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THE COPY

No.17, Talbot Type, ABC 1453, Near EF, est. £5000

Why the copy is worth more than the original

On 14 August 2017 this superb Talbot Type gold stater was found in Norfolk. Dr John Talbot, after whom we named the type in 2001, says: "What a fantastic coin! I think both dies are new." He suggests that it dates from the 2nd/3rd decade AD. We prefer an earlier date, maybe c.20-1 BC. We both agree that it is a very close copy of the Addeddomaros Crescent Cross stater, struck c.40-25 BC. So why is this uninscribed Icenian copy worth more than the inscribed Catuvellaunian original? Three reasons: **1** The Talbot Type is much rarer; this is only the second example known and the first to be offered for public sale. **2** The Talbot Type is a more important coin; it's the latest piece of evidence to be unearthed that there may have been a political alliance between the Icenii and the two main North Thames tribes, the Catuvellauni and the Trinovantes. **3** The Talbot Type is a higher grade coin. For the full story see the May issue of Coin News. If you don't already subscribe to Coin News we recommend that you do. It's the magazine that publishes the latest news and views of Ancient British coins, as well as all other coins.



THE ORIGINAL

No.37, Addeddomaros, ABC 2415, est. £750

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Coins of **AULERCI EBUROVICES** of Eure



1. Chubby Cheek. Charioteer and Boar Type. c.80-50 BC. Gold half stater. 20mm. 3.06g. Round-faced head left, with large triangular eye-socket, chubby cheek and inverted boar on neck./ Stylised horse with circular head galloping right, birdlike charioteer floating above, clutching double reins in right-hand, boar right, below, pellet in big beaded ring before. LT-; DT 2401. *Near EF, gorgeous golden gold, large flan, superb head, remarkably detailed reverse. One of the handsomest gold coins to come out of Gallia Celtica. A scarce type rarely seen in British or American catalogues. Ex Christine Willans collection.* **SCARCE** Est. **£1500** **£1200**

Aulerci means 'those who are far from their tracks.' Eburovices means 'those who conquer by the yew' i.e. who fight with bows or spears made from yew trees. The boar may represent the dark forces of the night. Note the boar *upside down* on the neck of the sun god. A tribal tattoo perhaps? A fascinating coin rich in Celtic mythology.

Gallic coins **IMPORTED** into Britain

Only five others recorded



2. Gallo-Belgic Broad Flan. Left Type with Upward-Pointing Leaves. Bellovaci. Sills Ab2, class 1. c.115-100 BC. Large-flan gold quarter stater. 12-14mm. 1.83g. Elaborate head left with upward-pointing wreath leaves./ Horse left, stylised winged charioteer above, rosette below. LT 7892 var., DT 70 var., ABC 31 var., VA 20 var., Sills 304, S 7. *Near EF, golden toned gold, large flan, nice head, bold horse. Found Ulverston, Cumbria, 10.4.2017.* **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only five others recorded Est. **£600** **£500**

Dr John Sills says: "It is the only Ab type with upward-pointing leaves in the wreath. Only five others known." No other Broad Flan quarter has been found so far north in Britain. Ulverston (pronounced *ooston*) is on the River Leven (Celtic 'smooth') to the south of the Carvetii ('Deer-Folk').

An unpublished Pallas Athena from Lincolnshire



3. Armorican Pallas Athena. Head Left, Horse Right Type. Normandy-Picardy. c.80-50 BC. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.12g. Helmeted head of Pallas Athena left./ Horse right, above: two ringed-pellets linked by diagonal line, below: expanded neck torc. LT-, DT-, BMC-, Scheers-, de Jersey-, apparently unpublished with head left and horse right. *Good VF, bright silver, bold strike, outstanding head. Found Ludford, Lincs., 20 September 2015. EXCESSIVELY RARE in France, UNIQUE as UK find.* **Est. £350 £280**

For Gallic comparisons see LT 5967, 5980, 5985 and DT 188-91, 2364-71. One cannot entirely rule out the possibility, unlikely though it seems, that this might be a British imitation from the south coast.



