

200th edition



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Mother hound with an eye to the future

King Cunobelinus – whose name meant “Blazing Wolf” or “Blazing Dog” - issued these fine silver units with a mighty mother hound, while still at the height of his powers in the mid 30s AD but surely with an eye to the future. Control of territory, and triumph over insidious threats, is certainly one message as this she-hound tramples a dragon who spits in her face - and, indeed, on this particular die, strikes at her hind foot as well, where a little slip of the burin during cleaning was converted into a second serpent-head. This stance echoes Jupiter’s eagle overcoming a snake (e.g. ABC 1346 at Calleva, at this point under the command of Cunobelinus’ brother, Epaticcus), or Julius Caesar’s elephant trampling a dragon on a denarius of 49 BC, during his dictatorship in Rome (RCV 1399). Cunobelinus, too, commanded a sprawling realm. But is there more? Does this image (and the related bronze unit ABC 2951) celebrate the king’s long partnership with a trusted and powerful Queen Consort, whose name we do not know, but whose face we may glimpse on ABC 2882, and as a goddess on ABC 2867 and 2969? Was it their marriage, some thirty years earlier, that had achieved a coveted, if probably always controversial, political union between Catuvellauni and (resentful?) Trinovantes? Their marriage may indeed have inspired the exuberant design of Cunobelinus’ first, Biga, gold staters (ABC 2771: see cover note on CR Auction 177 lot 33). Was property in Camulodnunon a portion of the queen’s own inheritance (note position of CAM under this she-hound’s feet!)? Well might Cunobelinus cherish and respect the mother of his heirs, because, by Brittonic custom, if she were to leave him she would take her personal inheritance back with her. See Lot 34.

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Gallic coins **IMPORTED** into Britain

Very rare war-coin of 'The Heroes' (Nervii)



1. Crossed Lines with Lyre. Sills Bb1, workshop 2, class 1c, dies 10/10, fig. 49c and pl. 11.354 (**same dies**). Scheers class IIa. Nervii. c.115-100 BC. Gold stater. 19mm. 7.54g. Branch-like motif of thick diagonal lines stemming from single central vertical line, superimposed on seemingly random pattern of thinner lines./ Globular horse galloping left, a bird-like rider is perched on the horse's rump holding a long lance; behind him is a nine-pellet solar rosette; below the horse a lyre lies horizontally to the left; another longer line extends diagonally from under the horse. cf. ABC 10, LT 8694, Scheers/GB fig. 95-97, VA 33, S 4. *Good VF, chunky piece of golden gold, crossed lines clear, bold horse and lyre. **VERY RARE** type, only 22 others recorded, **EXCESSIVELY RARE** this pair of dies, only two others recorded.* **Est. £2800 £2200**

This simple design stuck to essentials for an emergency issue of good gold staters late in the second century BC. Home territories in Belgica were threatened by raiders from the North, and expensive reinforcements were needed - especially, it seems, from Britain, where the stater denomination is more often found than it is on the Continent (see John Sills, *Chris Rudd List* 53 pp.2-3 and *GGC* pp.165ff). The obverse may reference a custom of casting divination sticks before going to

war, but also suggests a propitious, evergreen World Tree. On the reverse, a lyre identifies the issuing authority - probably Nervii, one of the three most powerful Belgic peoples. The solar horse speeds left towards dawn with a night-darkened sun-disk behind, and this engraver cleverly depicts its crouching rider/driver as a reversible, rotating figure with bird-like heads at both ends. One drives forward, the other pecks the horse's rump. This - more mare than stallion - may also stand for homelands themselves. An umbilical shaft connects its fertile belly to the Earth, while its muzzle trails a tendril: breath, life, and perhaps a restraining rope from which it has pulled free.



2. Gallic War Uniface. Corded Line/Pellet Arcs. Ambiani. Sills class 2. c.57-56 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.72g. Plain obverse./ M-shaped horse right, crescent and pellet below, charioteer's arms above, serpent in front (beaded line with 'coffee-bean' head). ABC 16 var., LT 8710 var., VA 54 var, DK 10, S 11. *Good VF, gorgeous golden gold, smooth flawless surfaces, well centred horse, clear exergue decoration. A superb example. Found Dartford, Kent, 1994/95.* **Est. £800 £650**

Coins of the CANTIACI of Kent



3. Caesar's Trophy. Sills class 2, Tree Triangle (Banded Obverse). c.45-40 BC. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.27g. Plain obverse./ Stylised Roman trophy, cross-hatched box either side, above: large cross-hatched circles and central double-ring. ABC 192, VA 145, 147, BMC 437-43, DK 57, S 47. PAS: KENT-4DB68C (**this coin**). *Near EF, neat flan of golden gold, terrific trophy. Found Ripple, near Dover, Kent.* **RARE** **Est. £850 £700**

Totally reimagined version of the captured Gallic trophy on denarii of Julius Caesar. Utterly Celtic in style.



