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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 = 12 euros, 13 US\$. Any questions? Please ask me. I'm here to help you.



1. Whaddon Rosette. Sills British La1, class 4, dies 26/52. 20mm. 5.79g. Wreath motif with rounded wings./ Horse r, with beaded mane, wing motif above, rosette below. ABC 2439, VA 1472, BMC 287-294, DK 462, S 32. CCI 97.1708 (**this coin**). *Attractive VF, large flan of yellow gold, clear wings, clear rosette. Ex Winchester coll, bt. CR (1998), bt. A H Baldwin 16.10.1997, lot 117, ex Dr*

Mann, Spink 1959. Possibly Little Horwood hoard, Bucks.
RRRR only four others this pair of dies **£995**

Published in *Divided Kingdoms* p.494, no.6, p.510 (**this coin**), *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, this super stater possibly came from the Little Horwood hoard, 1849 (p.73 **this coin**), see p.62-76 for a fascinating account of the curious discovery of this large and important hoard.



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

2. Ogmios and V-Boar. Whisky Face with Raquet and Single Beaded Tail. De Jersey class 2. c.60-56 BC. AR stater. 21-24mm. 6.47g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, three large rolls of hair./ Horse r, three-stranded tail, centre beaded, V-form boar below. LT 6598, Rybot 40-42, group II, Hooker 83-85. *Gd VF/VF, bright silver. Ex JDD Brown coll.* **£200**

To learn more get *War Coins of the Sun Warriors*, Chris Rudd 2018, only £15 + p&xp, or *Celtic Improvisations* by John Hooker, £29 + p&xp.

OBULCO Porcuna, southern Spain.

3. Obulco Bull. c.1st cent. BC. AE semis. 23mm. 6.80g. Head r. OBVL in front, NIG behind./ Bull r. Burgos 1832, VB 2262. *VF/Gd F, earthy green patina, full legend clearly lettered. Ex Dr Hispanicus coll.* **R £85**

IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

4. SS Swastika. Bituriges Cubi. c.80-50 BC. AE cast unit. 16mm. 2.97g. Head./ Swastika. Sch/L 820, cf. BMC 374, LT 2935. CCI 99.0686 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, glossy green patina, clear swastika. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Great Dunmow, Essex.* **RR £75**

CANTIACI Kent, cap. Durovernum (Canterbury).

5. Rounded Bull. Holman E3/4-2b. c.85-70 BC. Cast potin unit. 16mm. 1.12g. Linear head r./ Bull butting r. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Gd VF, glossy dark patina. Found Kent, 2001-18.* **R £185**

6. Nipples. Holman G2/6-1a. Cast potin unit. c.60-45 BC. 15mm. 1.05g. Linear head r, central nipple./ Linear bull, central nipple. ABC 174, VA-, BMC 721, S 64. *Gd VF, bold nipples. Found Essex/Camb., 1980s-90s.* **S £185**

It is not unusual for the head outline to be fainter than the other lines on this type.

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SOUTHERN REGION *early uninscribed*

7. Carn Brea (formerly Westerham North). Sills British Aa1, class 2a, dies 1/12. c.70-60 BC. AV stater. 17-20mm. 6.65g. Remains of wreath pattern./ Disjointed horse l, large pellets above, large pellet below, zigzag exergual line. ABC-, VA-, BMC 7-23, DK 144, S-. CCI 05.0532 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, as struck, large flan of golden gold, great horse. Ex Winchester coll, bt. CR (2005). Fd. Lincs., 2005.*

RRRR only one other this die pairing **£850**

Named after four staters from the Carn Brea hoard, Cornwall, 1749. Dr John Sills, doyen of early British gold coins, says: "The most likely issuers are the Atrebatas or their predecessors." If you sometimes find it difficult to tell the difference between British Aa (like this coin) and British Ad, "don't worry," says John, "it took me a quarter of a century to sort them out" (pers.comm. 26.4.2023). An extremely rare opportunity to acquire one of Britain's earliest and heaviest insular gold staters. You won't see this variety in ABC, Van Arsdell nor Spink. Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.158 (**this coin**).