4. Gallic War Uniface. Plain Arcs. Ambiani. Sills class 2b. c.57-56 BC. Gold stater. 15-17mm. 6.23g. Plain obverse./ M-shaped horse right, crescent and pellet below, plain exergual line with plain arcs and pellets. ABC 16 var., LT-, DT 238, VA 52-1, S 11. *EF, golden gold, heavyweight smooth flawless surfaces, full horse, clear exergue decoration.* **Est. £600 £500**

An exquisite example of the early, long-legged Plain Arcs Type which displays the defining exergual decoration clearly and completely.

Coins of the CANTIACI of Kent

Only nine others recorded



5. Yoke Sunflower. Sills class 1, Ribbon Rosette. c.50-40 BC. Gold quarter stater. 12mm. 1.22g. Blank./ Horse left, yoke motif above, sunflower below, ringed-pellets around. ABC 207, VA-, BMC-, DK 69, S-. *Near EF, golden gold, neat flan, well centred, full yoke. EXTREMELY RARE only nine others recorded.* **Est. £1750 £1400**

Unpublished by Spink, Van Arsdell and BMC, this is one of the elusive gold quarters of the Cantiaci, securely provenanced and in superb condition.



6. Amminus Plant. c.AD30-40. Silver unit. 10-12mm. 0.90g. Central plant in circle, AMM INVS around./ Pegasus stepping right, head facing, DVN below, beaded border. ABC 456, VA 192, BMC 2522-23, DK 105, S 188. *VF, good silver, bold DVN. **VERY RARE** only 17 others recorded, six of which are quite badly chipped.* **Est. £500 £400**

Amminus' plant has seven stems, Cunobelinus' has nine (ABC 2906, see No.41 this list). Struck at *Duno-*, a fortified site in Kent yet to be securely identified. Dr John Sills says Amminus may have been a son of Sego, not Cunobelinus as reported by Suetonius (*Gaius* 44.2).

**One of the most amazing Celtic minims
- only three others known**



7. Solidus Whale. c.40-43AD. Silver minim. 6mm. 0.26g. Whale left with big eye, SOL above, beaded border./ Sphinx seated left. ABC 477, VA-, BMC-, DK 110 (**this coin**), S-, *Num. Circ.* July 1993, p.188-189, fig. 13. CCI 04.0136 (**this coin**). *Good VF, good silver, full SOL. Ex Geoff Cottam collection, ex Chris Morrison collection, found Springhead, Kent, July 2002. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only three others recorded, including one in Birmingham Museum.* **Est. £1000 £800**

With consummate skill the British die cutter has engraved the world's largest mammal on one of the world's smallest coin dies. People in north Kent say that whales are sometimes seen in the Thames estuary. Presumably many more were sighted in the late iron age. This important pedigree piece is illustrated in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.69 (**this coin**).

Coins of the **REGINI** of West Sussex

**Ex Westergate hoard, West Sussex, c.2004
- published in *Divided Kingdoms***



8. Selsey Two-Faced. Two Bars Type. British Qa, Sills Class 2a. c.55-45 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 6.04g. Wreath design with crescentic hidden face and two bars between wreath and crescent./ Triple-tailed horse right, charioteer's arms above, wheel below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, DK 153, S 38. CCI 13.0505 (**this coin**). *Near EF, golden gold, beautifully toned, bold horse with full tails, smooth satin-like surfaces. A mint-state stater of scintillating quality. Ex John Follows collection, ex Westergate hoard, West Sussex, c.2004. **VERY RARE** only 18 others recorded, none in the British Museum. **Est. £1500 £1200***

You won't find the Two Boars Type in ABC, Van Arsdell or BMC. Yes, it's that scarce. This exceptional example has been published in *Divided Kingdoms* p.145 and 160 (**this coin**).