4. Torc Head Pegasus. c.30-10 BC. Silver unit. 11mm. 1.15g. Head right, with large C-shaped ear and big eye, wearing corded neck torc, ringed-pellets behind and in front./ Pegasus right, ringed-pellets around. ABC 219, VA-, BMC-, S-, BNJ 1997, no.13. *Good VF, nice silver, clear head and neck torc, bold Pegasus. Found Carlton Grange, Cambs., 2022.* **VERY RARE** only 29 others recorded. **Est. £650 £550**

The same big-nosed jut-jawed profile can be seen on ABC 216. The ringed-pellet triad links this silver unit to the Late Weald Net gold stater, ABC 180. Not in Van Arsdell, British Museum Catalogue, nor Spink.

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Extremely rare - only 15 others



5. Dubnovellaunos Rochester Pegasus. c.25BC-AD5. Silver unit. 10mm. 1.06g. Laureate head right, star and ring in front./ Pegasus right, pellet and D[VBNO] above, cross-hatched box below. ABC 318, VA—, BMC—, S—, *Num. Circ.* October 1990, p.268, no.4. *Good VF, bright silver, sharply struck, wonderful wing.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only 15 others recorded. **Est. £850 £700**

The Cantiaci centred on the Weald and were divided by the rivers Stour 'strong', Medway 'like mead' and Darwent 'where oaks grow' – all ancient British names - and many of their coins feature fishing nets, cf. ABC 177, 180, 192, 195, 198, 243, 315, 336 and 339. This is an extremely rare type and we last sold one in 2012.

Coins of the **SOUTHERN REGION** early uninscribed



6. Selsey Two Faced. Two Bars Type. British Qd Plain, Sills class 1. c.55-45 BC. Gold stater. 17-20mm. 5.77g. Wreath design, two bars between wreath and crescent, little hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse right, charioteer's arms above, eight-spoked wheel below. ABC 485, 491, VA 212-5, BMC 450-452, DK 207, S 38. *As struck, Good VF, lustrous yellow gold, sharp strike, clear face, whole wheel, terrific tails.* **SCARCE** **Est. £1200 £1000**

The key difference between this British Qa Two Bar Type and its later, lighter and commoner derivative, British Qd, Class 1, Plain Type (ABC 485, VA 212-4, BMC 450-452, 454, 458), is that the latter has between six and nine leaves in the right-hand side of the wreath below the hairbar, whereas this type shows only three.



7. Bognor Cogwheel. Sills British Qc – Cog Type, class 1b, Mane, Single Arc. c.55-45 BC. Gold quarter stater. 15mm. 1.37g. Wreath design with hidden face./ Triple-tailed horse right, ringed-pellet protruding from chest, floral sun above, cogwheel below, ringed-pellets or crescents and pellets around. ABC—, VA 226, BMC 529, DK 162, S—. *Good VF, large flan of golden gold, fabulous floral sun. Found Petworth, West Sussex, January 2010.* **VERY RARE** only 26 others recorded. **Est. £1000 £800**

Coins of the **BELGAE** of Hampshire



8. Cheriton Wheel. Sills Hampshire British Q. c.55-45 BC. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.21g. Wreath pattern, chevron cloak lines, ringed-pellets around./ Triple-tailed horse right, charioteers's arms above, two pellets in front, eight-spoked wheel below, tiny crescent between wheel and inner foreleg. ABC 758, VA-, BMC 446, DK 213, S-. CCI 25.0043 (**this coin**). VF, as struck, chunky rose gold flan. Found Easton, Hampshire, January 2022. **VERY RARE** only 23 others recorded, including two in museums. **Est. £1500 £1200**

Dr John Sills says: "The Cheriton Wheel issue is the only southern region type showing clear influence from Gallo-Belgic F staters, Scheers series 26. The basic obverse design is derived from either British Qa or Qd, but above the hairbar the right-hand row of leaves in the wreath is replaced by a large pellet line V that appears to form part of an eye motif similar to that on class 3 of Gallo-Belgic F [ABC 22, DT 167, 168], although the eyeball is off the flan on extant coins" (DK, p.189). The Cheriton Wheel is named after the Cheriton hoard found in Hampshire, c.1982-96, which contained two examples: CCI 96.2785, now in the British Museum (BMC 446) and CCI 98.0547, sold by Glendining's 12 November 1999, lot 33. Not in Van Arsdell, not in Spink.

