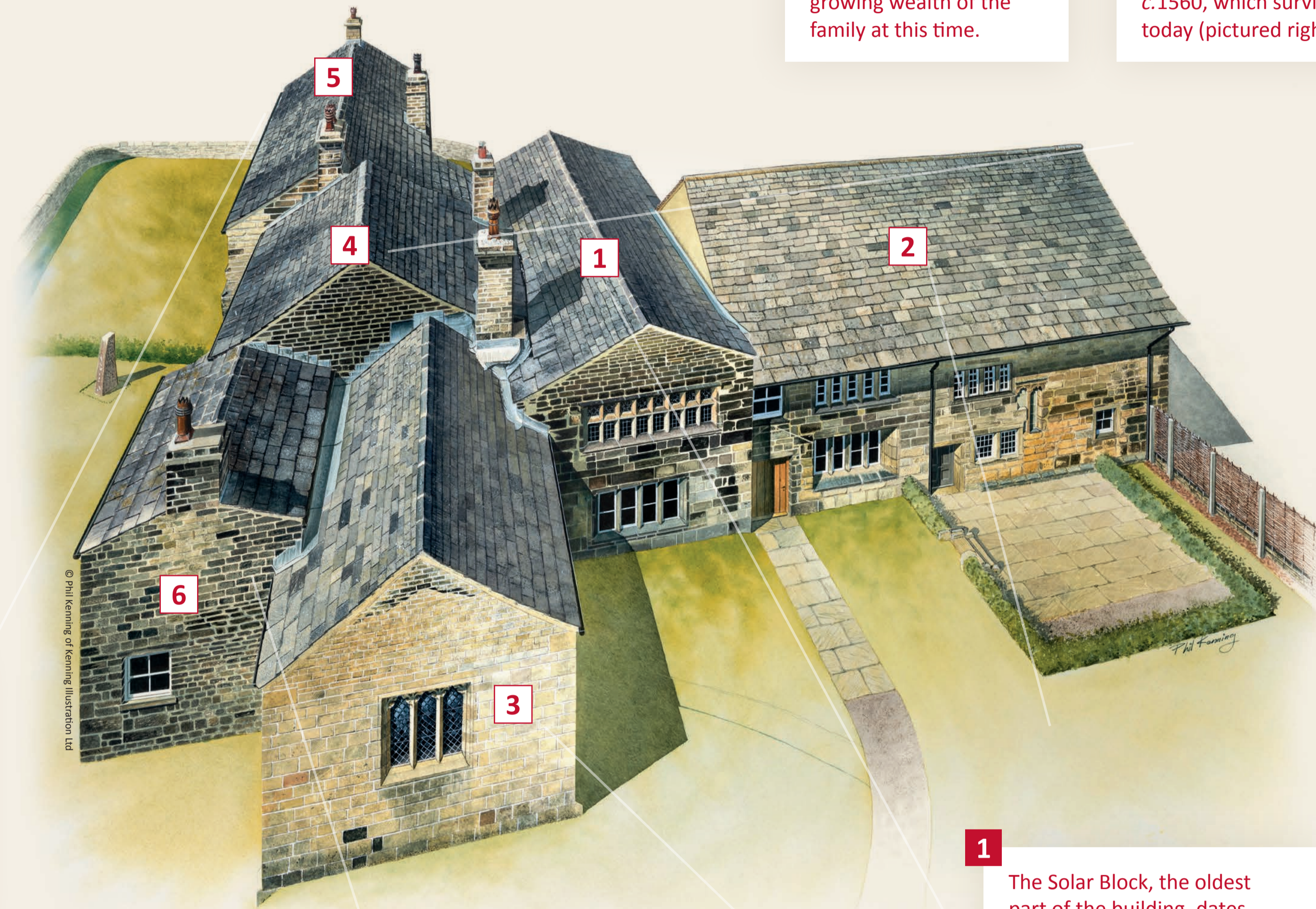


Calverley Old Hall

Living at Calverley Old Hall

Calverley Old Hall was originally the home of the Scot family, who moved here from Scotland in the 12th century. In the early 14th century, the family built a small, timber-framed first-floor house on the current site. The family also changed their name to Calverley, naming themselves after the area which they now called home.

Over time, the Calverley family's fortunes rose and fell with their wealth and status. Calverley Old Hall remained the home of the Calverley family for another 400 years until 1754, being expanded and changed by successive generations. Originally surrounded by large open fields and farmland, Calverley Old Hall is now nestled in the heart of the village.



5 The Lodging Block, adapted from part of the original L-shaped hall house between **1566–91**. This part of the building suffered a fire in 1977 (pictured left), shortly after which it was put up for sale by the Thornhill Estate.



6 Further small outbuildings and cottages were added in the **18th and 19th centuries**, however only this one now survives.

3 The Chapel was added around **1500**.

Calverley Old Hall in the 1960s, by then divided into eight small cottages. The white wall belonged to two cottages built onto the Chapel in the 19th century, which were removed in the 1980s.

2 The Great Hall was added between **1477–97**. The addition of these new buildings reflects the growing wealth of the family at this time.

4 The Parlour Block, added between **1514–39**. The upper floor features a chamber decorated with a lavish scheme of wall paintings, added c.1560, which survive today (pictured right).



From the Calverley family to The Landmark Trust

During the 17th century, the fortunes of the Calverley family began to decline. Under the shadow of two tragic family murders in 1605 and with large debts looming, a beneficial marriage to wealthy heiress Frances Thompson of Esholt helped to restore the family's fortunes. In c.1665 the family moved away from Calverley Old Hall, re-establishing the family home at nearby Esholt Hall, which they rebuilt in 1706.

In 1754 Calverley Old Hall was sold to the Thornhill family, and was subdivided into small cottages that were let out to local people. Many of the tenants worked in the agriculture or cloth industries. Calverley Old Hall remained in the care of the Thornhill Estate until 1981, when the Landmark Trust acquired the building to save it and keep it in single ownership.

In 1982–3 the Landmark Trust restored the Lodging Block, which had been badly damaged by fire in 1977. This use continued until 2021. Landmark gradually cleared the rest of the Old Hall and kept it weathertight as the cottages fell vacant. In 2024, thanks to The National Lottery Heritage Fund and many other generous donations, the Landmark Trust have been able to repair the whole building to be enjoyed once again.



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