9. Sussex Lyre. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 11-13mm. 0.94g. Diademed head right, large curls for hair./ Globular horse right, wheel above, lyre leaning to left below. ABC 647, VA-, BMC 635, S-. *Good VF/ Nr EF, bright silver, bold horse, full lyre. Ex Terry McMorris collection.* **RARE Est. £450 £360**

Coins of the **BELGAE** of Hampshire



10. Chute. Sills class 1b. c.60-50BC. Gold stater. 17-19mm. 6.12g. Wreath pattern with downward facing leaves and fishlike hairlocks./ Disjointed triple-tailed horse left; shrimp, blobs and dots above, 'coffee bean' behind, disjointed crab below, zigzag exergual decoration with pellets. ABC 746, VA 1205, BMC 35-76, DK 302, S 22. *Good VF, as struck, large flan of fabulous yellow gold, beautifully ornamented with key features all displayed. Unmarked and in pristine condition.* **Est. £700 £550**

The unusually high grade reminds us of Chute staters we had from the Chute III hoard, Wiltshire, of 1994. See *CHIAB*, p.415-6. This is a beauty.



11. Danebury Scrolls. c.60-50 BC. Gold quarter stater. 13mm. 1.20g. Eight scrolls around central pellet in cogwheel./ Horse left, spoked wheel and two large pellets above, floral sun below. ABC 791, VA-, BMC 539, DK 273, S-. *VF, rose gold, clear floral sun. EXTREMELY RARE only seven others recorded, including one in the British Museum.* **Est. £1000 £800**

A distinctively British design honouring the druid sun-god.

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Coins of the **REGINI & ATREBATES** in the South

One of the few coins that may refer
to the father of Commios



12. Commios A-Type E-Type. Sills class 2. Gold quarter stater. 9mm. 1.20g. Letter A on plain field./ Horse left with ladder mane and leaf-like tail, EI monogram above, small ring with double-ring below (figure of 8 motif). ABC 1028, VA 353-1, BMC-, DK 326, S-. *Good VF, neat, chunky flan of rich rose gold, bold horse, full figure of eight and clear EI monogram.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only 14 others recorded, this is the first we've had since 2003. **Est. £1250 £1000**

What does the EI monogram mean? "The most plausible interpretation, by analogy with COM F and its variants on the issues of later rulers, is that it is an abbreviated patronym representing the otherwise unknown father of Commios" says Dr John Sills (DK p.321). We agree. We think Commios' father may have been called Eisu (see Who is E?, *Chris Rudd List* 126, November 2012, p.2-5).



13. Verica Vine Leaf. Leaping Horse Type. Sills class 5c. c.AD10-40. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.30g. Central vine leaf, VI to left, [RI] to right./ Warrior, holding shield and spear, riding horse facing right, C O F around, beaded border. ABC 1193, VA 520, BMC 1161, DK 367, S-. *VF/Good VF, rose gold, lovely warrior, full COF.* **SCARCE** **Est. £1250 £1000**

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.



14. Verica Cornucopiae Victory. c.AD10-40. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.27g. Pine-cone wand (*thyrsus*) between two cornucopiae, wine cup below, COM MIF around./ Long-robed female figure seated right, left hand raised, VERI in front, [CA] behind. ABC 1241, VA 531, BMC 1393-419, S 134. *EF, bright silver, well struck with bold cornucopiae.* **SCARCE** **Est. £450 £350**

Victorious Verica advertising his regal abundance, Roman style



15. Verica Trident. c.AD10-40. Silver minim. 7mm. 0.29g. Two crossed lines with central pellet and three miniature heads in each angle, beaded border./ Trident in plain field, beaded border. ABC 1295, VA 486, BMC–, S 145. CCI 99.0614 (**this coin**). *Good VF, cruciform design much clearer than average, usual die flaw on reverse. Ex Ian Thompson collection. Found Chichester, West Sussex, 11.10.1998. **VERY RARE** only 17 recorded, unlisted by Allen, Mack and Hobbs.* **Est. £250 £200**

This trident is also an EI monogram. See No.12.



