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Found in Norfolk: lovely Norfolk Wolf with Norfolk Avocet



Image of marsh-bird on rump of wolf



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Identified as Avocet by Rainer Kretz

1. Norfolk Wolf Left. Inverted Triangle. Talbot Norfolk Wolf B, Sub-type Cii, dies T/43. c.50-30 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 5.50g. Wreathed head l., leaves pointing upwards, fibula below solid crescent./ Bristly-backed wolf l, avocet on rump facing r, large pellet and inverted triad below, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 7s, S 31. *Nr EF, virtually as minted in pale gold, unusually bold 'Apollo' head, bristly wolf with avocet clearly visible.*

Fd. Ingoldisthorpe (see ABC 2421, 2424 and 2448), Norfolk, 2016.

RR dies, only 22 others £950

Most Norfolk Wolf Left gold staters aren't nearly as nice as this one. The obverse is exceptionally attractive, with every part of the Druid-inspired design standing out in high relief. In 1999 numismatist Rainer Kretz identified the long-legged marsh-bird perched on the rump of the wolf as an Avocet (*CR List* 48, pp.3-9; *Ancient British Coins*, p.78, fig.131; *Coins of the Iceni*, p.18, fig.47). The wolf has long been extinct in Norfolk; the Avocet can still be seen and heard in Norfolk.



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enlarged



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IBERIAN Earliest recorded Celtic script c.600 BC.

2. Salduie Horseman. Sedetanes. c.120-30 BC. AE as. 24mm. 10.17g. Curly male head r, dolphins around./ Cloaked horseman r, Iberic SALDuIE below. VB 1515, B 305, C 1055. *VF, earthy olive-green patina, bold horseman. Ex Dr Hispanicus coll.* **RR £125**
Salduie or Salduba (Roman Caesar Augusta) is modern Saragossa, NE Spain.

below. LT 6774, DT 2215, de Jersey *Armorica*, fig. 41. Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, dark rose gold, tent fully revealed. A most unusual quarter stater. UK found.

RRRR as UK find. **£500**

The Osismii produced a large and inventive range of gold and billon coinage from their territory in western Brittany, perhaps in a limited period before the Gallic War. Their tribal name, meaning 'Last' or 'Ultimate', was already known to the Greek navigator, Pytheas, in the 4th century BC, and reflects their position at the farthest end of mainland Gaul.

AEDUI Nièvre, cen. France, cap. Bibracte (nr. Autun).

3. Helmet Head Imitation. c.80-50 BC. AR denarius. 11-13mm. 1.74g. Helmeted head l./ Horse l, ring on pole from chest, ring below. LT 5138 var., DT 3188 var., BMC 344. *Gd VF, bright silver, well centred helmeted head. Ex J Fay coll.* **S £150**

5. Gallo-Belgic Ca2. Sills class 4. Ambiani. c.90-80 BC. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.56g. Traces of three-men-in-a-boat motif./ Irregular motifs. ABC-, LT-, DT-. Scheers class II, nos. 5, 12, class III, no.55; Sills *GGC* 431, rev. die 17. *Good VF, as minted in golden gold, heavyweight chunky flan. Fd. near Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.*

RRRR this reverse die, only 3 others **£375**

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

4. Tent Type. Osismii. c.80-60 BC. Base AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.31g. Crescentic head r, with large rolls of hair, beaded cordon in front of face./ Human-headed horse r, tiny human head holding reins above, 'tent' motif below comprising a cabled pelta with three columns of dashes

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6. Gallic War Uniface. Ambiani. Sills class 1. c.56-55 BC. AV stater. 16-20mm. 6.33g. Plain obverse with dome and edge-ledge./ M-shaped horse r, 'wishbone-shaped' charioteer's arms and pellet triad above, 'coffee-bean' behind and in front, pellet below. ABC 16, LT 8710, VA 50-1, S 11. *Gd VF, large flan of golden gold, both 'coffee-beans' on flan. Found Droitwich, Worcs., 2019.* **£700**

Thanks to the exceptionally broad flan, this beautiful stater reveals a smiling hidden face not normally seen. The same vertical 'eyes' are on the silver coins of Commios, ABC 1034-43, and Tincomarus, ABC 1097.



CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

7. Crooked Leg Bull. Holman Type E1/2-1b. c.85-70 BC. Cast potin. 17mm. 1.67g. Linear head facing left./ Angular bull facing r, with crooked legs. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF/F, glossy dark patina. Fd Cobham, Kent.* **R £120**

David Holman: "The head is distinctive. The crooked legs of the bull are visible and the axis is 90°, as it always is for this type."

REGINI West Sussex.

8. Tarring. Sills British Ad1, dies 3/4. c.54 BC. AV stater. 18mm. 6.26g. Wreath with upward-facing leaves./ Disjointed horse l, upward-facing tail lines, large pellets around, 'coffee bean' behind. ABC-, VA 202, BMC 24, 25, DK 132, S-. *Gd VF, heavyweight piece of golden gold.* **RRRR only 4 others this pair of dies £850**

'The Tarring series was a brief one' says Dr John Sills (DK, p.102). There are only four others from this pair of dies, including BMC 24 and 25.

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 the 'home' of Winnie-the-Pooh.

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

10. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 20mm. 6.07g. Wreath pattern with downward-facing leaves and fish-like hairlocks./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse left, shrimp and large blobs above, disjointed crab below, 'bird-

like' head and pellet triad behind, exergual decoration. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise Good VF, huge flan of yellow gold, beautifully ornamented, full crab, shrimp and tail lines.* **£750**
The rich Chute king may have made his money from cross-channel trading, hence the sea creatures on his staters. 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 staters.

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

11. Commios Ladder Head Lazy E. c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.81g. Moon head l, ladder-like hair./ Horse l, E shape on side above, ringed-pellet in front. ABC 1040, VA 355-3, BMC 735-57, S 69. *F/nr VF, lightly toned silver, ladder hair clear. Fd Lewes/Newhaven, East Sussex.* **RR £85**

12. Commios Concave Square. c.50-25 BC. AR minim. 8mm. 0.31g. Concave sided square, ringed-pellet in centre and in angles./ Horse l, wheel above. ABC 1046, VA 482, BMC 654-56, S 59. CCI 04.0559 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, an exquisite example. Ex J Follows coll. Fd. nr Chichester, W Sussex.* **RR £400**

Believe it or not, this cleverly crafted minim conceals no fewer than eight hidden faces: four with a beak-like nose, four with a round shouting mouth. A deceptively simple, characteristically British, Druid-inspired masterpiece in miniature. You won't find any coin remotely like it in the Greek, Roman or Gaulish series. From the fabulous John Follows collection.

13. Tincomarus Comet. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.22g. Six arms radiating from central pellet, traces of inscription./ Boy on dolphin r. ABC 1127, VA 371, BMC 946-47, S 88. *Gd VF, bright, bold comet, clear boy riding dophin. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **S £300**
'Julian star' comet copied from Augustan denarius, 19-18 BC, RCV 1607.

14. Verica Star Boar. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.14g. COMF between two crescents, pellet above and below, beaded border./ Boar r, star above, VIR[I] below. ABC 1223, VA 470-3, BMC 1312-21, S 131. *Nr EF, lightly toned silver, clear inscription, great boar. Ex Gloucestershire coll, ex D Helps coll.* **S £450**

15. Epaticcus Eagle. c.AD20-40. AR unit. 16mm. 1.16g. Lionskin bust r, EPATI in front, beaded border./ Spread eagle, ringed-pellet above, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2038, S 356. PAS: BERK-F37904 (**this coin**). *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise EF, toned silver,*



sharp strike, bold EPATI. A lovely, well documented coin. *Fd. Hannington, Hants., 1 November 2020.* **£450**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

16. Bury Diadem. Ring Type. Talbot Bury A, dies C/4. c.55-50 BC. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.43g. Female head l, with long pointed nose, heart-shaped ear and wearing lunar crown, S-shape serpent in front./ Horse l, tiny S-shapes for mane, solar 'anemone' and ring above, ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA 80, BMC 3525, COI 5b, S-. CCI 17.0536 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, bright silver, lovely head, clear serpent. Fd. Ixworth, Suffolk. RR dies, only 20 others recorded. £500* Is this the head of Andraste, Sirona or Ica who gave her name to the Icen? The two-headed snake may indicate a goddess of healing. See COI pp.15-16. A desirable, well documented example of the rare Ring Type.

