

# Liz's List

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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.



**1. Cunobelinus Wild A.** Sills class 3a Wild A, Central Stalk, dies 26/40. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AV stater. 16-19mm. 5.42g. Ear of barley with central stalk and long whiskers, CA to l, MV to r./ Stallion rearing up r, small head, short dashes for mane, branch above, CVNO below, beaded border. ABC-, VA 1931-1, BMC 1784-86, DK 552, S 285. CCI 14.0914 (**this coin**). *Gd VF, rose gold, long whiskered barley, full-bodied horse. ex SNC, December 2005, No.CC0127. RRR only six others this pair of dies* **£995**

Dr John Sills says: "The ear of barley on class 3a Wild Type staters is neatly engraved and still has five grain pairs and a central stalk; where visible the stalk springs from a single, short arc on one side of the base. Allen named the type from its reverse, describing the horse as 'savage and untamed in aspect' [Cunobelin's Gold, *Britannia* 6, 1975, p.2]. It rears up from the exergual line and has a spiky mane and feathered tail; a phallus is depicted for the first time in the series" (DK, p.624-625). Published in *Divided Kingdoms* p.675 (**this coin**). But not in ABC.



**INSUBRES** Centred on Milan (Mediolanum).

**2. Scorpion Lion.** c.250-220 BC. AR drachm. 17mm. 2.25g. Head of 'bearded' Diana r./ Scorpion-like lion r. LT 2126, BMC 3-6. *Gd VF, toned silver, lovely scorpion-lion. Ex A Bate coll., ex A Clarke coll.* **S £185**

Diana seems to have a moustache and beard. But I suspect this is a die flaw. Or a mischievous die cutter. Unrecorded by Pautasso.

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

**3. Ogmios and V-Boar. Whisky Face with Racquet and Double Beaded Tail.** De Jersey class 2. c.60-56 BC. AR stater. 20mm. 6.37g. Head of Armorican sun-god r, large rolls of hair, almond eye./ Horse r, charioteer's head above (like tennis racquet) and four pellets above. LT 6598, Rybot 32, group II, Hooker 90. *VF, bright silver, some surface discolouration. Ex JDD Brown coll.* **£200**

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**IMPORTED** Gaulish coins found in England.

**4. Gallo Belgic Broad Flan.** Left. Sills G-B Ab1, class 3b, fig 33e, dies 29/33. Bellovaci. c.150-125 BC. AV stater. 22mm. 7.16g. Draped bust of androgynous deity l, flamboyant flaming hair./ Disarticulated horse galloping l, rosette below. ABC-, LT 7886, DT 67, Sch/GB class VIIc (pt), VA-, S 2, Sills GGC 290). *Fine, rich golden gold, clear hair. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Essex rally, 2010. RRR only 8 this pair of dies recorded* **£990**

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**5. Kidney Head.** Bellovaci. c.75-55 BC. Sills G-B Cd2 class 2. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.60g. Virtually blank./ Vestigial kidney-shaped head l. LT-, BN 8607-08, DT 248, Sills GGC 445-46. *VF, lovely golden gold, almost as minted. Fd. Horncastle, Lincs., 20.1.2021. RR as UK find* **£375**

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**6. 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).

**7. Crossed Striations Left.** Holman C3/1-2b. c.105-90 BC. Cast potin unit. 19mm. 1.31g. Linear head l, with neckline, open face and eye ring./ Linear bull l, crossed striations. ABC—, VA 112, BMC—, S—. *Gd VF/VF, bold head, clear striations. Fd. Cobham, Kent., 2010-19.* **S £225**

Robert Van Arsdell says: "The striations were produced by wood pressed against the clay to smooth it. This type vindicates Evans' 1864 assertion that wood was used in the mould making process" (*Celtic Coinage of Britain*, 1989, p.84). This example shows vertical striations on the obverse and crossed striations on the reverse.