16. Epaticcus Eagle. c.AD20-40. Silver unit. 12mm. 1.27g. 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, beaded border. ABC 1346, VA 580, BMC 2024-2293, S 356. CCI 97.1598 (**this coin**). *Near EF, bright silver, magnificent eagle, full EPATI. Ex Ian Thompson collection. Found West Sussex, December 1997.* **Est. £200 £160**

Coins of the ICENI of northern East Anglia

**Only one other recorded
and the first offered for public sale**



17. Talbot Type. Talbot's Early Pattern Horse (B). c.20-1 BC. Gold stater. 16mm. 5.45g. Corn-ear crossed-wreaths, back-to-back crescents at centre, 'eyelashes' within./ Horse left, Y-shaped head, corded mane, pellet under chin, wheel above, beaded ringed-pellet in front, six-pointed star below. ABC 1453, VA–, BMC–, S–. *Near EF, boldly struck in rose gold, fabulous fat horse, full star. First offered for public sale. Found NW Norfolk, 14.8.2017. **EXCESSIVELY RARE** only one other recorded.* **Est. £5000 £4000**

Commenting on the first recorded Talbot Type stater, also found in NW Norfolk, Dr John Talbot said: "We now appear to see high denomination East Anglian coins sharing obverse designs with Addedomaros, indeed so close are they that the staters could easily share dies...suggesting relationships that are more than design migration" (*Chris Rudd List* 61, 2002, p.3). We agree. We think that imitative coins such as the Talbot Type indicate that there was an alliance between the Iceni and the two major North Thames tribes, especially the Catuvellauni. See *Coin News*, April 2018 (**this coin**) and May 2018 (**this coin**). See note, p.1.



18. Freckenham Crescents. Ring and Star Type. Talbot dies F/8. c.AD5-20. Gold stater. 16-18mm. 5.28g. Back-to-back crescents, pellet triad above and below, row of pellets projecting each side with V-shapes, kerb below./ Big-eared, bent-legged horse right, beaded ring above containing pellets, ring in front. ABC 1447, VA 620-7, BMC 3386-88, S 426. CCI 94.1024 (**this coin**). *Good VF, rich rose-gold, bold crescents.* **VERY RARE** 21 others recorded from these dies, including 14 in Ipswich Museum. **Est. £1000 £800**
The horizontal kerb may have been designed to curb flan slippage during striking. The crescents were cribbed from North Thames staters.

**Unlisted by most major catalogues
- only ten others recorded**



19. Irstead Windflower. Talbot dies M/16. c.AD5-20. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.05g. Branch projecting from latticed square, over two back-to-back crescents, rings around./ Annulate horse right, floral sun above, pellet below tail, ringed-pellet below. ABC 1477, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Good VF, rose gold, clear windflower.* *Unlisted by most major catalogues.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only ten others recorded. **Est. £1000 £800**

Nos. 18 and 19 both belong to the same denominational group: Talbot's Boar Horse C. You're a genius, John.



20. Saenu. c.AD25-43. Silver unit. 11mm. 1.20g. Double moon emblem./ Horse right, SAENV below. ABC 1699, VA 770, BMC 4540-57, S 446. *VF, bold moons, clear horse.* *Ex George Wentworth collection.* **SCARCE** **Est. £185 £150**

If Celtic, Saenu may mean 'Old One'. If Germanic, 'Lake-Master' or 'Sea-Lord'.

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Coins of the **CORIELTAVI** of the East Midlands



21. North East Coast. Left Type. Sills Mint B, fig.8. c.60-50 BC. Gold stater. 19mm. 6.09g. Wreath motif with leaves facing inwards, horizontal line of pellets below./ Lunate horse left, pellets and crescent above, large pellet below, zigzag exergual decoration. ABC 1722, OVA 804, BMC 193-99, S 29. *EF, large flan of golden gold, sharply struck, full horse. Heavyweight, handsome, hard to find in such superlative condition.* **SCARCE** **Est. £1200 £1000**

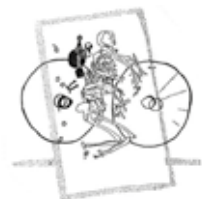
The horse and the zigzag on this mint-state stater were both copied from the earliest Gallic War Uniface staters, Sills class 1, c.58-57 BC.

