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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.

Originally sold by Chris Rudd over 30 years ago



1. Rues Concave Squares. Catuvellauni. c.AD 1-10. AE fractional unit. 12mm. 1.02g. Two concave sided squares around central ring./ Eagle facing r, R[VII], solid line border. ABC 2763, VA 1903, BMC 1756-58, S 274. CCI 92.0447 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, dark-green patina, sharp squares and bold eagle. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. Chris Rudd (1992), ex Chris Rudd coll, (with original ticket). Fd. c.1990.* **RR £425**

The obverse and reverse are reminiscent of the Eppillus Rex silver unit, ABC 1160. A similar concave-sided square occurs on a Danebury minim, ABC 1046. It is nearly 10 years since we sold our last example of this type. Will you have to wait another 10 years for the next? "One of the best of the 28 recorded coins" says Dr John Sills (pers.comm.30.8.2024).



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

2. Ogmios and Boar. Whisky Face with Racquet and Double Beaded Tail. De Jersey class 2. c.60-56 BC. AR stater. 20mm. 6.20g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, large curls for hair./ Horse r, charioteer's long-nosed head above, boar battle-standard below. LT 6598, DT 2340, Rybot 32, group II, Hooker 90. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, bold head and horse. Ex D Lee coll.* **£300**

Rybot notes four slightly different dies. The differences occur in the neck of the obverse. On the reverse the boar's bristles vary from four to seven. To read more get *War Coins of the Sun Warriors*, Chris Rudd 2018, only £15 + p&cp, or *Celtic Improvisations* by John Hooker, £29 + p&cp.

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

3. Gallic War Uniface. Crescent Arcs Type. Sills class 3. Ambiani. c.56-55 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 6.18g. Blank./ M-shaped horse r, charioteer's arms above, crescent, pellet and exergual corded line below. ABC 16, LT 8710, VA 52-1, DK 11, S 11. *Gd VF, neat flan of golden gold, smooth surfaces, well centred horse Fd. Attleborough, Norfolk, 2010-19.* **£650**

Struck to pay troops to fight Caesar. See Dr John Sills, *Identifying Gallic War Uniface staters*, *Chris Rudd List* 83, September 2005, p.2-6.

4. Gallo-Belgic Ca2. Sills class 3. Ambiani. c.90-80 BC. AV quarter stater. 8mm. 1.16g. 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* 430. *Good VF, as minted in golden gold, heavyweight chunky flan.* **RR as UK find £375**

5. Boat Tree. Two Symbols Type. Morini. c.65-60 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.45g. Stylised boat, tiny x's around./ Tree motif, zigzag line, crescent and heart-shape below. ABC 40, LT 8611, VA 69-1, DK 26, S10. *Gd VF, as struck in golden gold, clear x's. Ex Dr J.D. Watkins coll.* **£325**
"The Four Symbols/Two Symbols issue, is of neater style and initially has four symbols below the central bar on the reverse, subsequently reduced to two." *Divided Kingdoms*, p.15.

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

6. Rounded Bull. Holman Type D7/3-2d. c.95-80 BC. Cast potin unit. 16-20mm. 1.65g. Linear head r, eye ring no pellet./ Linear bull l, tail raised, crescent above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *VF, pewter tone.*

RRRR only a few known examples, all from hoards **£220**
David Holman, Cantiaci coin specialist, says "Distinctly uncommon – apart from this one, the few known examples are all from hoards" (pers.comm. 23.7.2024).



7. Dubnovellaunos Winged Beast. c.25BC-AD5. AR unit. 12mm. 0.87g. Winged beast stepping r, rings and ringed-pellets around./ Horse l, foreleg raised, [DVBNO] above, ringed-pellets and pellets around, beaded border. ABC 321, VA 171, BMC 2499-501, DK 84, S 179. *Gd VF, good silver, centrally struck, both animals clear. Fd. Maidstone, Kent, 2019-24.* **RR £425**

8. Amminus Wreath Box. c.AD 30-40. AE unit. 14mm. 2.26g. AM in central panel inside wreath./ Horse stepping r, head facing, DVNO below, beaded border. ABC 468, VA 193, BMC-, S 189. *Gd VF, dark green patina, bold wreath, clear inscription.* **RR only 17 others recorded, "most of them grotty" says Dr John Sills. £400** Is *Sego-* (ABC 441-453) a place, not a person? And, if so, could it be the same place as *Duno-*? "If *Dunon* was renamed *Segodunon* by Tasciovanos, it could still have been known colloquially as *Dunon*" says Dr John Sills (*Chris Rudd List 132, p.3*).

