

## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Below is an extract from Notes made by Herbert Castillion Hingston-Randolph who succeeded his father as Rector of All Hallows in 1911

*The worthy councillors of Ringmore sometimes relieve the tedium of their Meetings by propounding riddles, for I find the following on one of the fly-leaves [of their minutes books] - mathematical ones, too - dated 1767.*

1.                   *If one third of six be three  
                      What will one fourth of twenty be?*  
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2.                   *As I was beating on the forest grounds  
Up started a hare before my two grey hounds,  
The dogs being light of foot did fairly run  
Unto her fifteen rods just twenty-one.  
The distance that she started up before  
Was four score fifteen rods - just and no more!  
Now this I'd have you unto me declare -  
How far they ran before they caught the hare?*  
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*(After this, the Scribe, I suppose to bring himself to a more serious frame of mind, wrote out the Nunc Dimittis in full, and the Second Collect for Morning Prayer.)*

*H.C.H.R.*

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Answers to the riddles are on p.

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