From the land of the Parisi, one of the finest hidden faces we've seen



22. South Ferriby. Owl Eyes. Sills mint B, fig.13 var. c.45-10 BC. Gold stater. 17-19mm. 5.39g. Traces of wreath motif./ Lunate horse right, two large ringed-pellet eyes above, five-pointed star below. ABC-, VA-, BMC-, S-. CCI 12.0782 (**this coin**). *EF, large flan of rose gold, bold strike, owl eyes fully displayed. Found Wetwang Slack, East Yorkshire.* **EXTREMELY RARE** *only six others recorded inc. one plated.* **Est. £1500 £1200**

One of the finest hidden faces we've seen on a Celtic gold stater. Found in the land of the Parisi where 'Arras culture' cart burials have been discovered.



Burial 2 Wetwang Slack



23. Vepo Triadic. c.AD15-40. Gold stater. 18mm. 4.95g. Wreath crossed by bar with crescent at each end, ring of pellets in each crescent./ Lunate horse left, pellet under chin, VEP above (VE conjoined), [CO]RF below, pellet triad under tail. ABC 1854, VA 960, BMC 3302-03, S 410. *Near EF, rose gold, bold strike, clear pellet triad.* **RARE** **Est. £1250 £1000**

All parts of this dramatically designed stater stand out in high relief including the large bold letters of its legend. Found near Ludlow, Shropshire, in the land of the Cornovii 'Worshippers of the Horned One' (probably Cernunnos).



24. Domino. Sills Mint A, fig.6, Biface Domino Type. c.45-10 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.47g. Traces of wreath motif./ Disjointed horse left, triangle head, four pellet in box above, four-armed spiral below. ABC 1758, VA 829-1, BMC 3185-86, S 393. *Good VF, rose gold, clear 'domino' box.* **RARE** Est. £650 **£550**



25. X-Type Proto Boar. Rich Type 4a. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 14mm. 1.50g. Boar right, with 'pin cushion' hackles, X symbol over snout, large beaded ring above, beaded border./ Horse left, with corded mane, large beaded ringed-pellet and ringed-pellet above, ringed-pellet below, beaded exergual line with ladder like decoration. ABC-, VA 855-7, BMC 3202, S-. *Good VF, large flan of bright silver, well centred, beautifully ornamented. Ex Terry McMorris collection.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only 13 others recorded. Est. £450 **£360**

Ex Hotham Treasure hoard, 2012
- only ten others recorded



26. Volisios Dumnocoveros. c.AD 35-40. Silver unit. 15mm. 1.11g. VOLI SIOS in two lines tablet./ Lunette horse right, belt on neck and belly, DVM [NO] CO VE around (conjoined VE). ABC 1983, VA 980, BMC 3339, S 417. *EF, large flan, sharply struck, clear inscription. Ex Hotham hoard, E.Yorks, 2012.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only ten others recorded. Est. £800 **£650**

Found by Chris Hannard (67) and Roy Doughty (73). A superb specimen from an important Treasure hoard, see *Coin News*, May 2014, p.37-38 (**this coin**).