Excessively rare - only 1 other (in BM)



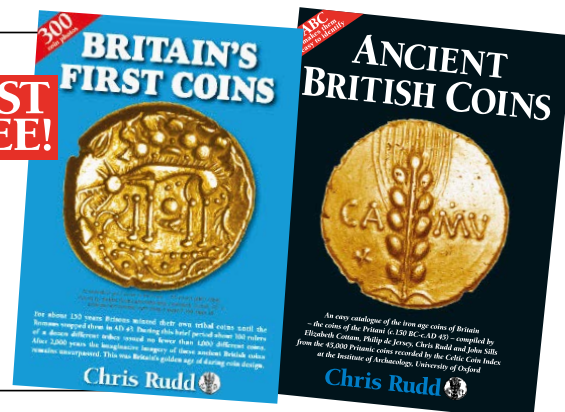
9. Danebury Spiral. c.50-35 BC. Silver half unit. 8mm. 0.41g. Four pairs of spiral arms around central pellet, ringed-pellet in angles./ Annulate horse right, ladder mane, crescent (lyre?) above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 950, VA-, BMC 649, S-. PAS: SUR-5889C9 (**this coin**). Good VF/VF, lightly toned silver, clear spiral. Found Nether Wallop, Hants., 2 March 2024. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only one other recorded (in British Museum). **Est. £1200 £1000**

The Hampshire Belgae had numerous leaders in the turbulent 40s-30s BC, known to us only from the many and various emblems on coins that they struck from limited - probably personal - funds to reward followers and promote competing interests. This silver half-unit's rotating, shield-like obverse design suggests it may go with quarter stater ABC 800, and been struck for someone active near Danebury hillfort. Its author signalled region-wide political allegiance with an elaborate sunburst on both dies and a bold crescent-lyre emblem, the base of which appears above the local territory's mare. Other shared, clan?, markers are the mare's ladder mane (more obvious on ABC 950, from the same pair of dies), her single-strand tail, and her sun-disc shoulder and rump. One detail, perhaps specific to this coin's author, is the 7-point starburst terminal of one of the corded arms on the obverse, here seen more clearly here than on ABC 950.

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Coins of the **SOUTHERN REGION** later dynastic



10. Commios Muzzles. Sills class 1b, dies 14r/23. c.50-25 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.45g. Wreath motif with downward-facing leaves, cloak lines and snake's head below./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse right, horse muzzles above, spoked wheel below, [COMMIOS] in front. ABC 1022, VA 350, BMC 727, DK 321, S 65. CCI 97.0998 (**this coin**). *Good VF, sharply struck in golden gold, clear snake's head, full wheel.* Ex Brian Wright collection, bt. Davison Auction, 18 November 1999, Lot 527; ex John T Perry collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1997). Found Faringdon, Oxon., November 1996. **RARE** Est. £1200 **£1000**

"The Faringdon hoard was a small group of coins [8] found over a period of years, reportedly in the same field. A stater of Tincomarus was found at Faringdon in September 1874 and it is not impossible that it came from the same location." CHIAB 213, p.343, No.2 (**this coin**), published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.329 (**this coin**).

Near EF, clear ladder hair



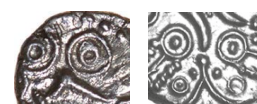
11. Commios Ladder Head. Wheel Type. c.50-25 BC. Silver unit. 11mm. 1.26g. Moon head left, lentoid eye, ladder-like hair, uncertain ?animal behind./ Horse left, wheel above, double ring in front, uncertain ?animal below. ABC 1034, VA 355-5, BMC 758, S 69. *Near EF/Good VF, bright silver, great head with clear ladder hair.* Ex Luke Daniel collection. Found Chichester, West Sussex. **VERY RARE** Est. £550 **£440**

It appears to be the same uncertain ?animal behind the head and below the horse.



12. Commios Moon Head. c.50-25 BC. Silver minim. 6mm. 0.33g. Moon head left, lentoid eye, ringed-pellets in front./ Globular horse left, ringed-pellet above and below. ABC 1043, VA 358-5 (*Num. Circ.* Nov. 1989), BMC 759-60, S 70. *Near EF, neat flan of bright silver, bold horse. One of the nicest we've had.* Ex Luke Daniel collection. **VERY RARE** Est. £550 **£440**

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. The two large ringed-pellets in front of the head form a hidden face similar to Tasciovanos gold staters cf. ABC 2550-74.



