cantiaci. c.125-110 BC. Cast potin.

16-20mm. 2.23g. Head l./ Bull butting r, tail raised. ABC 147. VF, glossy black patina. **R £45**

33. Ecen Six. Icenii. c.AD 25-43. AR unit. 13mm. 1.19g. Double moon emblem./ Horse r, six pellets on shoulder. ABC 1663. VF/Fine, bold moons. Ex T Griffiths coll. **£45**

34. Cotswold Eagle. Dobunni. c.40-20 BC. AR plated unit. 12mm. 0.90g. Stylised head./ Triple-tailed annulate horse l. Contemporary forgery of ABC 2015-2024. Fine, 1/2 of plating intact. **£25**

35. Duro Thunderbolt. Durotriges. AR quarter stater. 11mm. 0.29g. Plain./ Central thunderbolt, clamshell motif. VA—, BMC 2771-79. Fine, clear clamshell. **£15**

36. Cunobelinus? Cat & Trin. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 14mm. 1.96g. Head r./ ?Animal crouching r. ABC ? Fair. **£15**

37. Cunobelinus Ram Headed Serpent. Cat & Trin. c.AD8-41. AE unit. 12mm. 1.05g. Coiled ram-headed serpent./ Griffin l. ABC 2915. Fair. **RR £25**

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