8. Selsey Dahlia. Flawed Die Type. Sills British Qc, class 2c. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 14mm. 1.29g. Traces of wreath motif./ Horse r, ring-pole protruding from chest, solar sun above, wheel below. ABC 506, VA-, BMC-, DK 174, S-. *Unobtrusive hairline crack, otherwise as struck VF/Gd VF, golden gold, bold horse, clear ornaments. Fd. Seawards End, Essex August 2023. £450*

An unusually good obverse die, struck early in the Flawed Die series.

REGINI and ATREBATES *in alliance.*

9. Tincomarus Tinc Horse. ComF/Tinc. Sills class 6a, dies 19/21. c.25 BC-AD 10. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.16g. COMF in tablet on plain field./ Horse r, crescent rein, TIN above, reversed C below. ABC 1085, VA 390, BMC 854-79, DK 344, S 82. CCI 99.0612 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, neat flan of golden gold, pretty horse. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2007), ex D Lee coll, bt. CR (1999). Fd. Chichester, West Sussex, c.Dec.1998.*

RRRR only four others this pair of dies recorded **£550**

Was the torc around the horse's neck on the Icenian Walsingham Wonder gold quarter stater (COI 75, ABC 1483) suggested by the arced rein on this quarter? Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.349, no.15 (**this coin**) and p.368 (**this coin**).

10. Verica Head on Spear. c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.33g. Bull butting r, VERICA above, REX below, beaded border./ Female standing l, holding branch, head on spear behind, tip of COM MIF around. ABC 1235, VA 506, BMC 1450-84, S 137. CCI 97.1476 (**this coin**). *Gd VF/VF, good silver, beautiful bull. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (1997). Fd Surrey. £500*

11. Verica Trident. c.AD 10-40. AR minim. 8mm. 0.30g. Two crossed lines with central pellet, pellet triads in angles./

Trident in plain field, beaded border. ABC 1295, VA 486, BMC-, S 145. CCI 10.2801 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, sharp cruciform design, terrific trident. Ex J Follows coll. Fd. Tannere, West Sussex.*

RR only 19 recorded, unlisted by Allen, Mack and Hobbs. **£250**

12. Epaticcus Eagle. c.AD 20-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.23g. Bust r, EPATI in front, beaded border./ Eagle standing l, snake below, beaded border ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2024-2293, S 356. *Gd VF, clear head and eagle. Ex Bristol coll. S £225*

ICENI *Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.*

13. Bury Helmet. Wheel Type. Talbot Bury C, sub-type 1, dies D/5 (**this coin**). c.55-50 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.49g. Roma head r, wearing elaborate helmet./ Horse l, ringed-pellet and tip of wheel above, ringed-pellet below, exergual decoration. ABC-, VA-, BMC 3528-31, COI 3a, S-. CCI 17.0294 (**this coin**). *Gd EF, bright silver, lovely ornate head. Ex D Lewis coll.*

RRRR only two others this pair of dies recorded **£350**

Same bejewelled headband (her special identifier), same hair curls: it was the same goddess on both versions of the earliest Icenian silver coinage, whether commanding in a glorious helmet that mirrors the Empire's iconic face of *Dea Roma*, or on the warpath in her usual British guise (ABC1495). Either way, engraved by a Belgic master, her image stands for, and protects, a sovereign People in the face of their foes. Not in ABC, Van Arsdell, BMC nor Spink.

