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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.

Animated dancing figures



Dancers dressed as horses, wearing spurs. Aylesford bucket, Kent, c. 75-25 BC.

1. Dancing Man. East Rhineland. c.60-50 BC. Silver quinarius. 11-13mm. 1.64g. Celtic god 'dancing' r, big-eyed spiky-haired head turned back, holding serpent to his mouth with his r. hand, holding neck torc in his l. hand, and with another neck torc strapped to his waist, beaded border./ Contorted horse standing r, with open-mouthed head turned back, spiky mane and double-stranded tail. LT 9396, BMC 524-528, Scheers/GB p.506-508, pl. 13, no.348. *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, great spiky haired man, intriguing design. Ex John Urban collection, bt. Chris Rudd (2002), ex Josef Brewi coll.* **£750**

The *Tanzendes Männlein* type is well loved by most collectors

because it has such a dynamically animated design which, to our modern eyes, looks almost comical in its characterisation of the fast-moving figure and backward-looking horse. The man is referred to as 'dancing', but he could of course be running. We believe that he is dancing and that his dance is an enactment of some druidic religious ritual or Celtic myth that was probably well known to the people who would have handled this coin. The same ritual or myth must surely be featured on the Pig-Tailed Dancer potins of the Remi, LT 8124, 8133, 8143. The horse is dancing too, turning with the Sun - and what is more, the arrangement of its rump and hind legs suggest this may not be an actual horse, but a sacred dance performed by two people clad in a horse costume, making it seem to shake its head and dance - just as depicted more explicitly on the famous Aylesford (Kent) bucket.



IBERIAN Earliest recorded Celtic script c.60 BC.

2. Augustus Cap and Ladle. Colonia Patricia. Cordoba, Spain. c.27 BC-AD 14. AE semis. 19mm. 4.77g. Head of Augustus l, traces of PERM CAES AVG around./ Apex and simpulum, COLONIA PATRICIA around. B 1992, C 543. *Nr VF/VF, smooth brown patina.* **£50**

CARNUTES Chartres, north central France.

3. Eagle and Snake. c.75-55 BC. AE unit. 18mm. 3.59g. Head r, hair pulled to side and tied in bun at base of neck, flower behind./ Eagle with outstretched wings and head turned to r, coiled serpent in front, beaded ring below. DT 2576, LT 6077. *Good VF, smooth dark patina, lovely head, majestic eagle.* **£275**

A superior example to the one illustrated in Delestrée and Tache (DT) *Nouvel Atlas des Monnaies Gauloises*.



IMPORTED Gaulish coins found in England.

4. Biface. Sills G-B Ca1, class 5b. Scheers class 3. Ambiani. c.90-80 BC. AV stater. 16mm. 6.45g. Stylised laureate head r./ M-shaped horse r, pellets around. ABC 13, LT 8597, DT 157-61, VA 42-48, DK 1, S 5. *VF, chunky flan of golden gold, heavy weight, nice head. Found Salthouse, Norfolk, 1992-93.* **£650**

5. Boat Tree. Two Symbols Type. Scheers class 3. Morini. c.65-60 BC. AV quarter. 11mm. 1.45g. Stylised boat, tiny X's around./ Tree motif, zigzag line, Y-shape and crescent below. ABC 40, VA 69-1, DK 26, S 10. *Gd VF, rich golden gold, bold tree, clear ornaments. Ex J Fay coll. Fd. near Chelmsford, Essex.* **RR £450**

"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. Nipples. Holman G2/6-1a. c.50-45 BC. Cast potin. 15-17mm. 1.27g. Outline head r, central nipple./ Linear bull, one crescent above, central nipple. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, S—. *Gd VF, rich dark patina, bold nipples. Fd. Maldon, Essex, 1997. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (1997).* **S £250**

7. Allen's Man. Sills British P, class 3, Trophy. c.45-40 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.20g. Plain obverse./ Stylised Roman trophy with large cross-hatched box either side, large cross-hatched circles below. ABC 195, VA 145, BMC 444, DK 58, S 47 var. *Gd VF, pale lemony gold, bold trophy. A superior specimen to those shown in most catalogues. Fd. Robertsbridge, East Sussex.*

RRRR only five others with this obverse **£500**

Dr John Sills says: "This is the first of the British P quarters where it really does look like something else, the recognisable figure of a soldier with a tunic fastened at the waist wearing a cap or helmet and with arms held aloft. If it is it has to be this way up, which is the opposite way to the standard form Gallo-Belgic D and its Kentish copies with their central tree-like motif are always illustrated." (pers.comm. 4.6.2025).