Hidden face ABC 2562



13. Tincomarus ComF/Tinc. Sills class 6a, dies 18/19. c.25 BC-AD 10. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.15g. COMF in tablet on plain field./ Horse right, TIN above, reversed C below. ABC 1085, VA 390, BMC 854-79, DK 344, S 82. CCI 01.0332 (**this coin**). *EF/VF, neat flan of rose gold, full and sharp COMF. Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2013), ex James T Joyner collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2001), ex Cotswold collection. EXTREMELY RARE only nine other this pair of dies recorded.* **Est. £550 £440**

On this well documented gold quarter stater Tincomarus boldly states that he is a son of Commios. In those days the name of Commios was well known and well respected on both sides of the Channel. Which is why Tincomarus, Eppillus and Verica never missed an opportunity for claiming filial kinship with Commios. Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.367 (**this coin**).

Near EF, great pedigree



14. Eppillus Crescent. Sills class 1. c.20 BC-AD 1. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.16g. Central crescent, COMM F EPPILLV around./ Horse right, star above and below, beaded border. ABC 1157, VA 409, BMC 1006-09, DK 354, S 97. *Near EF, rose gold, well centred both sides, every letter sharply struck and clearly legible. Ex The Royal Berkshire collection, bt. Chris Rudd 2012, ex J Joyner collection, bt. Spink April 1997. VERY RARE only 27 others recorded.* **Est. £1800 £1500**

This coin was struck when Eppillus had charge, at *Calleva*, of the inland, Atrebatian district of his brother Tincomarus' southern kingdom, before he moved to Kent to found a dynasty of his own. The protective, circular, shield-like obverse design is very much in the local tradition, with a leader's name and the tribal high goddess's crescent moon that can turn in the hand to both wax and wane. Likewise its reverse shows the usual tribal mare between two propitious stars, intended perhaps to represent the Heavenly Twins - healers, horsemen, and rescuers from peril on land and sea.



15. Eppillus Bull's Head. c.20 BC-AD 1. Silver minim. 8mm. 0.31g. Bull's head facing within pellet-triad, encircled by double beaded border./ Ram right, EPP above, CO below, beaded border. ABC 1175 var., (EPP not EPPI), VA 422, BMC 1121-24, S 104. *Good VF, lightly toned silver, beautiful bull's head. Found Yattendon, Berks., 20 April 2024. VERY RARE only 19 others recorded, including four in the British Museum.* **Est. £550 £440**

The bull's head is realistically portrayed and may suggest this is a sacrificial issue; in other words, struck specifically to donate a temple offering, possibly accompanying the ritual slaughter of a bull (see ABC 2972). The prototype for this splendid bull's head is almost certainly a cast potin of the Remi (LT 8351, DT 221). The ram on the reverse may support the notion of sacrifice. It's been 13 years since we last sold an example of this extremely rare minim, will you have to wait another 13 years?



16. Verica Vine Leaf. Leaping Horse. Sills class 5c, dies 19/35. c.AD 10-40. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.31g. Large vine leaf with stalk on plain field, dividing VIRI./ Long-legged warrior on galloping horse with bridle rein, standing on right-angle plinth. The cavalryman is helmeted and has an elliptical shield, CO above, F below, beaded border. ABC 1193, VA 520-5, BMC 1160-61, DK 367, S 122. CCI 11.1368 (**this coin**). *As struck, Good VF, lustrous rose gold, with crisply cut vine-leaf and magnificent cavalryman. Ex Brian Wright collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2016), ex Chawton hoard, Hampshire, T 712, 2011-12. RARE 45 others this pair of dies* **Est. £1500 £1200**

Verica and other well educated Britons will have been aware that the Latin for 'manly' is *virilis* and that VI are the first two letters of *vinum*, hence the vine-leaf, symbolic of Verica's association with Rome and its prestigious wine. Dr John Sills says the Leaping Horse Type "is so named from the unusual attitude of the horse, which is shown leaping from one square embankment to another. It may represent the king straddling the northern and southern halves of his territory" (DK, p.279). Unearthed by metdets near Chawton, Hampshire, 2011-12, the Chawton hoard of 105 gold staters - mostly of Verica - is important because it is one of five major iron age gold hoards found in Hampshire's 'golden triangle', all within 15 miles of *Venta Belgarum* (Winchester). For Chris Rudd's report on the hoard see *Coin News*, April 2016. Published in DK p.394 no.18 (**this coin**) and p.406 (**this coin**).

