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Liz's List is issued six times a year by Chris Rudd. Subscription: £15 UK, £20 Rest of World. Reference books: **ABC**: Cottam, de Jersey, Rudd & Sills *Ancient British Coins* £75, **LT**: La Tour *Atlas des monnaies gauloises*, **VA**: Van Arsdell *Celtic Coinage of Britain*, **BMC**: Hobbs *British Iron Age Coins in the British Museum*; **COI**: *Coins of the Iceni* £20, **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.

Multiple miniature heads



Derek Allen's reconstruction

1. Head and Boar. Osismii. c.80-50 BC. AR stater. 20-22mm. 6.52g. Celtic head r, with boar-standard above and small severed heads attached./ Human-headed horse galloping l, small severed head in front and above, boar-standard below. LT 6541, de Jersey *Armorica*, p.86, fig. 44. *Gd VF, toned silver, strange head and androcephalous horse, severed heads clearly visible.* Ex C Byron coll, bt. CR (2004), ex Antony McCammon coll, ex Baldwin's Auction.20, 11 October 1999, lot 46. **R £650**

Findings of this spectacular Armorican coinage are clustered around the massive hillfort of Huelgoat in central Finistère, at the heart of the territory of the Osismii. Although possibly one of the final issues of this tribe, it is slightly curious that there are no examples of this type

recorded from the dozen or so Jersey hoards, which may suggest that they were produced a little earlier than we believe, or that their circulation was quite restricted within the Osismii's large territory. When we valued the 70,000 coins from Le Catillon II hoard in 2019 there were only 28 staters of the Osismii.

The Greek satirist, Lucian of Samosata in Syria, c.AD117-180, describes the mythic giant of Ogmios as follows: "This ancient Hercules drags after him a vast crowd of men, all of whom are fastened by the ears with thin chains composed of gold and amber, and looking more like beautiful necklaces than anything else" (*Discourses*, Hercules, 1-7). Could this Celtic myth be the source of small heads on this coin, all of which seem to be tied to cords or chains?



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IBERIAN Earliest recorded Celtic script c.60 BC.

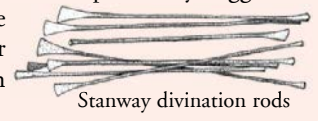
2. Hercules and Two Tuna. Gadir. c.100-20 BC. AE as. 25mm. 10.76g. Hercules head l, club behind./ Two tuna, Phoenician MP'L and 'GDR. Vill. 86.35, Burgos 1340, Calico 765. *Nr VF/Gd F, glossy dark green patina, bold head.* Ex Dr Hispanicus coll. **£85**

Phoenician port of Gadir is now Cadiz, SW Spain.

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

3. Crossed Lines with Lyre. Sills Bb2, workshop 2, class 1c, fig. 48k, plate 11, no.349. Scheers class IIc. Nervii. c.115-100 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.75g. Branch-like motif of crossed lines./ Globular horse galloping l, lyre below. ABC 37, LT 8697, DT 95, VA 37, S 9. *Gd VF, rich golden gold, bold horse, full lyre.* Found Hambleton, Bucks, c.2006. **R type, RR as UK find. £450**

Like ABC 10, this Belgic quarter stater was minted as 'wages of war', at the same time (c.115-100 BC), by the same people (the Nervii) and with the same basic imagery; which is why it was given the same name. Likewise, the crossed lines may be a war-trophy or votive deposit of lances, javelins and swords. Or, as previously suggested, Druidic divination sticks like those cited by Tacitus (*Germania* 10) or like the metal divination rods from Stanway, Colchester, Essex.



Stanway divination rods

4. Boat Tree. Wedge Type Morini. c.65-60 BC. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.42g. Stylised boat./ Tree motif, wedge-shape either side, zigzag line below. ABC 40, LT 8611, VA 69-1, DK 25, S10. *Gd VF, golden gold, sharp tree.* **£375**

"The Wedge Type has a simplified tree with a wedge-shaped line to either side" *Divided Kingdoms*, p.15.



BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

5. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.54-53 BC. AV stater. 15-19mm. 6.15g. Wreath pattern./ Disjointed horse l, large blobs above, disjointed crab below, spiral in front, exergual zigzag and pellet decoration. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Gd VF, as struck in heavyweight yellow gold, clear spiral. Ex Dr J D Watkins coll.* **£475**

The flat spots on either side are not due to wear, they are caused by the moneyer removing the coin from the dies with his tongs when the metal was still soft and pliable.