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

9. Hampshire Thunderbolt. Sills class 1. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.27g. 'Two-men-in-a-boat' motif./ Cruciform thunderbolt motif, various objects around. ABC 767, VA 143, BMC 129-36, 410-13, DK 304, S 46. *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise VF/Gd VF, yellow gold, well ornamented.* **£475**

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

10. Tincomarus Cross Lion. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 10-14mm. 1.22g. Cross, TINC in angles, beaded border./ Lion l, with tail raised, bucranium below, beaded border. ABC 1124, VA 372, BMC 930-45, S 87. *VF, bright silver, clear lion. Ex J Anderson coll, bt. Chris Rudd (2022), ex J Follows coll.* **R £275**

11. Verica Eagle. Regini & Atrebatas. c.AD10-40. AR unit. 13mm. 1.21g. COMF in plain tablet, scroll decoration with neck torcs above and below, line and beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle standing, head turned to l, [V]I R[I] above, beaded border. ABC 1226, VA 471, BMC 1485-505, S 138. *VF/Gd VF, full COMF, bold eagle.* **S £475**

"The most important symbolism of eagles concerns their association with the Roman sky-god Jupiter...Romano-Celtic images of the Sun-god frequently appear in western Europe with the Celtic solar wheel and the Roman eagle." *Dictionary of Celtic Myth and Legend*, Miranda J.Green. This eagle, with wings outstretched, denotes a strong, agile bird and is a good copy of the reverse of a quadrans of Augustus, RCV 1707, dated between 15 and 10 BC.



RCV 1707

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

12. Norfolk Wolf Left. Two Line Diamond. Talbot Norfolk Wolf B, Sub-type Cii, die group 16, dies T/54. c.50-35 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.56g. Left-facing Icenian wreath motif, leaves facing upwards./ Wolf standing l, with bristly back, crescent and large pellet above, large pellet and two-line diamond shape below, two pellets in front. ABC-, VA 610-3, BMC 228-249, COI 7r, S-. CCI 95.0385 (**this coin**). *VF, yellow gold, bristly wolf. Ex Winchester coll, bt. Chris Rudd (1997). Found Snettisham, Norfolk.*

RRR die pair, only 23 others recorded £995

13. Plouviez. Four-Spoke Wheel. Talbot dies B/-. c.25-20 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.78g. Head r, herringbone hair, elliptical eye./ Horse r, open head and pellet mane, leaf-like tail, four-spoke wheel above. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 39 var, S-. *Gd VF, bright silver, clear wheel. Ex D Burd coll.*

Unique? reverse die £450

14. Phallic Boar. Normal. Talbot Boar Horse C Unit. c.AD 10-20. AR unit. 11mm. 0.71g. Bristly boar r./ Horse r, with two pellets under tail, four-spoked wheel above, pellet triad to l, phallic motif below. ABC-, VA 659, BMC 3495, COI 64a, S 431. *VF/Gd VF, good silver, great horse with full wheel and clear pellet triads. Ex D Burd coll. Fd. Saham Hills, Norfolk.* **£185**

15. Ecen Corn Ear. Blundered S. Talbot dies C/1. c.AD 25-35. AR unit. 14mm. 0.78g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse r, corn ear mane, blundered S below head, ECEN and row of pellets below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COI 89b, S-. *Gd VF, lightly toned, bold moons.*

RRRR only ten other this pair of dies recorded £220

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

16. South Ferriby. Sad Face. Scroll Eyes Type. Sills Mint A, fig.3. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 5.49g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, ringed-pellet above forming hidden 'sad' face, star below. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3150, S-. *Gd VF, virtually as minted, large flan of rose gold, clear face. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. near Gainsborough, Lincs., pre. 2009.* **£650**

Hidden 'spirit' faces are a distinctive feature of Ancient British coins and probably derive from the powerful influence that British Druids apparently had in die design. Is this the face of the goddess Litavis?