Excessively rare these dies, only 1 other



17. Verica Thunderbolt. VIR Type. Sills class 4, dies 12/24. c.AD 10-40. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.29g. Thunderbolt with central ringed-pellet, COM above, FILI below, beaded border./ Horse leaping right, VIR above, ring below, beaded border. ABC 1205, VA 468, BMC 1218-22, DK 376, S 126. CCI 86.0143 (**this coin**). *Good VF, scintillating rose gold, sharply struck, bonny horse. Ex The Royal Berkshire collection, bt. Chris Rudd (1992), bt. Glendining's 6 November 1991, Lot 36, ex Henry Mossop collection, bt. 1986. Found Surrey. EXCESSIVELY RARE this pair of dies, only one other recorded. Est. £1200 £1000* Verica claims to be a son of Commios, as we can see here. Published in DK p.395 no.40 (**this coin**) and p.410 (**this coin**)



18. Verica Circles. c.AD 10-40. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.07g. Ringed-pellet within circle, VERICA COMMIF around./ Lion right, pellet mane, crescent above, REX below, beaded border. ABC 1229, VA 505, BMC 1332-55, S 132. *Near EF, silvery silver, boldly branded, lovely lion with clear pellet mane. Ex Ken Toyne collection. SCARCE* **Est. £500 £400**

The obverse was inspired by a shield denarius of Octavian, 35-34 BC, RCV 1546. The lion probably sprang, fully formed, from Tincomarus (ABC 1121, 1124) or Eppillus (ABC 1166).



19. Epaticcus Eagle. c.AD 20-40. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.21g. Herculean bust of Epaticcus right, wearing lionskin headdress, EPATI before, beaded border./ Spread-winged Roman eagle, head turned to left, talons clutching S-shaped snake, ringed-pellet above, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2024-2293, S 356. *Near EF, lightly toned silver, sharp strike, full EPATI.* **Est. £550 £440**

Epaticcus describes himself as a son of Tasciovanos, king of the Catuvellauni, which makes him a brother of Cunobelinus and uncle of Caratacus, Togodumnus and Amminus. The name Epaticcus may be derived from the Celtic *epos* 'horse'. He seems to have fancied himself as a strong-arm prince because he poses here as Hercules.

Coins of the ICENI of northern East Anglia

Extremely rare these dies, 11 others



20. Norfolk Boar. Beaded Rings. Talbot BHB(A) Unit, dies C/2. c.AD 5-10. Silver unit. 14mm. 1.09g. Bristly boar right, beaded rings above, pellet triad below./ Horse right, linear mane, beaded ring above, pellet triad in front, exergual line with pellets below. ABC 1576, VA 655, BMC 3445-54, COI 60a, S431. *Near EF, bright silver, sharp strike, bold horse, clear pellet triads. One of the nicest we've seen for a while.* **EXTREMELY RARE** this pair of dies, only 11 recorded. **Est. £500 £400**

Excessively rare die pair - only 3 others



21. Gisleham Glory. Rosette Type. Talbot Saham Toney Quarter Stater, dies A/3. c.AD 1-10. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.01g. Cruciform design with ringed-pellet at each end and four-spoked wheel in centre, teardrop motif with crossbar at top and pellets in angles./ Globular horse right, short dashes for mane, ring above with pellet triad in centre, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1492, VA-, BMC-, COI 66b, S-. CCI 06.0384 (**this coin**). *Near VF, as struck, rose gold. Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2011), ex Ian Bishop collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2009). Found Feltwell, Norfolk, May 2006.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** die pair, only three others recorded. **Est. £1000 £800**

Not in VA, BMC nor Spink.



22. Antedio Triple Moons. Talbot dies A/2. c.AD 25-30. Gold stater. 16-18mm. 5.24g. Three opposed crescents in centre, pellet in cusps, ring and pellets between, enclosed by six arcs with pellet-triad or quad in cusps./ Maned horse right with W-forelegs, dot under tail, double-ringed solar motif and pellet triad above, pellet and ANTEDI monogram below. ABC 1639, VA 705, BMC 3790, COI 85, S 440. CCI 02.0736 (**this coin**). *Near EF, golden gold, boldly struck, well centred horse, full inscription. Ex Brian Wright collection, ex Michael Richards collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2003). Found in Suffolk. VERY RARE this pair of dies, only 16 others recorded, including two in museums.* **Est. £3500 £2800**
This displays three sad faces on the obverse.