14. Norfolk Wolf Left. Pellet Triangle. Talbot Norfolk Wolf B, Sub-Type Ci, die-group 10, dies T/49. c.50-35 BC. AV stater. 15-18mm. 5.34g. Upward-facing wreath motif./ Long-legged wolf l, crescent above, large pellet and pellet triangle below. ABC-, VA 610-3, BMC 227, COI 7r, S-. CCI 09.3054 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, golden gold, bold wreath, lanky wolf. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Wisbeach, Cambs.*

RRRR only 5 this pair of dies recorded **£650**

15. Freckenham Boar. Daisy. Talbot Early Boar Horse Unit, die-group 1, dies A/4. c.10-5 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.82g. Boar standard r./ Horse r, ringed-pellet above, pellet daisy below. ABC 1570, VA-, BMC 3443, COI 49a, S-. CCI 17.1433 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, as struck, good quality silver, bold boar. Ex D Burd coll. Fd. Brettenham, Norfolk.*

RRR only six other this pair of dies recorded **£400**

16. Norfolk Ring Boar. Talbot Boar Horse B, die-group 2, dies E/5. c.5 BC-AD 5. AR half unit. 9mm. 0.54g. Stylised boar r, ringed-pellet below./ Horse r, pellets above, pellet triad below. ABC 1621, VA-, BMC 3513-16, COI 56, S 437. *Gd VF, neat flan of lightly toned silver, bold boar, neat horse, Ex Gloucestershire coll. Fd. Norwich, Norfolk.*

RRR only 11 others this pair of dies **£250**



CORIELTAUVI *E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.*

17. South Ferriby. Droopy Anchor with Eight-Pointed Star. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 15-19mm. 5.89g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards./ Lunate horse l, downturned anchor motif above, eight-pointed star below. ABC 1743 var., VA 811-17, BMC 3148-78, S 390. *Bold EF, sharply struck in yellow gold, brick-like wreath leaves, bold star. A truly exceptional example. Ex N A Hendley coll, bt. CR (2014), ex Joseph Brewi collection.* **£950**

When we sold this coin in 2014 we commented: "This magnificent Corieltavian gold stater is one of the sharpest South Ferriby types I've had the pleasure of handling. Yes, you can actually feel with your fingers how fine this gorgeous gold coin is. Deeply engraved, deeply satisfying to the touch. And, thanks to the way it was struck, you can see three extraordinary locks of hair on the obverse (like three-fingered hands), plus both 'anchor face' and star on the reverse, not to mention almost the whole of the delightful lunate horse with short little lines just visible on its tail." And it's just as sharp as it was over ten years ago!

18. South Ferriby. c.45-10 BC. AE core of AV plated stater. 20mm. 3.99g. Wreath motif, 'bear's paws'./ Disjointed horse l, star below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1743, VA 811-2, BMC 3148-78, S 390. CCI 00.0271 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, huge flan, holly green patina, bold spindly star. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Bourne, Lincs., 1996.* **R £175**

19. South Ferriby Stork Head Right. Rich Type 28a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 14mm. 1.21g. Blank./ Horse r, stork head, pellet rosette above. ABC 1806, VA 884-1, BMC 3228-29, S 398. *Gd VF, lightly toned, sharp horse. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. south Lincs.* **£275**

20. Stork Head Left. Rich Type 39. c.55-45 BC. AR half unit. 11mm. 0.45g. Blank./ Horse l, pellet rosette above, two pellets below horse, pellet below tail. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Irregular edge otherwise Gd VF, lightly toned silver, well centred horse, clear pellets. Ex K Toyne coll.*

RRRR with pellets below horse, not in Boar Horse **£225**

When we published *Boar Horse* in 2014 Matthew Rich catalogued the variants of each main type. This Stork Head Left half unit shows two clear pellets below the horse, but wasn't identified at the time, so it is likely to be Excessively Rare.

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

21. Cotswold Eagle B. Three Petals. c.20-10 BC. AR unit. 12mm. 0.92g. Head r, with headband of arcs, ringed-pellet eye, boss chin, ringed-pellet below, articulated reverse S in front./ Horse l, eagle above, 3-petal flower below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COD 8d, S-. CCI 22.0195 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, bright silver, great head with clear arc headband, sharp horse. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Tewkesbury, Glos.* **£250**

You may have noticed we are quoting COD references – this refers to *Coins of the Dobunni* our forthcoming book by Peter Healy, due to be published 2025.