6. Cheriton Wheel. Sills Hampshire British Q Derivatives. c.55-45 BC. AE core of AV plated stater. 15-18mm. 3.21g. Wreath pattern, chevron cloak lines, ringed-pellets around, plus hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse r, charioteers' arms above, wheel below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 758, VA-, BMC 446, DK 213, S-. CCI 09.3148 (**this coin**). *Nr VF, great wreath. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants.* **Unique as a bronze core £185**

7. Ex Head. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 10mm. 0.84g. Head l, double ring below, [EX] above./ Annulate horse r, spiral above, curtain motif below. ABC 995, VA-, BMC 614-28, S 57. *VF, lightly toned. Fd. Clanfield, Hants., 15.3.2024.* **S £225**



Hidden face

Ex may be short for Exobnos. Earliest inscribed British silver coin?

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

8. Commios Moon Head. c.50-25 BC. AR minim. 8mm. 0.29g. Moon head l, lentoid eye, ringed-pellets in front, curved ladder for hair./ Globular horse l, ringed-pellet above and below. ABC 1043, VA 358-5 (*Num. Circ. Nov.* 1989), BMC 759-60, S 70. CCI 04.0560 (**this coin**). *Near EF, neat flan of lightly toned silver, bold horse. Ex J Follows coll.* **RR £375**

Head, horse and ringed-pellets are very like those of Old Basing silver unit of the Belgae, ABC 836. The attribution to Commios, first proposed by Van Arsdell in 1989, is stylistic.

9. Tincomarus Eagle. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 11mm. 1.31g. Laureate head r, TINCOM in front, [A] behind, beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle facing r, clutching snake. ABC 1106, VA 397, BMC 880-905, S 83. *VF/Gd VF, crisp silvery silver, full TINCOM, great eagle. One of the nicest we've seen for a while.* **R £450**

10. Verica Tiberius. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.25g. Figure standing holding lituus (wand), [CO]M to l, MIF to r, beaded border./ Bust of Tiberius r, VERI behind, CA in front, beaded border. ABC 1250, VA 533, BMC 1421-49, S 136. *Near EF, bright silver, full VERICA, delightful portrait. Ex J Tocchio coll, bt. CR (2018).* **S £385**

11. Verica Sphinx Right. c.AD10-40. AR minim. 8mm. 0.26g. Bust r, [COMMIF] around, beaded border./ Sphinx r,

VE in front, R above, beaded border. ABC 1340, VA-, BMC 1587-89, S 163. *VF/Gd VF, magnificent sphinx. Ex Royal Berkshire coll.* **RRR only 16 others recorded £250**

This very rare minim is the first we've offered for sale for over twelve years. Dr John Creighton says: "One of the most potent symbols was that on the signet ring of Augustus himself: the sphinx. Octavian had used this image in Rome during the Triumvirate, and its significance grew as he continued to use it as his defining image on his signet ring. It was his distinctive seal. Tasciovanus was the first to use the image in Britain, followed by Segou, Cunobelin and Verica" (*Coins and Power in Late Iron Age Britain*, 2000, p.107).

12. Epaticcus Victory. c.AD 20-40. AR unit. 12mm. 1.21g. Victory seated r, arm outstretched holding wreath, TAS CIOV around, beaded border./ Boar r, tree behind, EPAT below. ABC 1349, VA 581, BMC 2294-328, S 357. *Gd VF/VF, lightly toned silver, full TASCIOV. Fd. Newbury, Berks.* **S £475**

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

13. Snettisham Beaded Rim. Talbot Die-group 1, dies A/4. c.35-25 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.14g. Wreath crossed by beaded line, ornaments in angles./ Annulate horse r, beaded ringed-pellet below. ABC 1462, VA-, BMC 3422-34, COI 34c, S 429. PAS: NMS-93B1EF (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, clear wreath. Fd. Wymondham, Norfolk, 18.8.2016.* **RR only 21 others recorded £500**

14. Anted D-Bar. c.AD 20-25. AR unit. 14mm. 1.15g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse r, corn-ear mane. ABC 1645, VA 711, 715, BMC 3800-4025, COI 86b, S 441. *VF, big flan, bold moons. Bt. Granta, 10.1.1990. Fd. Essex/ Suffolk area.* **£135**

15. Ecen Corn Ear. Normal. c.AD 25-35. AR unit. 12mm. 0.96g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse r, corn-ear mane, row of three pellets and [ECEN] below. ABC 1657, VA 730, BMC 4033-4215, COI 89a, S 443A. CCI 09.3066 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, bold horse, full head. Ex East Anglian coll.* **£120**

16. Norfolk God No Tache. Linear Crescent Head. Talbot LFH Unit sub-set 1, Die-group 7, dies R/24. c.AD 20-25. AR unit. 13mm. 1.03g. Head r, wearing boarskin headdress./ Horse r, kite and beaded arc above, lozenge below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 93c, S-. *Gd VF, big flan of lightly toned silver, bold lozenge, full horse's head.* **RRRR only four others this pair of dies recorded £295**

Attributed to Queen Boudica AD 61 by Van Arsdell. Dr John Talbot also says it's a late issue. This type not in ABC.