Sad face

17. Domino. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 5.33g. Traces of wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, triangular head, pellet above, four-armed anti-clockwise spiral below. ABC 1758, VA 829-1, BMC 3185-86, S 393. PAS: NLM-006F4 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, full spiral. Ex J Anderson coll, bt. CR (2022). Fd. Ulceby Cross, Lincs., 13.2.2022.* **R £550**



18. Volisios Dumnocoveros. c.30-45 AD. AE core. 15-20mm. 4.18g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, DVM above, pellet triad in front. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1980, VA 978, BMC 3330-36, S 416. CCI 04.0246 (**this coin**). *Gd F, glossy green patina, oval flan, clear DVM.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2004). *Fd. Scarborough, Yorks.*

RRR as core **£250**

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

19. Anted. Linear Mane, D Type. c.AD 20-40. AR unit. 14mm. 1.21g. Stylised head r, with stalk lips, 'worms' and pellets in front./ Triple-tailed horse l, pellet under chin, TED above, [AN] and ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COD 27b, S 380. *Gd VF, lightly toned, clear TED.* Ex 'Bristol' coll. **RR** only ten others recorded **£185**

EAST WILTSHIRE centred on Vale of Pewsey.

20. Upavon Moon Head. c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.85g. Moon head r, stalk lips, solid crescents for hair, wheel in front./ Curvilinear horse l, ring above, large wheel below. ABC 2128, VA-, BMC 3013-17, S-. *VF, great head, clear wheel.* Ex 'Bristol' coll. **S** **£250**

21. Potterne Moon Head. c.30-1 BC. Billon unit. 9mm. 0.83g. Moon-head r, large crescents for hair, sunburst on chin./ Horse l, pellet above. ABC 2131, VA-, BMC 604-05, 3018, S-. *VF, chunky flan, bold head.* Ex M Parker coll. *Fd. Devizes, Wilts., 1990s.* **RR** **£95**

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

22. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 17mm. 5.16g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets above, 'coffee bean' behind. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-46, S 366. *Gd VF, chunky flan, good silver.* Ex 'Bristol' coll. **£300**

23. Badbury Rat. DQS Geometric class 4, die group 5.4, dies O12/R29. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 12mm. 0.89g. Traces of 'three-men-in-a-boat'./ Central zigzag thunderbolt between beaded lines, 'clamshell' motif to r, 'rat' below. ABC 2214, VA 1260, BMC 2748-70, S 368. CCI 23.1401 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, well ornamented, clear rat.* One of the nicest examples we've seen for a long time. Ex N Bundle coll. *Fd. Winterborne St Martin, Dorset.*

RRR only 14 others this pair of dies recorded **£250**

Dr David Robinson's recently published book *Durotigan Quarter Staters* contains die identifications, rarities and findspots (where known) of this large series, plus maps and tables. Published on p.161 (**this coin**).

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

24. Two Boars. c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 12mm. 1.76g. Two boars, wheel./ Horse r. ABC 2315, VA-, BMC 402-06, S-. CCI 10.2754 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, holly-green patina, great boars, lovely horse.* One of the prettiest examples we've had. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2009), ex Michael J Grover coll.

R only 36 other recorded. **£325**

TRINOVANTES Essex, S. Suffolk, cap. Camulodunon (Colchester).

25. Tasciovanos Acorn. Stepping Horse Type. Sills class 2. c.25 BC-AD 10. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.19g. Crossed wreaths motif of triple lines, central line beaded, one curved, one straight, back-to-back crescents at centre, 'teardrop' in each quarter./ Horse l, beaded mane, foreleg raised, pellet above, acorn below. ABC 2586, VA 1688, BMC 1651-53, DK 519, S 221. *VF/Gd VF, golden gold, full bodied horse.* **S** **£650**

We've previously speculated that the nut-like object under the high-stepping horse may be an acorn on a twig and hinted at possible Druidic connections (*Chris Rudd List* 38, No.56). A similar nut-like symbol can sometimes be seen on Tasciovanos Hidden Faces staters (ABC 2553), and Tasciovanos Camul quarters (ABC 2589). There were some great oak-rich forests around *Verlamion* (Hatfield Forest and Epping Forest to name but two), so we think the acorn will have been a familiar and meaningful nut to Iron Age rulers in Hertfordshire and Essex.

26. Tasciovanos Cavalryman. TASI Type. c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.14g. TASI in central panel, pellet above and below, three ring border, central one beaded./ Horseman l, holding large elliptical shield and wearing wide brimmed helmet with streamers flowing behind, ringed-pellet in front. ABC 2640 var., VA 1800 var., BMC 1677-79 var., S 238 var. CCI 09.3270 (**this coin**). *VF/Gd VF, full TASI, bold warrior.* Ex East Anglian coll. *Fd. nr. Alconbury, Cambs., 1999.*

RR type, this legend variant **RRR** only six others recorded **£385** Normally the inscription reads TASC. On this blundered and excessively rare example the letters in the panel read TASI. Clearly a mistake and an easy mistake to make because the king's name was often shortened to TASCI.