**8. Sego Sphinx.** c.AD5-15. AE unit. 13mm. 1.48g. Geometric star pattern, ring at each end, ringed-pellet in centre./ Sphinx l, ringed-pellet above. ABC 453, VA 1855, BMC 1690, S 261. CCI 13.0206 (*this coin*). *Nr VF/VF, bold sphinx. Ex A Strain coll., bt CR (2012). Fd. Deal, Kent.* **RR £300**

**REGINI** West Sussex.

**9. Phallic Geometric.** Sills British Ad2, Geometric. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.47g. Phallic motif./ Geometric pattern with block and bars. ABC 533, VA 1227, BMC 426, DK 137, S 46. PAS: BERK-33C0EB (*this coin*). *Gd VF, as struck, golden gold. Fd. near Basingstoke, Hants., 10 December 2023.* **£285**

**10. Selsey Uniface.** Sills British Qa. C.55-45 BC. AV stater. 17-19mm. 5.92g. Traces of wreath design./ Triple-tailed horse r, charioteer's arms above, wheel below and zigzag exergual decoration. ABC 488, VA 216, BMC 445, 453, 461-73, DK 154, S 38. *VF, as struck on large flan of golden gold, clear wheel. Fd. Oakley, Hants., 20.1.25.* **£650**

Bought direct from the finder and published in *The Searcher*, March 2025, p.16 (*this coin*).

**REGINI and ATREBATES** in alliance.

**11. Commios Ladder Head. Upright E.** c.50-25 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 1.10g. Moon head l, vertical lentoid eye, ladder-like hair, small hidden face in front./ Horse l, E-symbol above, S-shape/uncertain animal below. ABC 1037, VA 355-1, BMC 731-34, S 69. *VF/Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse, clear animal.* **RR £325**

**12. Tincomarus Eagle.** c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 10mm. 1.02g. Laureate head r, edge of TINCOM in front, A behind, beaded border./ Spread-winged eagle facing r, clutching snake. ABC 1106, VA 397, BMC 880-905, S 83. *VF, silvery silver, clear inscription.* **R £185**

**13. Tincomarus Cernunnos.** c.25BC-AD10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.29g. Facing horned head./ Bull l, head facing, TIN above, C below. ABC 1109, VA 370, BMC 926-29, S 83. CCI 12.0713 (*this coin*). *VF, lightly toned silver, sharp Cernunnos, clear horns. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (2009).* **RR £375**

Horned human heads are rare on British Celtic coins, facing heads even rarer: only 8 exist, 6 of which are Reginian, including two which apparently depict a Druidic headdress with antlers (ABC 683, 686). ABC 1109 is the only facing horned head with a fairly naturalistic human face.



ABC 686

**14. Verica Head on Spear.** c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.35g. Bull butting r, VERICA above, [REX] below, beaded border./ Female standing l, holding branch, head on spear behind, edge of COM MIF around. ABC 1235, VA 506, BMC 1450-84, S 137. *VF, good silver, beautiful bull. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (1992). Fd. Bentley, Hants., 1991.* **£325**

**15. Verica Sleeping Dog.** c.AD 10-40. AR minim. 8mm. 0.22g. Sphinx r, C F below./ Dog curled up, VER[I] above, beaded border. ABC 1328, VA 557, BMC 1564-68, S 156. *Some flaking to obverse surface, otherwise Fine/VF, neat dog, bold VER. Ex Dr J D Watkins coll.* **RR £85**

We last sold one of these in *Liz's List* in 2013, will you have to wait another 12 years for another?

**16. Epaticcus Eagle.** c.AD20-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.25g. Herculean bust of Epaticcus r, wearing lionskin headdress, EPATI in front, beaded border./ Spread-winged Roman eagle, head turned to l, ringed-pellet above, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2024-293, S 356. *Gd VF/VF, toned silver, full EPATI. Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum coll., bt. CR (2014).* **£300**

**ICENI** Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

**17. Irstead Windflower.** Talbot Boar Horse C, dies L/15. c.AD 10-20. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 0.63g. Latticed box with pellets inside, rings at each corner./ Horse r, floral sun above, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1477, VA—, BMC—, COI 63, S—. *Fine, yellow gold, bold box. Fd. Cringleford, Norfolk.* **RRRR only 4 others this pair of dies £500**

The first time we've ever offered this Excessively Rare type in *Liz's List*.