22. Eisu Tree Cantering c.AD 40-45. AE core of AV plated stater. 19mm. 5.14g. Tree emblem on plain field./ Skinny disjointed horse r, pellet triad and [EI]SV above, spoked wheel below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 2078,

VA 1105, BMC 3041, COD 29c, S 381. *VF, dark-green smooth patina, sparse tree, well centred horse, full wheel.*

RRR only 9 other plated examples recorded **£225**

The obverse looks as though it has been double-struck.

EAST WILTSHIRE *centred on Vale of Pewsey.*

23. Upavon Moon Head. c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.93g. Moon head r, with pellet-nose and stalk lips, crescents for hair, cogwheel on chin./ Curvilinear horse l, with feather tail, rings around, wheel below. ABC 2128, VA-, BMC 3013-17, S-. *Gd VF, neat flan of lightly toned silver, lovely head, bold horse. Ex 'Bristol coll.'* **S £475**

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

24. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. AR stater. 18mm. 4.26g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, with 'safety-pin' head, large pellets and one small pellet above, pellet below. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-546, S 365. PAS: DOR-BE5916 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, great horse. Ex 2008 T323 Turnworth hoard, Dorset, 2008.* **£250**

One of 9 coins found in 2008, declared as a hoard and returned to the finder. Published in *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, p.121, no.3 (**this coin**).

25. Hod Hill. c.40-20 BC. AE stater. 18mm. 2.94g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse l with 'safety-pin' head. ABC 2175, VA 1290, BMC 2790-2859, S 371. *Gd VF, glossy dark green patina, bold wreath and horse. An exceptional example.* **£175**

Much rarer than most Cranborne Chase staters.

26. Badbury Rat. DQS Geometric class 4, die group 9, dies O16/R51. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 14mm. 0.54g. Traces of 'three men in a boat'./ Central zigzag thunderbolt between beaded lines, double ring to l, 'clamshell' motif to r, 'rat' below. ABC 2214, VA 1260, BMC 2748-70, S 368. CCI 23.1977 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, slight bend on obverse, large flan, well ornamented, clear thunderbolt. Ex Upton hoard, Hants.* **£75**

Signs of ritual defacement on the obverse. 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.166 (**this coin**).

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

27. Lister's Celtic Head. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.08g. Male head r, with angular eyebrow and noseline, rounded chin, shaggy moustache curling up at ends, large locks of hair falling down to the back of neck in twisted strands, like ram's horns./ Well-formed horse prancing r, cabled mane, corded tail, winged object and pellet triads above, beaded-ring in front, ringed-pellet and pellet below. ABC 2478, VA 1540, BMC-, S-. *Edge slightly chipped, otherwise VF/Gd VF, well centred head, full horse, well ornamented. Ex J Follows coll.*

RR only 22 others recorded **£800**

Is the shaggy head that of Cassivellaunos, commander of the British coalition against Caesar, 54 BC? Entirely possible, in which case it might be Britain's earliest portrait coin. Named after Major Clement Wynter Lister (1920-2010) who published the first recorded example in 1959 (*BNJ* 29, pp.5-7, pl.XV.6).



28. Addedomaros Floral. Sills class 3, Cruciform, dies 24/38. c.45-25 BC. AV quarter stater. 11-13mm. 1.21g. Cruciform motif of four leaves, teardrops in angles, ringed-pellet at centre./ Annulate horse r, horse muzzle above, ring under tail, ringed-pellet below. ABC 2529, VA 1623, BMC 2417-21, DK 493, S 204. CCI 99.0728 (**this coin**). *Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, full cruciform, bonny horse.* Ex Winchester coll. **£375**

This is Addedomaros' final gold quarter stater, struck to accompany his final stater, the Spiral type (ABC 2517) which also features a triple horse muzzle motif above the horse. Observe how closely Tasciovanos' first quarter follows the design of his predecessor's last. Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.550 (**this coin**).