27. Tasciovanos War Trumpet. c.20BC-AD10. AE unit. 15mm. 2.09g. Short-haired male head r./ Warrior on horse r, holding carnyx and large shield, [VER] below. ABC 2676, VA 1750-1, BMC 1724-27, S 246. *VF, dark green patina,*

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rugged head (portrait of Tascio?). *Fd. Upper Dean, Beds., 1997.* **RR £150**

28. Andoco Crescent Wreath. Sills class 1, dies 2/2. c.10BC-AD10. AV quarter stater. 12mm. 1.30g. Crossed-wreath motif with back to back crescents in centre, ANDO in angles./ Full-bodied horse l, phallic bucranium above, spoked wheel below. ABC 2718, VA 1863, BMC 2015-17, DK 532, S 263. CCI 02.0161 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, full inscription, bold horse. Ex Winchester coll. Found Baldock, Herts., 2002.* **RR only 24 this pair of dies recorded £650** Although this coin uses an abbreviation ANDO, other coins of this apparently short-reigned ruler are inscribed ANDOC or ANDOCO. In fact, his name could have been longer, such as Andocomios or Andocomborios, a British version of Andecomborios, one of two legates of the Remi, sent to Caesar early in 57BC. Published in *Divided Kingdoms* p.580 and 614 (**this coin**).

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united by Cunobelinus.

29. Cunobelinus Hunting Dog. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.16g. CVN in rectangular box, beaded border./ Dog leaping l, beaded ring above, CA below, [M] behind. ABC 2846 var., VA 1949 var., BMC 1860, S 301 var. *VF, lightly toned, full CVN.*

RR this legend arrangement, only 20 others recorded £375
The dog is a pun on Cuno ('dog'). A deliberate pun.

30. Cunobelinus Flower. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 13mm. 1.15g. Floral motif, CA to l, and MV to r, within pellet border./ Horse prancing r, head turned back, CVNO in exergue, within pellet border. ABC 2885, VA 2049, BMC 1867A, S 305, CCI 00.1534 (**this coin**). *Gd F/Nr VF, lightly toned silver, centrally positioned floral motif, bold horse, most of inscription visible. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (2000), ex Cotswold coll.* **RR only 17 others inc. one in BM £400**

Like most of Group E Late vegetal issue coins, this bears Cunobelin's name with the *Camulodunum* mint. For more information on Cunobelin's silver see *Chris Rudd List* 63.

31. Cunobelinus Rex. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.51g. Bust l, [CVNOBE] IINVS REX around, beaded border./ Bull butting r, TASC in exergue, beaded border. ABC 2966, VA 2095, BMC 1944-51, S 340. *Gd VF, lovely head, sharp inscription, strong green patina.* **£250**

The title *rex* may have been given to Cuno by Tiberius.

32. Cunobelinus Stepping Horse. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15-17mm. 2.37g. CVNO in double-lined rectangular box, enclosed within acorn-wreath border./ Roman-style horse stepping elegantly to r, head turned towards us, CAMV below on exergual line. VA 2101, BMC 1987-90, S 344. CCI 97.1547 (**this coin**). *VF, dark green patina, bold horse, complete inscription. Ex BR coll, bt. CR (2001), ex Dr J.T. Perry coll, bt. CR (1997).* **S £175**

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33. Addedomaros Solar Flower. Catuvellauni. c.45-25 BC. AE unit. 12mm. 1.33g. Head l, corded hair./ Horse stepping l, annulate head and body, solar flower below. ABC 2541.

VF, clear braided hair, full horse stepping spritely. Found Essex/Cambs., 1980s-90s. **S £35**

"They are always washing their hair in lime-water" to make it coarse like a horse's mane" (Diodorus Siculus, 5.28).

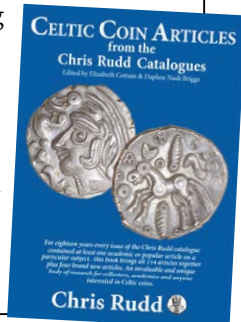
34. Tasciovanos Verlamio? Catuvellauni. c.25 BC-AD 10. AE unit. 13mm. 1.55g. Geometric pattern forming star./ Traces of bull. ABC 2679. *Fair, clear star. Found Essex/Cambs., 1980s-90s.* **S £10**

35. Cunobelinus Warriors. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 13mm. 1.54g. Warrior on horse r./ Warrior standing. ABC 2963. *Fine, both figures visible. Found Essex/Cambs., 1980s-90s.* **£20**

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