

400
enlarged coin photos

Coins of the Iceni

(pronounced ick-eny)



*Who is the god with the shouting mouth? Who issued this coin and when?
And why does it have no legend? Norfolk God Moustache silver unit, COI 94b.*

A radical new catalogue of the Druid-designed coins of Queen Boudica's rebellious, theocratic, corpse-cremating, torc-hoarding, horse-revering, *romanitas*-resisting, oak-groving, Ica-named, holy-island tribe. By Elizabeth Cottam and Chris Rudd. With coins from the incomparable collection of Dr John Talbot, in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

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Type 10 **Ape Face** silver unit c.45-40 BC



COI 10a

Ape Face. Beaded Rings

Silver unit

obv. Small bearded head left, large oval eye, corn-ear hair

rev. Horse left, leaf tail, concentric beaded rings above ABC 1516

Extremely rare, 8 recorded

One of the 250 types, sub-types and variants in Coins of the Icenii.
Key distinguishing features are in red to aid identification.

‘Now coins of the Icenii are easier to identify, easier to understand’

DR JOHN DAVIES formerly Chief Curator, Norfolk Museums Service, author of *The Land of Boudica* (2009) and *The Little History of Norfolk* (2020)

Coins of the Icenii (COI) is the most convenient, most comprehensive catalogue of the Celtic coins of Norfolk c.55 BC-c.AD 47. It makes them simpler to identify, simpler to classify. It names, describes, illustrates, dates and ‘rarefies’ 250 Icenian coin types, sub-types and variants; more than twice as many as in *Ancient British Coins* (ABC). It also links them to the Druids and to 3,000 years of Norfolk’s sacred prehistory.

- 400 enlarged photos, mainly of coins from the incomparable collection of Dr John Talbot in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
- 60 colour illustrations and maps
- two-way ABC-COI concordances
- index of Icenian coins by type names

‘This book is exactly what it sets out to be: a compact, useful reference catalogue’ says Dr Daphne Nash Briggs, author *Coinage in the Celtic World* (1987). *Coins of the Icenii* (Chris Rudd 2022), ISBN 078-0-9566889-5-8, 96pp, card covers, £20 + p&xp. Order from sandra@celticcoins.com tel: 01263 735 707.



Icenian chariot linchpin, 1st cent AD, Colne Fen, Cambs.



Irstead Flower gold stater, c.20-10 BC, COI 42d.

The same faces and symbols occur on coins and artefacts. Central design system controlled by Druids?



Most of the coins aren’t in other catalogues. Wolf Scrolls gold stater, c40-35 BC, COI 27.

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