29. Tasciovanos Muzzles. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 13mm. 0.85g. Crossed-wreaths with back-to-back crescents at centre, yonis and horse muzzles in opposite angles./ Horse leaping l, corded mane, [TA]SC[I] below. ABC 2607, VA-, BMC 1656-57, S 229. CCI 09.4445 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, lightly toned AR, clear muzzles and yonis, bold horse.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2009), ex M J Grover coll. **RR only 16 others recorded, including two in the BM.** **£850**

Snorting snouts say virility, yonis say fertility. Combining them says a lot for Tasciovanos and his kingship. They also occur together on ABC 2529 and 2583. Snouts can also be seen on a Commios gold stater, ABC 1022.

30. Tasciovanos Vir. c.25 BC-AD 10. AE unit. 15mm. 3.21g. Laureate head r, ring behind./ Ram l, VIR below. ABC 2694, VA 1820, BMC 1706-08, S 253. *VF, dark holly-green patina, bold strike, great hair, fat ram.* *Fd. Herts.* **£225**
In classical imagery, Mercury was associated with either a goat or a ram as a symbol of fertility.

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united by Cunobelinus.

31. Cunobelinus Wild B. Sills class 5, dies 37/45. c.AD 8-41. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.38g. Ear of barley between CAM[V]./ Wild-type horse prancing r, CVNO below, beaded border. ABC 2813, VA-, BMC 1844, DK 585, S 293. PAS: SF-521A7C, no.1 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, sharp barley ear.* Ex 2019 T794 Helmingham hoard, Suffolk.

RRR only 14 others this pair of dies £650

The Helmingham hoard was found by metal detectorist George Ridgway in September 2019 in the grounds of Helmingham Hall near Stowmarket, Suffolk. It consisted over 680 gold and silver coins dating from as early as 206 BC up to the emperor Claudius in 46/47 AD.

32. Cunobelinus Horseman. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 11mm. 1.17g. CVNO BELI in two panels, star above and below, beaded border./ Horseman r, CVN below. ABC 2858, VA 1951, BMC 1862, S 302. *VF, lightly toned, sharp inscription.* **RR £375**

33. Cunobelinus Sphinx. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 12mm. 1.22g. Winged bust r, CVNO in front, beaded border./

Sphinx l, [T]ASCIO in front. ABC 2870, VA 2057, BMC 1874-78, S 313. *Gd VF, bright silver, clear sphinx.* Ex Royal Berkshire coll. *Fd. nr. Reading, Berkshire, 1982.* **S £350**

34. Cunobelinus Pegasus Victory Right. CAM Type. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 15mm. 2.28g. Pegasus l, CAM below, beaded border./ Victory standing r, holding wreath, CV to l, NO to r. ABC 2927, VA 1979, BMC 1931-34, S 333. *Gd VF, greeny-brown patina, sharp inscription, bold Victory.* *Fd Wickham Market, Norfolk, 9.2.2024.*

RRRR with clear CAM inscription £285

Although the inscription on many of this type are difficult to read, there is only one other that definitely reads CAM rather than CAMV.

CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £30.

35. Thurrock. Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Cast AE unit. 17mm. 3.11g. Head l./ Bull. ABC 120. *Fine.* **£10**

36. Potterne Moon Head. East Wiltshire. c.30-1 BC. Billon unit. 9mm. 0.84g. Traces of moon-head r./ Horse. ABC 2131. *Fair, chunky flan.* Ex M Parker coll. *Fd. Devizes, Wilts., 1990s.* **RR £30**

37. Cunobelinus Cunobelini. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 16mm. 2.52g. Traces of CVNOBE LINI in two panels./ Seated Victory l. ABC 2918. *Nr VF, brownish-green patina, clear Victory.* Ex Chris Rudd (1999). **£20**

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