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27. Aunt Cost Blundered Legend. c.55-45 BC. Silver unit. 13mm. 1.02g. Blundered two-line inscription./ Horse left, double upper forelegs, pellet above. ABC 1950, VA-, BMC-, S-. *Good VF, bright silver, bold legend. Ex Graham Garner collection.* **RARE** Est. £450 **£360**

Coins of the **DOBUNNI** of the West Midlands

Spectacular specimen, best we've had



28. Sunburst Little Horse. c.20BC-AD5? Gold quarter stater. 13mm. 1.19g. Wreath motif, sunburst in centre, crescent 'eyes' below./ Triple-tailed horse right, pelletal sun ring above, ringed-pellets around, S-shape (small animal) below. ABC 2009, VA 1010, BMC 2942-46, S 375. *Good EF, mint condition, dazzling golden gold, fabulous wreath (not usually as well displayed), well centred horse. A spectacular specimen, best we've had.* **VERY RARE** Est. £750 **£600**

This is unquestionably the finest specimen we've encountered, with a far sharper obverse than the examples illustrated in ABC, Van Arsdell and BMC. Found near where it was minted.

Coins of the **EAST WILTSHIRE** tribal group

**Only nine others recorded
and this is one of the finest we've seen**



29. Helmet Lyre. c.50-40 BC. Silver unit. 13mm. 0.87g. Helmeted head left./ Horse left, lyre above, wheel below. ABC 2117, VA-, BMC-, S-, BNJ 1999, no.14. *Near EF, bold horse, clear lyre. One of the finest known. Found near Swindon, Wilts.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only nine others recorded. Est. £600 **£480**

Like ABC 674, 845-54, 1498 this was ultimately derived from the helmeted head of Roma on Republican denarii. An infinitely superior specimen to the one shown in ABC.

Coins of the **DUROTRIGES** of Wessex

Extremely fine and extremely rare



30. Chevron Tail. c.30BC-AD20. Silver stater. 19mm. 4.03g. Durotrigan wreath motif with small, slanted leaves and shallow crescent on end of hairbar./ Disjointed horse left, horizontal tail-lines with chevron pattern, horizontal 'coffee bean', dot between rear hooves. ABC 2172 var., VA-, BMC-, S-. *EF, virtually as struck, large flan, sharp chevrons. Ex Graham Garner collection, ex Matthew Rich collection. **EXTREMELY RARE** first we've had.* **Est. £350 £280**

This may (or may not) have come from the Upton, Hants., hoard, 1997, which included some staters with 'cross-hatching between the strands of the tail' (see *CHLAB* p.187-195). Certainly it's the finest Chevron Tail we've seen. A superb specimen in pristine condition.



31. Duro Boat Bird. c.50-30 BC. Silver quarter stater. 11mm. 1.08g. Three-men-in-a-boat motif./ Central thunderbolt, Y-shape to left, Y-shape and 'bird-like' object to right. ABC 2208, VA 1242, BMC 2734-47, S 368. *Bold EF, good silver, sharply struck. A superb quarter stater. Ex Ian Thompson collection. **SCARCE*** **Est. £350 £280**

Coins of the **TRINOVANTES** of Essex

First provenanced example since 1898



32. Shotley Type. Late Clacton. Sills British F1, class 1. c.50-40 BC. Gold stater. 19mm. 6.29g. Wreath motif./ Disjointed horse left, pellets above, radiate pellet rosette below, zigzag in crescentic exergue. ABC 2332, VA 1458, BMC 137-44, DK 415, S 26, *BNJ* 1993, p.13, no.13 (**this coin**), CCI 93.0285 (**this coin**). *Good VF, as struck in pale gold, superb solar sun. Ex Geoff Cottam collection. Found Chelmondiston, Suffolk, 1992-93. **VERY RARE** only 26 others recorded including 8 in the British Museum. **Est. £1000 £800*** Published in the *Classical Numismatic Review* 1994/2, no.408 (**this coin**) and in *Divided Kingdoms* (Chris Rudd 2017) p.436 and 469 (**this coin**), this is the first provenanced example of the Shotley Type to appear since the discovery of the Clacton hoard in 1898, which contained 15.



