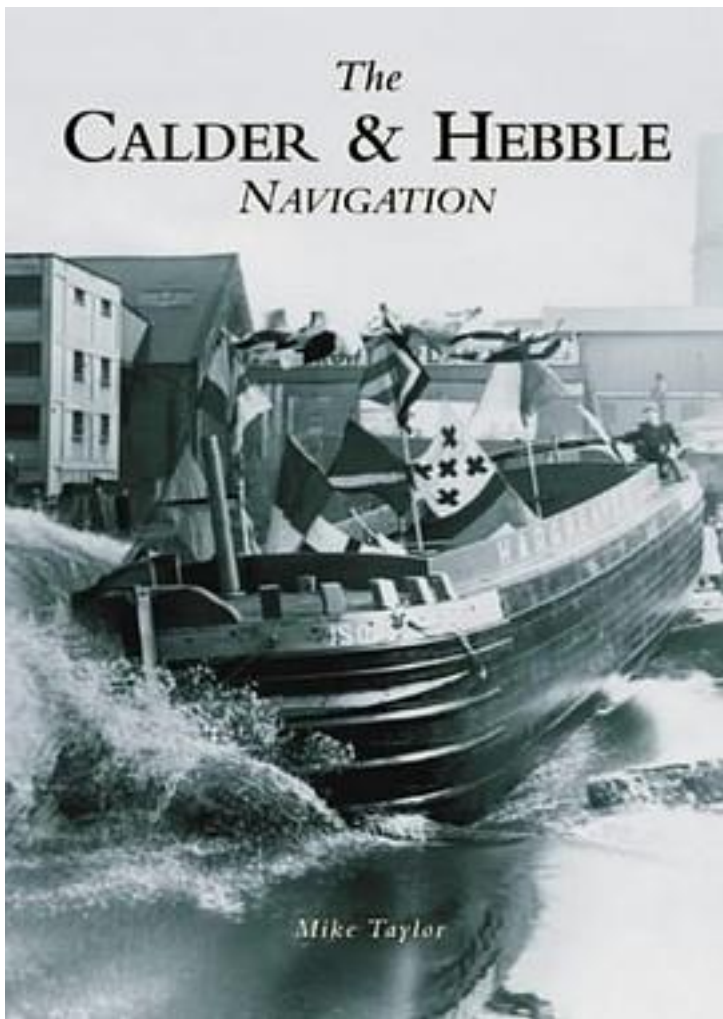


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The River Calder rises in the Pennines north of Todmorden and flows to Sowerby

Bridge and Salterhebble, where it receives the Hebble Brook. The river then flows through Elland, Brighouse, Mirfield and Dewsbury before reaching the Aire & Calder Navigation at Wakefield. The river was made navigable in the 1770s and soon after, with the construction of the Rochdale, Huddersfield and Huddersfield Narrow canals, became part of the Mersey-Humber trade routes. Trade was brisk for many years but by the 1940s the canal was in decline; the Halifax branch was closed and surrounding canals abandoned. However, commercial traffic on the navigation soldiered on till 1981, when shipments to Thornhill Power Station ceased. Illustrated within the pages of 'The Calder & Hebble Navigation' are over 200 images of canal boats (both horse-drawn and motor-powered), items of canal furniture and activity on the navigation's many wharfs.

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