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

17. South Ferriby. Sills Mint C. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 19mm. 5.54g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, 'serpent' either side./ Lunate horse l, five-pointed star in front, star below. ABC 1743 var.,



VA 811 var., BMC 3148-78 var., S 390. *Gd VF, large flan of rose gold, sharply struck, bold horse. Ex A Bate coll.*

RRRR only one other this pair of dies recorded **£950**

Coins from Mint C are scarce compared to those from Mints A and B. We've tilted the obverse image until the (normally diagonal) hairbar is vertical, in order that you can see the two snakes heads. See *Liz's List* 110, No.1 and *Liz's List* 117, No.19.

18. Domino. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 4.80g. Remains of wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l, pellet below tail, domino-like' box above, four-armed anticlockwise swastika below. ABC 1758, VA 829-3, BMC 3185-86, S 393. CCI 09.3170 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, coppery gold, clear 'domino' box. Ex East Anglian coll.* **R £600**

Ex Mack collection, ex South Ferriby hoard

19. South Ferriby Natural Head Right. Rich Type 26. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.08g. Blank obverse./ Horse r, beaded ring above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 63.0119 (**this coin**). *VF, large flan of toned silver, clear horse. Ex Wessex coll, ex Mack coll, (with ticket), ex Baldwin's, 16.4.1952 (paid 30/-). Fd. South Ferriby hoard, c.1904-07?* **£225**

An important coin, ex Commander R.P.Mack collection, illustrated in Bernard Roth's 1908 publication of the 'South Ferriby Hoard' in *Numismatic Chronicle*, 4th series, vol. 8, p.17-55, plate 26. This coin is plate 5, No.14. Published in *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, p.274-281, No.95 (**this coin**), Allen 322, SCBI 20, no.275.

20. Esuprasu Owlface. c.AD 40-47. AR unit. 14mm. 1.17g. Owlsh zoomorphic face composed of crossed wreaths, with two pellets as eyes, small crosses above./ Horse r, pellet and blundered IISVP above, ?letter below. ABC 1920, VA 924, BMC 3272-73, S 406. CCI 12.0184 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned silver. Ex L Daniel coll, ex D Turner coll.* **RR £350**

Dr John Sills says: "The style of the lettering is a little unusual in the way that it slopes backwards and the legend itself reads ISVP rather than IISVP, with RA off the flan below. There are several reverse dies that read ISVP, although it's scarcer than the IISVP type." (pers. comm. 23.5.24).

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

21. Cotswold Crosses. c.40-20 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.67g. Head r, rings behind, pellets and crescents in front./ Horse r, ring and crescents above, crescent in front. ABC 2036, VA 1135, 1137, BMC 3003-11, S 377. CCI 09.3278 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, sharply struck, bold head. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Pershore, Worcs., 2008.* **S £225**

EAST WILTSHIRE centred on Vale of Pewsey.

22. Upavon Moon Head. c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.90g. Moon head r, with pellet-nose and stalk lips, solid crescents for hair, cogwheel on chin, wheel in front./ Curvilinear horse l, with feather tail, ring above, rings

around, wheel below. ABC 2128, VA-, BMC 3013-17, S-. *Good VF, lovely silvery silver, amazing head, lanky horse.. Ex J Robinson coll.* **S £550**

23. Potterne Moon Head. c.30-1 BC. Billon unit. 9mm. 0.85g. Moon-head r, large crescents for hair./ Horse l, linear mane. ABC 2131, VA-, BMC 604-05, 3018, S-. *F/ VF, chunky flan, clear horse. Ex M Parker coll. Fd. Devizes, Wilts., 1990s.* **RR £75**

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

24. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 19mm. 4.36g. Wreath motif./ Triple-tailed horse l, pellets above, 'coffee-bean' behind, large pellet below. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2555-636, S 366. *Gd VF, large flan, silvery silver, great horse, full nose and tails. Fd. Hindon, Wilts., 24.9.2023.* **£225**

25. Duro Thunderbolt. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 12mm. 0.76g. Almost plain./ Central thunderbolt, clamshell motif. ABC 2217, VA-, BMC 2771-79, S 368. *VF, good silver, clear clamshell. Ex Dr J D Watkins coll.* **£35**

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

26. Clacton de Jersey. Sills British G2, class 2a, Clacton Curved Exergue. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter. 13mm. 1.22g. Two-men-in-a-boat motif./ Small-bodied horse r, pellets above and below. ABC 2350, VA-, BMC-, DK 413, S 42. *Gd VF, lovely golden gold, nice boat motif.* **S £450**
Named after Dr Philip de Jersey of Guernsey.

