



# Church News

## *Dinton*

### Ashe Plaque

DINTON

*To the Editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal.*

DEAR SIR,- On a slab in Dinton churchyard, situated in the angle formed by the chancel and north transept is the following inscription. There is no tradition relating to it. Can any of your readers throw any light on the subject? It alludes to some tragical event by which the poor boy met his death:-

Here lyeth the body of

JAMES ASHE, Esq.,

Who departed this life ye 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 1728

Aged 61 years.

Epitaph on brass-

*Here lyes dear to his Parents love and joy  
That most pretty and ingenious boy  
His matchless soul is not yet forgotten  
Though here the lovely body dead and rotten  
Ages to come to may wonder at his fame  
And here his death by shameful malice came  
How spiteful some did use him and how rude  
Grife will not let me write but now conclude  
To God for ever all praise be given  
Since we hope he is with him in heaven.  
I.A. 23. December, 1716*

There is no entry of the burial in the Register. Ashe does not seem to have been a Dinton family.

Your obedient servant,

NO ANTIQUARIAN

*(Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1858)*

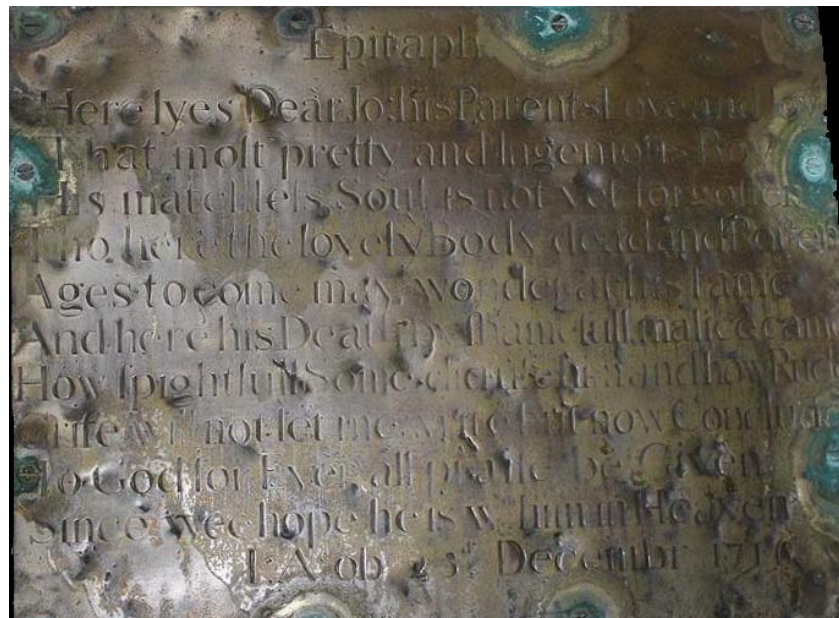
#### Correction

.....And the first line of the epitaph should have been –

*'Here lyes dear Jo: his Parents love and joy,'*

*(Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1858)*

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