Coins of the **CORIELTAUVI** of the East Midlands

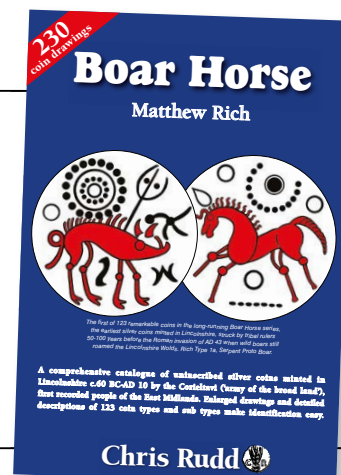
Excessively rare die pair



23. North East Coast. c.60-50 BC. Gold stater. 17-20mm. 6.32g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, serpent below./ Lunate horse right, charioteer's arms, pellets and crescent above, 'coffee bean' behind and in front, pellet below. ABC 1716, VA 800-1, 3, BMC 182-83A, S 28. *Good VF, huge flan of golden gold, good weight, sharp strike. Found Elkington, Lincs., February 2023. EXCESSIVELY RARE die pair.* **Est. £1200 £1000**

Dr John Sills says: "A heavy coin from a very early obverse die that has two arcs added immediately to the right of the wreath above the hairbar. There is a pellet at the apex of each arc, so they are unlikely to represent torcs and their significance is unclear. There are three other examples from this obverse die but only one other with this reverse (CCI 13.0827)." (pers. comm. 13.2.25).

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24. S-Triad Proto Boar. Rich Type 5d. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 12mm. 0.90g. Boar right, large pelletal sun above, 'bat' symbol in front, S below./ Horse left, beaded mane, beaded ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below and in front, beaded exergual line. ABC–, VA–, BMC–, S–. *Good VF, good quality silver, bold animals, clear S. Found Wragby, Lincolnshire, 29 August 2010. EXTREMELY RARE only six others recorded.* Est. £300 **£240**

Coins of the DOBUNNI of the West Midlands



25. Coriomandu Tree. Ring Tree. c.20-0 BC. Gold stater. 20mm. 5.55g. Dobunnic tree emblem on plain field, circle at base./ Triple-tailed horse right, [CORIO] above, pellets and crescent above forming small hidden face, tiny-X above horse, six-spoked wheel and zigzag decoration below. ABC 2048, VA 1035, BMC 3104-3133, COD 6a, S 386. CCI 18.0785 (**this coin**). *Near VF/VF, golden-gold, full wheel. Ex R Shipley collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2017). Found Warrington, Cheshire. RARE only 47 others recorded.* Est. £1200 **£1000**

See Dr John Sills fascinating new article on Coriomandu, king of the Dobunni see p.394-395 in our recently published *Celtic Coin Articles from the Chris Rudd Catalogues*, priced at £85 + postage.



26. Cotswold Stars. c.AD 5. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.06g. Moon head right, stars and crescent in front./ Triple-tailed horse left, branch with buds below. ABC 2030, VA 1095, BMC–, COD 17, S 378. *Good VF, lightly toned, bold horse, full tails. Ex John Robinson collection. Found Bredon, Worcs. EXTREMELY RARE only ten others recorded.* Est. £600 **£480**

It is nearly 20 years since we've sold one of these extremely rare Cotswold Stars silver units, so called because of the row of stars in front of the head, clearly visible on this lovely example which came from John Robinson's collection.

Coins of the **EAST WILTSHIRE** tribal group



27. Savernake Forest. c.50-30 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 4.31g. Plain obverse./ Curvilinear horse right, high arched tail with pellet below, spiral above, wheel below. ABC 2091, VA 1526, BMC 361-64, S 37. CCI 16.0313 (**this coin**). *Good VF, yellowy gold, super spiral. Ex John Robinson collection, ex Turner collection. RARE* **Est. £750 £600**

Robert Van Arsdell catalogues Savernake Forest gold staters as 'Trinovantian/Catuvellaunian'. In *Ancient British Coins* we catalogue them as 'East Wiltshire' and we feel that their distribution justifies this more westerly attribution.

Extremely rare - only seven others



28. Wanborough Wheel. c.30-1 BC. Silver unit. 12mm. 0.86g. Highly stylised crescentic head right./ Annulated horse standing left, large four-spoke wheel with beaded rim above, pellet in each quarter, ring below. ABC 2134, VA—, BMC—, S—. *VF, good silver, clear wheel. EXTREMELY RARE only seven others recorded.* **Est. £750 £600**

The Wanborough Wheel type is a degraded development of the Snake Head type, ABC 2122. We sold our last example in 1999. This is another great coin from the John Robinson collection, a collector with an interest mainly in coins of the Dobunni and East Wiltshire.