**18. Toney Curly Top. Sun.** Talbot Saham Toney Unit, dies C/10. c.AD 1-10. AR unit. 10-13mm. 0.58g. Bearded head r, pellet hair./ Horse r, beaded sun above, beaded ringed-pellet below and beaded sun in front. ABC 1558, VA—, BMC 3553, COI 68a, S 433. *1/3 missing, otherwise VF, nice horse.* **RRRR only 5 others this pair of dies £275**

**19. Mini Anted.** c.AD 25-40. AR half unit. 11mm. 0.49g. Back-to-back crescents separated by two rings, within lozenge of beaded lines./ Horse r, beaded rein, V-shaped motif above with pellet either side, [AN]T[D] below. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, COI 87a, S—. CCI 08.9184 (*this coin*). *VF, neat flan, toned silver, clear V-shape. Ex D Lee coll., bt. CR (2008).* **RRR only 9 others recorded £250**





**20. Norfolk God Moustache. Lipline.** c.AD 20-45. AR unit. 12mm. 0.79g. Head r, with moustache, two trefoils in front, pellet triad below./ Horse r, lozenge below. ABC—, VA 794, BMC 3605-759, COI 94a, S 434. *Gd VF, great head, clear triads.* **£225**

**CORIELTAUVI** *E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.*

**21. Three Pellet Proto Boar. Rich Type 9e var.** c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13-15mm. 1.22g. Boar r, pin-mane, pellet triad in ring between front and back legs, beaded ring below./ Horse l, long dashed mane and big ears, large double beaded ring above, pellet triad in ring below, spiral in front. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, S—. *Gd VF, silvery silver, both pellet triads in rings clear.* **UNIQUE?** *with spiral in front of horse* **£400**

Three was a magic number and pellet triads are a very common occurrence on Celtic coins, cf. ABC 162, 632, 836, 1196, 1292, 1298, 1399, 1417, 1579, 1582, 1588, 1606, 1639, 1687 and 1971-1995. This type is not published in the seminal work on this series *Boar Horse* by Matthew Rich (Chris Rudd 2014).

**22. South Ferriby. Six Pointed Star Type.** c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 16-19mm. 4.74g. Wreath motif./ Lunate horse l, triangle nose, large six-pointed star below. ABC 1743, VA 811-3, BMC 3164, S 390. *VF, rose-gold, big bold star.* *Ex Shirley Teasdale coll.* **£450**

**23. Vepocunavos Vep.** c.AD 15-40. AE core of AV plated stater. 17mm. 1.79g. Wreath crossed by bar with crescent at each end, ring of pellets in each crescent./ Lunate horse l, large round head, VEP above, pellet triad in front. Contemporary forgery of ABC 1851/1854, VA 905/960, BMC 3274-75/3302-03, S 407/410. *Gd VF, neat flan of brownish-green, clear wreath, bold inscription.* *Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Pantou, Lincs., 2010.* **Unique as a mule** **£225**

Dr John Sills says: "This is an ABC 1851 reverse muled with an ABC 1854 or later obverse, this formalized obverse type only appeared at the start of the 1854 issue. There are several mules of plated staters in the inscribed Corieltavian series, as described by the late, great Geoff Cottam, but this is the only one I'm aware of between these two types." (pers.comm. 31.3.2025)

**24. Vepocunavos Vep.** c.AD 15-40. AR half unit. 10-12mm. 0.49g. Virtually blank./ Horse r, [V]EP above, pellet triad in front. ABC 1887, VA 967, BMC 3283-91, S 409. *Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse.* *Fd. Wragby, Lincs., 10.9.2010.* **R** **£125**