33. Dubnovellaunos Branch. A-Type Spacious. Sills class 2a. c.5BC-AD10. Gold stater. 15-17mm. 5.47g. Banded flan with wreath motif, two outline crescents and two ringed-pellets in centre, forming two 'sad' hidden faces./ Full-bodied horse prancing left, with corded mane, pellet under head, ringed-pellet above, wavy branch below, probably [DVBNOVALLAVNOS] above. ABC-, VA 1650-5 var., BMC 2431 var., DK 537 var., S 207. *Near EF, scintillating rose gold, well centred, bold horse with long branch. Basic A-Type RARE, 'spacious' reverse die UNIQUE? no others recorded.* **Est. £1250 £1000**

We've never seen a Dubnovellaunos Branch stater with so much plain space above and below the horse. Neither has anyone else. Dr John Sills says: "This one is from my obverse die 10, but the reverse is new" (pers.comm. 8.3.2018).

Coins of the CATUVELLAUNI of Hertfordshire



34. Early Whaddon Chase. Three Dots Type. Sills class 2. c.55-50 BC. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.76g. Wreath motif with rounded wings./ Horse right with beaded mane, wing motif above, ringed-pellet below with three tiny dots around it. ABC-, VA-, BMC 329-330 var. (horse not lurching forwards), DK 458, S 32. *Good VF, golden gold, bold wreath motif.* **Est. £1000 £800**

Possibly minted by authority of Cassivellaunos ('Bronze Commander'), leader of the British coalition against Caesar in 54 BC. This chunky example is deeply engraved and beautifully toned.



35. Great Waltham Chevron. Sills British Ab2, class 1. c.55-50 BC. Gold quarter stater. 10mm. 1.55g. Traces of left-facing two-legged animal./ Tree-like object on horizontal bar, reversed-L shape to right. ABC 2454, VA-, BMC-, DK 397, S-. *Good VF, as struck in golden gold on chunky little flan. Well-branched tree, bold L and bar. EXTREMELY RARE only 13 others recorded.* **Est. £375 £300**

This heavy quarter stater (Westerham Reversed L in ABC) was one of the first struck in Britain. Unlisted by VA, BMC and Spink.

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Sharper than the one shown in ABC



36. Whaddon Maltese Cross. Sills British La2, class 1. c.55-45 BC. Gold quarter stater. 14mm. 1.33g. Wreath, two rounded curls above, cloak lines bottom left, two crescents forming 'eyes' bottom right./ Long-eared horse leaping right, Maltese cross above, ringed pellets around. ABC 2457, VA 1478, BMC-, DK 463, S-. CCI 10.2785 (**this coin**). *EF, golden gold, clear Maltese cross. One of the finest known. Ex Queensland collection, found Standon/Braughing, Herts. **VERY RARE** only 19 others recorded.* **Est. £1500 £1200**

Sharper than the one shown in ABC, this exceptionally exquisite quarter stater is published in *Divided Kingdoms*, p.494 and 511 (**this coin**). We've never seen such a pretty one as this. "Only one other from this reverse die" says Dr John Sills (pers.comm. 8.3.2018).



37. Addedomaros Crescent Cross. Sills class 3. c.40-25 BC. Gold stater. 16-18mm. 5.57g. Crossed-wreath pattern with two central crescents back-to-back./ Well-formed horse right, AΘΘ[IIDOM] above, ringed-pellet above and below tail, wheel below. ABC 2514, VA 1605, BMC 2390-94, DK 487, S 200. *VF, rose gold, sharp letters. **RARE*** **Est. £750 £600**

The stater inspired the Icenian Talbot Type stater, ABC 1453 (see No.17).