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

27. Whaddon Goat. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 10-12mm. 0.88g. Horned head l, corded hair./ Annulate goat r, ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet and pellet below. ABC 2487, VA 1552, BMC 383-85, S 51. *1/3 missing and creased, otherwise Gd VF, lightly toned, great head and horny goat. Fd. Buntingford, Herts, 2021.* **S £175**

This is the only ancient coin known to us which has a horny man on one side and a horny animal on the other.

28. Tasciovanos Cavalryman. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.25g. TASC in central panel, three ring border, central one beaded./ Horseman l, holding large elliptical shield and wearing wide brimmed helmet with streamers flowing behind. ABC 2640, VA 1800, BMC 1677-79, S 238. *Nr EF, silvery silver, full TASC, bold warrior. Ex J Follows coll.* **RR £750**

A clear picture of what a British cavalryman may have looked like at the close of the first century BC. The 'streamers' are intriguing, sometimes they are attached to the helmet but, as on this example, they appear to come out of the warrior's back... or perhaps they are wings?



29. Tasciovanos Mercury. c.25BC-AD10. AE half unit. 11mm. 1.34g. Head r, [VER] in front, line and dash border./ Boar r, crescent and pellet triad above. ABC 2712, VA 1826, BMC 1762-64, S 257. *Gd VF, neat round flan, olive-green patina, clear boar, crescent and pellet triad. Fd. Chichester, West Sussex, 12.1.2023.* **RR £150**

We call this type a half unit in ABC but the weight of this example at 1.34g would indicate a unit.

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united by Cunobelinus.

30. Cunobelinus Wild A, Curved Leg. Sills class 3e, dies ?/39. c.AD 8-41. AV quarter. 10mm. 1.31g. Ear of barley between CA M[V]./ Wild-type horse prancing r, curved foreleg, pellet and branch above, CVN below. ABC 2816, VA 2015, BMC-, DK 583, S-. *VF, rose gold, nice ear of barley, bold horse. Found Saffron Walden, Essex, October 2021.* **£550**

31. Cunobelinus Horseman. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.20g. CVNO BELI in two panels, star above and below, beaded border./ Horseman r, CVN below. ABC 2858, VA 1951, BMC 1862, S 302. *Good VF, good silver, sharp CVNOBELI, fat horse. Fd.Beds, c.1980.* **RR £550**

32. Cunobelinus Lyre Player. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.15g. Bust r, [TASC] behind, IOVANII in front, beaded border./ Seated lyre player r, [C]VNOBELI in front, beaded border. ABC 2867, VA 2059, BMC 1879-82, S 314. *VF, lightly toned silver, clear lyre player. Fd. Buckinghamshire.* **RR £350**

The lyre was doubtless played at the court of King Cunobelin for his pleasure and also at religious (Druidic?) events.

33. Cunobelinus Sow. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.32g. Helmeted head r, CVNO BELINV[S], beaded border./ Sow r, TASCII[VANII] F around. ABC 2960, VA 2091, BMC 1956-60, S 337. *Gd EF/Gd VF, glossy surfaces, dark-green patina, superb head. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. C.J.Martin, 1990.* **£600**

This could well be a stylised portrait of Cunobelinus himself. But why is this British king wearing what is obviously a Roman helmet? Was it a gift from Augustus, Tiberius or Caligula? Or did Cunobelinus serve as a Roman cavalry officer when he was a youth, perhaps under the patronage of Augustus? The domestic sow was worshipped as a symbol of fecundity and plenty, rivalling the cow in this respect. Sows were the favourite victims in sacrifices to Demeter, the mother-goddess of the Earth. This coin however depicts a wild animal, the mate of the military boar.

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enlarged

34. Claudius II Gothicus. AD 268-270. AE unit. 12mm. 1.67g. Radiate bearded bust r./ Altar. *Good VF/VF, fd. Northants.* **£25**



enlarged

35. Tetricus I. AD 271-274. AE unit. 14mm. 1.32g. Radiate bearded bust r./ Standing figure l, holding sceptre. *Gd VF/VF, fd. Northants.* **£25**

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