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

**25. Boduoc Young Head.** c.25-5BC. AR unit. 12-14mm. 0.77g. Head l, [B]ODVOC in front./ Horse r, crescent, tiny x and ringed-pellet above, small x under head, beaded ring below. ABC 2042, VA 1057, BMC 3143-45, COD 13, S 389. *Two small chips, otherwise VF, bold horse.* *Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum coll., bt. CR (2010), ex William Blank coll., bt. CR (2000), ex Cotswold coll. Fd. Ashton Keynes, Glos, 1992.* **R only 43 recorded** **£450**

The coins of Boduoc are outstanding in many respects. Boduoc

was the first Dobunnic ruler to place his name on coins and all of them are either rare or very rare. Moreover, of all the silver coins issued by the Dobunni only those of Boduoc have a head which can be described as realistic. As Dr John Sills has noted, "There are close parallels between the gold and silver of Boduoc and that of Tasciovanos...One possibility is that Boduoc was of Catuvellaunian origin" (Chris Rudd List 72, p.7). Perhaps Boduoc was a brother of Tasciovanos? Prof. John Koch says the name Boduoc is adjectival and means 'of the battle crow' or 'of the war goddess'.

**EAST WILTSHIRE** *centred on Vale of Pewsey.*

**26. Vale of Pewsey.** c.50-30 BC. Base AV quarter stater. 10mm. 0.88g. Cruciform pattern, stylised locks of hair above crudely rendered wreath, crescents below./ Three-tailed horse l, small rings around. ABC 2107, VA—, BMC—, S—. *Gd VF, as struck, nicely toned gold.* *Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum coll., bt. CR (2009), ex Michael J Grover coll. Fd. Devizes, Wiltshire.* **R** **£475**

**27. Wanborough Wheel.** c.30-1 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.88g. Highly stylised crescentic head r, with pellet-eye, pellet-nose, face framed by arc of pellets inside outline crescent, hair composed of thin crescents, two small rings by chin./ Annulated horse standing l. ABC 2134, VA—, BMC—, S—. *Edge chipped, otherwise VF.* *Ex M Parker coll. Fd. Melksham, Wilts., 1990s.* **RRR or possibly Unique?** **£350**  
Dr John Sills says: "The new photos bring the obverse closer to the Wanborough Wheel type if anything, but I can't make out the reverse, it doesn't seem to correspond to anything we know of although my guess would be a new East Wilts type or variant." (pers. comm. 31.3.2025).

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

**28. Cranborne Chase.** c.58-40 BC. Base AR stater. 19mm. 3.14g. Wreath motif./ Horse l, pellets, 'coffee-bean' behind, exergual decoration. ABC 2169, VA 1235-1, BMC 2525-636, S 367. *Some surface discolouration, otherwise VF, clear tail lines and exergual decoration.*

**RRR only 11 others this pair of dies recorded** **£120**

Dr John Talbot says: "I know the dies of which I have recorded 11 other examples. It is from my die group 15 which occurs in several hoards including Upton." (pers.comm. 22.3.25)

**EASTERN** *uncertain north Thames types*

**29. Broadoak Boars.** c.50-30 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.85g. Two boars facing, surrounded by other animals or locks of hair./ Long-eared horse r, small long-legged boar above facing right, ringed-pellet below. ABC 2267, VA—, BMC, S—. PAS: SUR-051608 (**this coin**). *VF, good silver, amazing menagerie.* *Found Kettering, Northants, 17.4.2022.*

**RRR only nine others recorded** **£750**

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## CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

**30. Cunobelinus Leaping Griffin.** de Jersey F5. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 12-14mm. 1.21g. Laureate bust r, CVNOBEL in front, traces of IINVS behind./ Griffin springing l, CAMV below, beaded border. ABC 2909, VA-, BMC-, S 310. VF/Gd VF, lightly toned silver, clear head. Ex Gloucestershire coll., bt. CR (2020), ex Joseph Fay coll. Fd. White Roding, Essex, 26.8.2013.