38. Tasciovanos Verlamion. Sills class 4a. Kretz Type C, var. 3. c.20BC-AD10. Gold quarter stater. 11mm. 1.36g. Crossed wreaths, crescents in centre, VER[L] in angles./ Horse stepping left, bucranium above, TAS below. ABC 2598, VA 1690, BMC 1642-44, DK 523, S 224. *EF, rose gold, super sharp inscription, bold horse, flawless surfaces. One of the finest of the 53 recorded. **SCARCE*** **Est. £450 £360**

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39. Cunobelinus Plastic. No Stalk Type. Sills class 6. c.AD8-41. Gold stater. 17mm. 5.45g. Ear of barley without central stalk, CA to left, MV to right./ Horse right, pellet and branch above, ringed-pellet and CVNO below. ABC 2786, VA 2010, BMC 1815-23, DK 562, S 286. *EF/Good VF, rose gold, beautifully centred, well whiskered corn ear, full inscription.* **SCARCE** **Est. £850 £700**

Cunobelinus' corn ear is almost certainly an ear of barley. An imaginative refiguring of Dubnovellaunos' wreath-band that preceded it.

Wild Heart stater with 90-year pedigree - only six others recorded



40. Cunobelinus Wild Heart. Sills class 5, dies 42/75. c.AD8-41. Gold stater. 16-20mm. 5.36g. Ear of barley without central stalk, CA to left, MV to right./ Stallion rearing up right, star and branch above, heart-shape between front legs, CVNO below, beaded border. ABC 2780, VA 1931-3, BMC 1793, DK 559, S 284. CCI 08.8165 (**this coin**). *Good VF, large flan of toned rose gold, bold horse, clear heart. A well documented example of the most hotly desired Cunobelinus gold stater. Ex John Dresser collection; ex Peus 5.11.1986, lot 59; "dug up at Leyton, Essex" in 1927.* **EXTREMELY RARE** only six others recorded, including one in the British Museum. **Est. £3000 £2400**

The heart-shape on this magnificent Wild Heart gold stater is a simplified version of the heart-face seen on Cunobelinus' biga staters and quarters (ABC 2771, 2807). As we've said before, we believe this heart-face signifies the war-god Camulos ('The Potent One') and therefore also *Camulodunon*, which Cunobelinus took from Dubnovellaunos, which explains why Cuno's rearing stallion holds the heart-shape between its thrashing forelegs. Figuratively, Cuno's war-horse is capturing *Camulodunon*. The first known Wild Heart stater (BMC 1793) was found at Debenham, Suffolk, in 1801. Our Wild Heart stater has a 90-year-old pedigree and has been published by Derek Allen in *The Origins of Coinage in Britain: A Reappraisal, Problems of the Iron Age in Southern Britain*, ed. S.S.Frere (1960), p.230 (**this coin**); *Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles* 30,no.50 (**this coin**); and by Dr John Sills in *Divided Kingdoms* (Chris Rudd 2017) p.657 and 678 (**this coin**).



BMC 1793



41. Cunobelinus Plant. c.AD8-41. Silver unit. 11-14mm. 0.97g. Plant or branch with nine buds or fruits, traces of CVNOBELINVS around and within two circles, the outer one beaded./ Partially-cloaked Herculean figure walking right, holding club and thunderbolt, CA to left, MV to right, beaded border. ABC 2906, VA-, BMC 1897, S 309. *VF, lightly toned silver, clear plant. Ex Joseph Fay collection.* **VERY RARE** only 26 others recorded. **Est.£450 £360**

Sprig of acorns or poppyheads? cf. Amminus Plant, ABC 456, No.6 this list.

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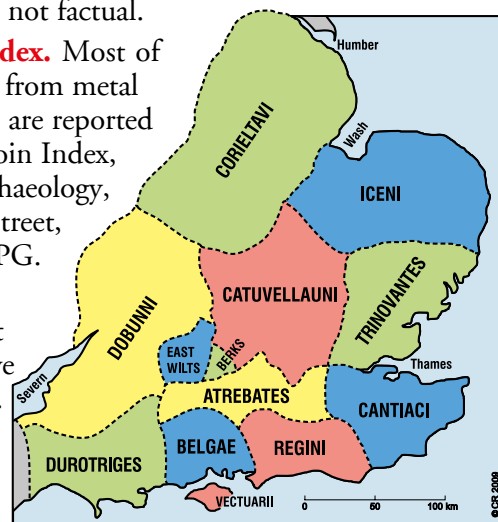
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