**BOUDICCA – CELTIC WARRIOR QUEEN**

Boudicca was Queen of the Iceni people of Eastern England and led major uprisings against the Romans. Her reign followed the death of her husband Prasutagus in 60AD.

She was described as being tall and had long reddish brown hair. It was said that she had a harsh voice and a piercing stare!

This warrior Queen made history for a reason. She overcame major hurdles and fought for her country, for her people and more importantly for herself. Although she lost the final battle at Watling Street, she never let the Romans conquer her.

Cassius Dio was a Roman historian and Senator. This is his record of Boudicca’s last speech:

“I was whipped by the Romans when they tried to take our lands – and now I am fighting for my freedom. Think how many of us are fighting and why.

We must win this battle or die. Let the men live as slaves if they want. I will not.”

It is not known what happened to Boudicca but it is said that she died 61/62AD, possibly by her own hand to prevent capture by the Romans.