REGINI West Sussex.

8. Chichester Cock. c.50-30 BC. AE unit. 13-17mm. 1.69g. Head r, wearing elaborate helmet./ Small head r, surmounted by cock, wings outstretched. ABC 737, VA—, BMC 657-59, S 61. *VF/Gd VF, green patina, wonderful cock. Ex G Cottam coll.* **S £300**

One of only three bronze coin types struck in the southern region, all very hard to find these days, most in low grade. Don't miss this one.

BELGAE Solent area, inc. Danebury and Chichester.

9. Old Basing. c.50-40 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 1.00g. Head r, corded lines of ladder-like hair, tiny foal in front./ Horse l, floral sun above, double ringed-pellet below. ABC 836, VA—, BMC—, S—, *Num. Circ.* October 1990, p.269, no.18. PAS: SUR-E050D3 (**this coin**). *Wavy flan, otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, handsome head, well centred horse. Fd. Aldworth, Berks., 14.9.2024.* **RR £550**

Obvious stylistic links with Commios Ladder Head silver units, ABC 1034-40. Basing mean 'Basa's people'.

REGINI and ATREBATES in alliance.

10. Commios A-Type. Sills class 1. c.50-25 BC. AV quarter stater. 9mm. 1.05g. Letter A with dropped bar on plain field./ Horse l, ladder mane, solar motif above, ring and double-ring below. ABC 1031, VA 353-5, BMC—, DK 325, S 67. *Gd VF, neat flan of scintillating rose gold, bold A, well centred horse.* **S £700** Caesar made Commios king of the Atrebates (BG 4.21) and always called him Atrebat (BG 4.27, 35; 5.22; 6.6; 8.6, 7, 21, 47), a prestigious and profitable identity on both sides of the Channel. So the A on this lovely quarter stater may stand for Atrebates.

11. Tincomarus Cross Lion. c.25 BC-AD 10. AR unit. 12mm. 1.29g. Cross, TINC in angles./ Lion l, bucranium below, beaded border. ABC 1124, VA 372, BMC 930-45, S 87. *VF, bright silver, clear lion. Ex Nummi Regnum Britonum coll.* **R £250**

12. Verica Smiley. c.AD 10-40. AR unit. 11mm. 1.26g. COM F, crescent and two ringed-pellets above and below forming hidden faces./ Boar r, star above, [VIRI] in exergue. ABC 1220, VA 470-1, BMC 1241-78, S 131. *Gd VF, lightly toned silver, lovely bristly boar. Ex Royal Berkshire coll. Fd. Reading, Berks., 1982.* **S £450**

13. Verica Triadic. c.AD10-40. AR minim. 9mm. 0.37g. Central ringed-pellet, four pellet triads around, pointed-pellet border./ Lion r, VIR above, pellet triad below. ABC 1292, VA 484, BMC 1514-17, S 143. *Gd VF, sharply struck, toned silver, bold lion. Ex Jim Tocchio coll, bt. Triskeles 20, 30.6.2017.* **RR** only 20 others recorded, including five in museums and five chipped. **£320**

This is one of Verica's most elusive minims. We haven't sold an example since 2013 and this is one of the nicest.

ICENI Norfolk, N Suffolk, NE Cambs.