Coins of the **DUROTRIGES** of Wessex



29. Cranborne Chase. c.58-40 BC. Silver stater. 18mm. 5.99g. Stylised Durotrigan wreath with upward-pointing leaves./ Horse left with 'safety-pin' head, pellets above, 'coffee bean' behind. ABC 2157, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-2546, S 365. *Good VF, chunky flan of toned silver, great wreath, pronounced pellets. Ex Geoff Cottam collection, bt. John Cummings 28 June 1991.* **Est. £800 £650**

Another coin from a great collection, that of the late Geoff Cottam who sold the majority of his Celtic coins at Spink in 2015. Their introduction mentioned that all the Corieltavi coins were withheld prior to publication of Geoff's forthcoming reference work *The Inscribed Coinage of the Corieltavi*. It is hoped that this three-volume work will be published as a research document in the near future.



30. Duro Boar Gold. DQS Geometric Class 1, Die-group 2.1, dies O2/R5. 12mm. 1.44g. c.50-30 BC. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.44g. Stylised 'three-men-in-a-boat' motif./ Central thunderbolt, Y-shape and 'bird' to right, Y-shape and axe to left. ABC 2205, VA 1225, BMC 414-18, DK 299, S 368. CCI 15.0591 (**this coin**). *EF, heavyweight, rich golden gold, sharp strike, full bird. Ex Geoff Cottam collection, bt. Lloyd Bennett, 8 November 1998. RARE only 40 this pair of dies recorded. Est. £750 £600*

Published in Dr David Robinson's recently published book *Durotrigan Quarter Staters.*, p.149 (this coin). The book contains die identifications, rarities and findspots (where known) of this large series, plus maps and tables. For discussion on boat imagery see *Reading the images on Iron-Age coins: 1. The sun-boat and its passengers* by Dr Daphne Nash Briggs, in our recently published *Celtic Coin Articles from the Chris Rudd Catalogues*, (p.174-76) priced at £85 + postage.

Coins of the **EASTERN** North Thames region

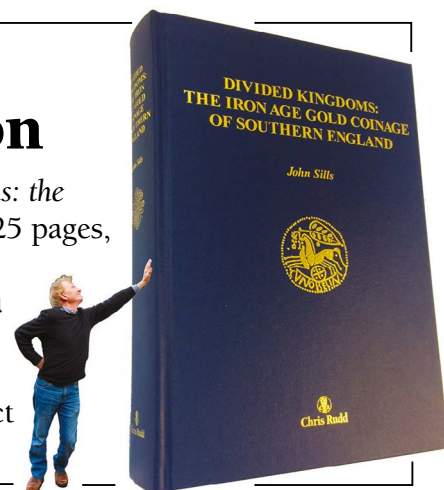


31. Finney's Thunderbolt. Sills Indeterminate and Local Issues, dies 11/-. c.55-45 BC. Gold quarter stater. 11mm. 1.19g. Zigzag chevron thunderbolt or lightning flash with ringed-pellet on outside of each angle./ Full-bodied horse right, beaded mane, globular chest and rump, outline dewlap; 'cogwheel' sun above and below. ABC 2255, VA-, BMC 368 (ex Chris Rudd), DK 480, S-. CCI 09.3130 (**this coin**). *Good VF, sharply struck in pale golden gold, super chevron, bold horse. Ex East Anglian collection. Found near Soham, Cambs. VERY RARE only 21 others recorded, including Ian Finney's in the City of Birmingham Museum (Num. Circ. 98, 1990, p.268, no.15) and ours in the British Museum (Chris Rudd List 27, no.87). Est. £1200 £1000*

"The distinctive zigzag obverse of the Thunderbolt quarter has no close parallels, although the offset wreath may have been inspired by the continuous wreath on the Raunds Wing issue, with the bold ringed pellets at the ends of the Raunds wreath displaced to either side. There is a beaded border, as on the Ringed Pellet type, below. On the reverse the horse is similar to that on Harlow Wheel and Rose Wings quarter, with the breast outlined, although it has a more bulbous body; there is a cog above, below and in front." *Divided Kingdoms*, p.489, published in *DK* p.502, no.4 (**this coin**) and p. 517 (**this coin**). Not in VA nor Spink.