17. Eyelash Crescents. Dashed Mane. Talbot dies A/1. c.AD10-20. AR unit. 11mm. 1.14g. Four opposed crescents (two solid, two outline with 'eyelashes') in centre of cruciform wreath pattern./ Horse r, cabled mane with short dashes, pellet triad above, floral sun below. ABC 1588, VA 679, BMC 3763-66, COI 72a var., S 435. *EF, sharply struck in good silver. Ex Vindos coll.*

RRRR only 5 others this pair of dies recorded. **£450**

This distinctive variant has short dashes across the cabled mane. Highly delightful, hugely elusive.

18. Ecen Corn Ear. Normal. Talbot dies J or K/19. c.AD25-35. AR unit. 13mm. 1.04g. Back-to-back moon emblem./ Horse r, pellet daisy above, row of three pellets below. ABC 1657, VA 730, BMC 4033-215, COI 89c, S 443A. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse.*

RRR die pair, only 11 or 12 others recorded **£125**

19. Mini Ecen. c.AD35-45. AR plated half unit. 9mm. 0.43g. Back-to-back moon emblem./ Horse r, belted neck and belly, short dashes for mane, C below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1684, COI 90a. *VF/Gd VF, virtually all of plating intact, neat horse. RRRR as contemporary forgery £125*

20. Norfolk God Moustache. Lipline. AR unit. 14mm. 1.04g. Head r./ Horse r, beaded arc above, kite below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3605-759, COI 94a, S 434. *VF/Gd VF, lightly toned silver, bold horse. Found Thetford, Norfolk, 1982.* **£150**

21. Scavo. Running Boar. Talbot dies E/5. c.AD 43-47. AR unit. 14mm. 1.03g. Traces of boar r, crescent above,

AL[E] below./ Horse leaping r, ringed-pellet and pellets above, tip of SCA below, beaded border joined by lines. ABC 1708, VA 996, BMC 4576, COI 95c, S 448. *F/ VF, lightly toned silver, clear horse. Fd. Paston, Norfolk.*

RRR type, only 9 others known

inc. one in BM, RRRR 3 others this pair of dies recorded £450 Most collectors never get the chance to acquire a Scavo coin. A truly elusive ruler, one of the few in Britain to issue any coins after AD 43.

CORIELTAVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

22. Domino. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 16-19mm. 5.38g. Traces of wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, 'domino' box above containing four pellets, clockwise spiral below. ABC 1758, VA 829-1, BMC 3185-86, S 393. *Gd VF, rich rose gold, fabulous domino box fully displayed. Ex Gloucestershire coll.* **R £750**

The ancient Egyptian symbol for earth was a box with pellets in it, presumably seeds sown in the soil. We suspect that the Domino box had the same meaning. Offstruck examples (BMC 3185-86) show lines coming up from the box, possibly forming a crown-like motif and thus suggesting that the lunar mare (queen of the night) was as responsible for the fertility of Corieltavian earth as the sun-god on the other side of the coin.

23. South Ferriby Shrimp. Rich Type 24e. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.03g. Traces of long-legged boar r./ Horse r, belted neck and belly, beaded ring above. ABC 1803, VA 877-1, 877-7, BMC 3219-27, S 398. *VF/Gd VF, large flan of lightly toned silver, good horse. Ex L Daniel coll.* **RRR** only 9 others recorded by Rich, **all in the British Museum £275**

24. Stork Head Right. Rich Type 38e. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 10mm. 0.43g. Blank./ Horse r, stork head, beaded ringed-pellet above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, lightly toned silver, neat horse.*

RRRR only 2 others recorded **£300**

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

25. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 18mm. 4.31g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, 'safety-pin' head, pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 366. *VF/Gd VF, chunky flan of bright silver, nose to tail of horse on flan. Fd. Salisbury, Wilts. £175* See how many times the 'coffee-bean' (a vestigial chariot wheel) pops up on ancient British coins, see Nos.1, 6 and 8 on this list. Ancient chisel cut across sun-god's head suggests this stater was ritually 'killed' prior to votive deposition.