14. Norfolk Wolf Left. Colon Type. Talbot die group 16, dies U/61. c.50-35 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.60g. Wreath motif./ Bristly wolf l, crescent and large pellets above, bird and ringed-pellet on rump, two pellets below tail, pellet-triad and 'coffee bean' behind. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, COI 7t, S—. *Gd VF, bronzy gold, lovely bird on back. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. L.Bennett, 1991.*

RRR only 8 others this pair of dies **£850**

15. Aesu. c.AD 20-25. AR unit. 12mm. 1.12g. Double moon emblem./ Horse r, six pellets on shoulder, AESV below. ABC 1702, VA 775, BMC 4558-72, COI 82, S 447. CCI 19.1131 (**this coin**). *F/Nr VF, clear horse, full AESV. Ex G Wentworth coll, bt. CR (2008) ex A Clarke coll, bt. CR (2001), ex Forncett hoard, Norfolk 1997.* **S £225**

For more information on the Forncett hoard, see *Coin Hoards in Iron Age Britain*, pp.290-295, available from stock priced at £65 + p&p. This coin was omitted from the listings, possibly because it was unillustrated in our original catalogue entry.

16. Anted Slope. Talbot Unit die-group 1, dies J/19. c.AD 25-30. AR unit. 13mm. 1.00g. Back-to-back crescents./ Horse r, with pellet triad on body and corn ear mane, reversed-S below head, pellet triad and row of sloping pellets below. ABC—, VA—, BMC—, COI 86d, S—. *Gd VF, big flan of lightly toned silver, sharp horse, pellet triads clear.*

RRR only 10 others this pair of dies. **£200**

CORIELTAUVI E Midlands, from Humber to Welland.

17. Sunflower. Sills South Ferriby Mint B, fig. 8. c.45-10 BC. AV stater. 17mm. 5.26g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards./ Lunate horse l, with triangular head, pellet under tail, solar 'sunflower' below. ABC 1737, VA 809, BMC 3146-47, S 390. *VF, as struck in pale gold, all parts deeply engraved.*

RR only 24 others this pair of dies **£550**

In his definitive review of South Ferriby staters Dr John Sills writes: "The South Ferriby series at Mint B opens with Derek Allen's N type, ABC 1737, which has a Ferriby forked hairbar combined with a late North East Coast reverse, with a rosette below the horse (Fig.8). The last obverse die links with several reverses that have a star in place of a



rosette and define the start of the South Ferriby type proper" (*Chris Rudd List* 118, July 2011, p.2-4).

18. Serpent Proto Boar. Rich Type 1a. c.55-45 BC. AE core of AR plated unit. 14mm. 0.90g. Boar r, 'spear' in shoulder, pelletal sun above./ Horse l, tiny s-shape mane, beaded pellet above, ring below. Contemporary forgery of ABC-, VA 855-3, BMC 3194-95, S 396. VF, olive-green patina, all details clear. Ex East Anglian coll.

RRR as core, only 12 recorded of **all** proto boar types **£100**

19. Crown Proto Boar. Rich Type 7a. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 11-15mm. 1.09g. Boar r, with pin-cushion back, two large beaded crescents and pellet-triad above, two pellets inside ring in front and within tail./ Horse l, with leaf-like tail, two pellets inside ring above, bow tie/butterfly-like object above tail. ABC 1785, VA 864-1, BMC 3213, S 396. CCI 09.3187 (**this coin**). Chipped, otherwise Gd VF, large flan of good quality silver, lovely crown, beautifully ornamented. Ex East Anglian coll.

RRR only 15 others recorded **£325**

20. Aun Cost Uniface. c.AD 15-40. AR unit. 12mm. 0.87g. Plain./ Horse l, AVN and pellet above, T between legs, trefoil below. ABC 1938, VA 914-3, BMC 3261, S 403. Gd VF, bright silver, bold horse, clear AVN. Fd. East Drayton, Notts., 16.3.2024. **R** **£250**

DOBUNNI Cotswolds, cap. Corinium (Cirencester).

21. Cotswold Eagle C/D. Boss, Small Head. c.10 BC-AD 0. AR unit. 12mm. 0.90g. Head r, boss on chin./ Horse l, eagle head above, flower below. ABC 2018/21, VA-, BMC-, COD 11a, S-. CCI 18.1611 (**this coin**). VF/Gd VF, good silver, lovely horse. Ex J Robinson coll.