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Coins of the CATUVELLAUNI of Hertfordshire

Extremely rare - only ten others



32. Tasciovanos Berkshire Wreath. c.25BC-AD10. Silver unit. 11-14mm. 1.24g. Laureate head right with elliptical eye, TA[S] in front./ Horse stepping left, short dashes for mane, VIR above, [CO] in front, zigzag exergual decoration (or M?). ABC 2616, VA-, BMC-, S-, BNJ 1998, no.18. *Good VF, clear head, bold horse.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only ten others recorded. **Est. £1000 £800**

For more information on this important possible new *Berkshire* ruler see Chris Rudd Auction 195, Lot 30. This example clearly shows the inscription in front of the head and above the horse. Not in VA, BMC nor Spink.

Coins of the CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES united



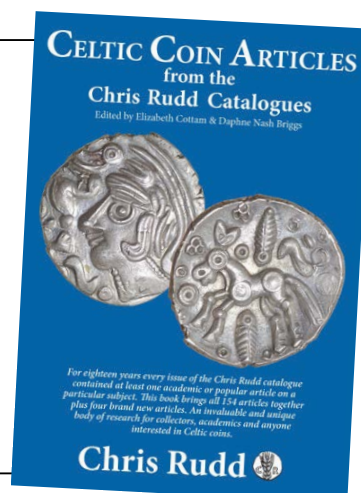
33. Cunobelinus Plastic. Sills class 6, dies 58/105. c.AD 10-41. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.47g. Ear of corn without central stalk short line at base of stem, CA to left, MV to right./ Horse right with beaded mane, pellet above nose, branch and pellet above, ringed-pellet and CVNO below, beaded border. ABC 2786, VA 2010-1, BMC 1809, DK 562, S 286. CCI 04.2497 (**this coin**). *Nr EF, well centred, rose gold, exquisitely toned, well centred corn ear and CAMV, lively horse, virtually entire inscription clearly visible, a significantly superior example.* Ex Brian Wright collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2006). Found Northamptonshire. **VERY RARE** only 20 others this pair of dies. **Est. £1200 £1000**

Published in DK p.661, no.3 (**this coin**) and p.681 (**this coin**).

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34. Cunbelinus Bitch and Snake. CAM Type. de Jersey Group E, Late vegetal issues, E3. c.AD 8-41. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.30g. CVN in wreath border./ Female dog right, holding beaded two-headed snake in paws, exergual line with [C]AM below. ABC 2891, VA 2069, BMC 1893, S 320. *EF, bright silver, centrally struck, sharp CVN, bold bitch. An exceptionally fresh strike in almost uncirculated condition. Ex Joseph Fay collection. Found near Chelmsford, Essex, 13 October 2024. EXCESSIVELY RARE only four others recorded, this is the nicest.* **Est. £2000 £1600**

The festive wreath surrounding Cunobelinus' name is not one of any sort of leaves (it is not, for instance, a victory-wreath) but is a double band of fruits – some large and ripe, resembling olives or bay berries, others still small and green, just as berries grow in nature, and offspring grow in a family. Cunobelinus had several children, (on whom see Dr Philip de Jersey, *CCA* p.106-8) and this mother hound is explicitly in milk. Like the she-wolf of Rome, she would be fêted by Cunobelinus for having nursed sons who would (they might hope!) take charge of the kingdom when he died. One, AGR, was in fact launched on his brief career at precisely this time, with coinage exactly modelled on his father's gold (ABC 3002) and on this silver unit (ABC 3005). For further discussion on the silver coins of Cunobelin see *Cunobelin's silver* see Dr Philip de Jersey, *CCA* p.66-70.



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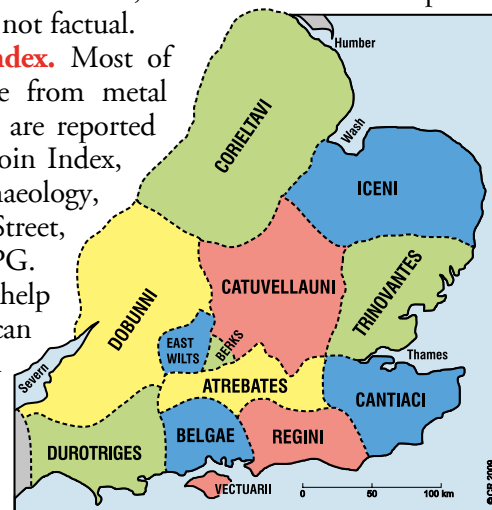
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