26. Hod Hill. c.40-20 BC. AE stater. 16mm. 1.89g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, pellets above. ABC 2175, VA 1290, BMC 2790-2859, S 371. *Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, clear wreath. Fd. Salisbury, Wilts.* **£85**
Much rarer than most Cranborne Chase staters.

CATUVELLAUNI north Thames, cap. Verlamion (St. Albans).
27. Ingoldisthorpe. Sills British Ab2, class 3, dies 3/2r. c.55-45BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.45g. 'Three men in a boat' design./ Comb-like motif with radiating lines, '£' symbol to r. ABC 2448, VA-, BMC-, DK 400, S-. *Gd VF, golden gold, beautifully toned, virtually as minted, one of the finest we've had. Fd. Ingoldisthorpe, Norfolk, 2016.* **RR type, only 17 known, RRR only 15 others this pair of dies recorded £550**

This incredibly intricate Ingoldisthorpe (actually found at Ingoldisthorpe) is more ornate than its Gallo-Belgic prototypes, cf. ABC 40 and No.5 this list. And ten times scarcer. A very pretty example of a very British quarter.

28. Whaddon Goat. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 9-12mm. 0.65g. Head l, corded hair./ Annulate goat r, ringed-pellet above and in front. ABC 2487, VA 1552, BMC 383-85, S 51. *1/3 missing, otherwise Gd VF, bold hair, great goat, long horn fully on flan. Ex L Daniel coll.* **S £175**

29. Addedomarus Spiral. Sills class 3. c.45-25 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.44g. Star-form solar spiral of six curved and corded arms, three crescents in centre./ Full-bodied horse r, cornucopia below. ABC 2517, VA 1620, BMC 2396-404, DK 488, S 201. *VF, rose-gold, very chunky heavy flan, corded arms crisp. Fd. Beds., c.1980s.* **£850**

Addedomarus was a great innovator. This is the third of his highly imaginative obverse stater designs. Nothing like it had ever been seen before in Britain or Gaul.

30. 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**). *Gd VF, bright silver, bold capricorn. Fd. Ellesborough, Bucks., 20.4.2014. Ex Gloucestershire coll.*

RR only 20 others recorded, not in Van Arsdell. £550
The capricorn on this **Very Rare** silver coin was copied from an Augustan denarius of *Colonia Patricia*, 18-16 BC, Sear RCV 1592.

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

31. Helmet Head. Senones. c.80-50 BC. Cast potin. 16-18mm. 3.01g. Head l, large triangular eye socket./ Horse l, pellets around. LT 7396, BMC 385-387. *Gd VF, glossy patina, bold head and horse.* **£50**

32. Thurrock MA. Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Potin. 16mm. 3.42g. Head of Apollo l./ Bull butting r, MA. ABC 120. *Fine, green patina, clear head.* **£25**

The first regular coinage minted in Britain, directly copied from coins imported from Massalia (modern Marseilles).

33. Addedomarus Crescent Cross. Catuvellauni. c.45-25 BC. AV plated stater. 18mm. 2.52g. Virtually blank./ Horse r, ringed-pellet above, wheel below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 2514. *Fair, some of plating intact. Fd. Ashwell, Herts.*

RRR as forgery £30

34. Addedomarus Corded. Catuvellauni. c.45-25 BC. AE unit. 12mm. 0.76g. Head l, corded hair./ Horse l. ABC 2544. *Fine.* **£20**

35. Tasciovanos Boar. Catuvellauni. c.25BC-AD10. AE unit. 14mm. 1.57g. Back-to-back crescents on horizontal three line wreath./ Boar r. ABC 2667. *Fair, clear bull.* **£20**

36. Cunobelinus Cunobeli. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 18mm. 1.18g. Traces of CVNO BELINI in two panels./ Victory seated l. ABC 2918. *Fair, Victory visible.* **£15**



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