RR only 16 others recorded **£220**

22. Anted. Standard D. c.AD 20-40. AR unit. 14mm. 0.89g. Head r, X on cheek, S-shapes and ringed-pellets in front./ Triple-tailed horse l, linear mane, pellets and TED above, ringed-pellet below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, COD 27b, S-. CCI 01.1012 (**this coin**). Gd VF, lightly toned silver, well ornamented head, full TED. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2001). Fd. Charlbury, Oxon., Aug. 2000.

RRR only 10 others recorded **£320**

EAST WILTSHIRE centred on Vale of Pewsey.

23. Upavon Moon Head. c.50-35 BC. AR unit. 11mm. 0.89g. Moon head r, with stalk lips, cogwheel on chin./ Curvilinear horse l, with feather tail, rings around, wheel below. ABC 2128, VA-, BMC 3013-17, S-. Gd VF, nice head, bold horse. **S** **£275**

24. Six-Spoked Pellet Ring. c.30-1 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.93g. Moon-shaped head r, large star on chin, pellet hairline./ Horse l, six-spoked wheel above with pellet rim. ABC 2125, VA 1171, 1175, BMC 3019-20, S 378. Gd VF/VF, bright silver, lovely head, pellet ring visible. Ex J Robinson coll. **RR** **£185**

DUOTRIGES Wessex, cap. Durnovaria (Dorchester).

25. Duro Boat Gold. DQS Die-group 3, dies O7/R18. c.50-30 BC. AV quarter stater. 10mm. 1.46g. Stylised 'three-men-in-a-boat' motif, pellet daisy to l./ Central thunderbolt, Y-shape and bird to r, Y-shape and uncertain object to l. ABC 2205, VA 1225, BMC 414-18, S 368. Gd VF, heavyweight pale golden gold, beautifully toned, sharp strike. **S** **£500**

The 'uncertain object' could be a stylised axe or axe-head, symbolic of the tree-god Esus. For more information on this fascinating series see *Durotrigan Quarter Staters* which contains die identifications, rarities and findspots (where known) of this large series, plus maps and tables.

26. Hengistbury Six Five Nine. c.AD 40-50. Cast AE. 16mm. 1.59g. Six pellets to l. of forked line, five pellets to r./ Nine pellets. ABC 2196, VA 1352 var., BMC-, S 372. CCI 05.0356 (**this coin**). VF, dark green patina, bold. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2005). Fd. Hengistbury, Dorset, 2000.

Unique? this pellet arrangement **£350**

EASTERN uncertain north Thames types

27. Essex Wheels. Sills British Ld2, Local Issues. c.55-45 BC. AV quarter stater. 13mm. 1.38g. Wreath pattern./ Triple-tailed horse r, 'onion' shape above, spoked-wheel below. ABC 2231, VA 260, BMC 485, 496, DK 439, S-. Gd VF, large flan of golden gold, bold horse with clear onion motif and full wheel. Fd. Pleshey, Essex, 2019. **S** **£700**

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

28. Westbury. (formerly Middle Whaddon Chase. Big WheelType). Sills British Lb1, class 1. c.55-45 BC. AV plated stater. 16mm. 3.38g. Crossed-wreath design with two back-to-back crescents in centre, ornaments in angles./ Naturalistic horse r, wing motif and pellet triads above, wheel below. Contemporary forgery of ABC 2442, VA 1487, BMC 331-35, DK 468, S 32. Gd VF, most of plating intact, fabulous horse, full wing. Ex J Fay coll. Fd. Billericay, Essex, 30.11.2024. **RRR** as a contemporary forgery, only a handful of others recorded **£550**

We don't know exactly how many plated coins of this type there are, in 2012 when we sold our last example there were four, so our best guess is maybe a handful.