**RRR only 12 others recorded £675**

The head is copied from a coin of Tiberius (AD 14-37) or a coin of Caligula (AD 37-41); on balance, possibly the latter. This coin comes from de Jersey Group F, differentiated from Group E by the size of the lettering in the inscriptions. Other coins in this series are ABC 2900, 2903, 2906 and ABC 474 (attributed to Kent). For more information see Cunobelin's Silver, *Chris Rudd List* 63, May 2002.

**31. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice.** c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 14mm. 1.71g. Pegasus r, CV above, NO below./ Victory stabbing bull r, TASCI below, beaded border. ABC 2972, VA 2099, BMC 1913-19, S 343. CCI 00.0412 (**this coin**). Gd VF, glossy light green patina, bold animals. Ex East Anglian coll. Fd. Great Chesterford, Essex.

**£175**

This is the only coin in Celtic Europe which shows a bull being sacrificed.

**32. Agr Bitch.** c.AD 25-30. AR unit. 11-13mm. 1.04g. AGR in centre of wreath and pellet border./ Bitch standing r, holding snake in left paw. ABC 3005, VA-, BMC 1899, S 354. CCI 09.3320 (**this coin**). Small chip, otherwise Gd VF, full AGR, bold bitch. Ex Royal Berkshire coll., bt. CR (2009). Fd. Kent.

**RRR only 13 others recorded, inc. one in the BM £650**

Dr John Sills suggests Agr may have acted as regent for Cunobelinus if the latter had made a diplomatic visit to Rome to see Tiberius. He says: "If a notional date c.AD 1 is taken for the start of Cunobelinus' coinage, and the Agr gold and silver was struck a third of the way through his reign, this takes us close to the accession of Tiberius in AD 14... Other scenarios are plausible for Agr, not least that he was being groomed as a potential successor for Cunobelinus and was allowed to strike coinage while the king was engaged elsewhere on a military campaign or an internal diplomatic mission" (*DK*, p.758). This is the second Agr Bitch unit we've had that was found in Kent. The first (CR 28, 1997, no.185) came from Woodnesborough, Kent.

**CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £25.**

**33. Thurrock.** Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Cast AE unit. 14mm. 1.87g. Head l./ Bull. ABC 120. Fair.

**£15**

**34. Duro Thunderbolt.** Durotriges. c.20BC-AD20. AR quarter stater. 11-13mm. 0.74g. Almost plain./ Central thunderbolt, ring at end. ABC 2217. VF, good AR, clear thunderbolt. Ex Dr J D Watkins coll.

**£25**

**35. Cunobelinus Warriors.** Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 10-41. AE unit. 12-14mm. 1.87g. Warrior on horse r./ Warrior standing, [TASCHIOVANTIS]. ABC 2963. Fine, dark brown patina, bold warriors. Fd. Maulden, Beds., 1982-83.

**£20**



## OTHER COINS OF INTEREST

### GREEK



**36. Miletus Lion.** Miletus (Ionia). c.350-300 BC. AE unit? 15mm. 3.30g. Head of Apollo r./ Lion r, looking back over shoulder at star. Sear cf. 4515. Fine/VF, lovely lion, bold star.

**£65**

In the 4th century BC Miletus was famous for its oracle of Apollo at Didyma, and that his emblems were a lion and the sun (this of course is a star).

### ROMAN



**37. Carausius. Pax Aug Type.** AD 286-93. AE or billon unit. 18mm. 2.75g. Radiate head r, [CA]RAVSIVS AVG./ Figure standing, transverse sceptre, [P]AX AVG around. cf RCV vol 4 13640ff. Fair, earthy tone.

**£15**

Possibly a good unofficial copy. For more information on Carausius see *A History of Roman Coinage in Britain* pp. 148-52.

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