

## THE MAGPIE CAFE COOKBOOK : INTRODUCTION

to answer these questions you don't need to look up more words. To understand everything, you do!

### Introduction:

What colour is the Magpie cafe? Where does it stand?

pp. (16/)17: Why did they stop doing only lunches and teas (something you eat) and start doing an all day menu instead? Who is Alison and what does she do now? How many people do they employ? What is the 'joy of the place'? (last but one paragraph.)

### 'Our hometown' :

Whitby: Why do the authors call Whitby 'a honeypot for tourists'?

Captain Cook: Was he born in Whitby? Where were his ships made? What was he the first person to do? Where was he killed?

Whitby Harbour: Why does Whitby have two lighthouses? What is the Bark Endeavour?

A fishy story : There was a lot of whaling in Whitby in the past. When or why did the sailors put a pair of whale jawbones on the mast of their ship? Kippers are smoked herrings. What kind of fire are they smoked over?

Whitby Abbey and St Mary's Church : Where do the ruins of the abbey stand? Who made the furniture inside St Mary's church? How long has Whitby had 199 steps?

The literary connection : What inspired the plot of 'Dracula'? Who was Caedmon? Why is Alice of 'Alice in Wonderland' associated with Whitby?

The jet set : When was jet jewellery most popular?

What is the name of the trees that fossilized to make jet? When did jet first become famous in Britain? What do you expect to find in the Whitby Jet Heritage Centre in Church Street?



NB Caedmon: The earliest known English poem is a hymn on the creation; the historian **Bede** (672-735) says **Caedmon** (fl. 658–680) wrote it. Legend says he was an illiterate herdsman who sang poetry from a dream in the cow-shed at the monastery at Whitby. Abbess Hilda believed he was inspired. This is generally said to be the beginning of Anglo-Saxon poetry.