29. Whaddon Goat. c.55-45 BC. AR unit. 13mm. 0.90g. 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 otherwise Gd VF, bright silver, great head. Fd. Saffron Walden, Essex, 20.10.2024. **S** **£175**

30. Andoco Crescent Wreath. Sills class 1, dies 1/1. c.20-1 BC. AV quarter stater. 11mm. 1.34 g. Crossed-wreath motif with back-to-back crescents in centre, pellet between, ANDO in angles./ Full-bodied horse l, phallic bucranium above, hubbed wheel below. ABC 2718, VA 1863 var., (one pellet between crescents, not three), BMC 2015-17,



DK 532, S 263. CCI 07.0165 (**this coin**). Unobtrusive striking crack on reverse, otherwise Gd VF, rose gold, bold strike, fat horse, clear wheel. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2010), ex A Clarke coll. Fd. Folkestone, Kent, 1997.

RRRR only 4 others recorded from this pair of dies **£750**
Published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.580 no.21 and p.613 (**this coin**).

CATUVELLAUNI & TRINOVANTES

united by Cunobelinus.

31. Cunobelinus Serpent Pegasus. c.AD 8-41. AR unit. 11mm. 0.60g. Coiled ram-headed serpent, ringed-pellet in centre, serpentine outer circle./ Pegasus l, pellet below head, CVN below. ABC 2834, VA-, BMC 1857, S 300. CCI 13.0247 (**this coin**). VF, toned, full bodied Pegasus. Ex Royal Berkshire coll, bt. CR (2010). **RR £450**

32. Cunobelinus Warriors. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 12-15mm. 2.21g. Warrior on horse r, holding long spear and shield, [CV] NOB around./ Warrior standing, TASCII[OVANTIS], beaded border. ABC 2963, VA 2093, BMC 1961-67, S 338. Gd VF, smooth dark green patina, super warrior, sharp inscription. Fd. Oxon. **£250**

GAULISH CAST POTIN UNITS

These were commonly used in Gaul (modern-day France and neighbouring regions) during the Iron Age and early Roman period. They are made of an alloy called potin, which is primarily copper, tin, and lead and they were typically cast (the molten metal was poured into moulds, rather than struck). Different tribes and regions within Gaul produced their own unique types of potin units, often with characteristic designs and features.

SENONES

Celtic tribe of Gallia Celtica in north-east central France. Their name, which means 'the ancients' or 'the sages', survives in Senonais and Sens (Roman Agedincum, the capital) on river Yonne, 32 miles NNW of Auxerre.



33. Helmet Head. c.80-50 BC. 19mm. 4.11g. Head l, big nose./ Horse l, pellets around. LT 7396, BMC 385-387. Gd VF/VF, great head. **£30**



34. Champagne Wild Man. c.80-50 BC. 17mm. 3.92g. Head r, phallic hair./ Horse l, tail raised. LT 7417, BMC 389-397. VF/Gd VF, great horse. **£30**

LEUCI

The Leuci ('bright ones') were from between the Moselle and the Meuse in northeast France. Their capital was Tulum (modern Toul).



35. Bald Head. c.75-50 BC. 18mm. 2.84g. Bald head facing l./ Boar l. LT-, BMC 426. Gd VF, glossy patina. **£35**



36. CR 5551 Leuci Lily. c.60-40 BC. 17mm. 3.19g. Head l, lily in front./ Bull r, stylized lily above. LT 9155, BMC 302-04. Gd VF, bold head and bull, both lilies clear. **£35**

CHEAPO-CHEAPO! all low grade, none over £40.

37. Thurrock MA. Cantiaci. c.120-100 BC. Cast AE unit. 17mm. 3.03g. Head l./ Bull r, MA above. ABC 120. *Fine, clear head and bull.* Fd. Lincs. **£20**

38. Ecen Corn Ear. Normal. c.AD 25-35. Iceni. AR unit. 10mm. 0.53g. Back-to-back moons./ Horse r, pellet daisy above. *Small flan, possibly filed, otherwise VF.* **£15**

39. Cunobelinus Bull Sacrifice. Catuvellauni & Trinovantes. c.AD 8-41. AE unit. 11-14mm. 1.43g. Pegasus r./ Victory stabbing bull r. ABC 2972. *Nr F, holly-green patina.* Ex D Lee coll, bt. CR (2009). **£40**

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