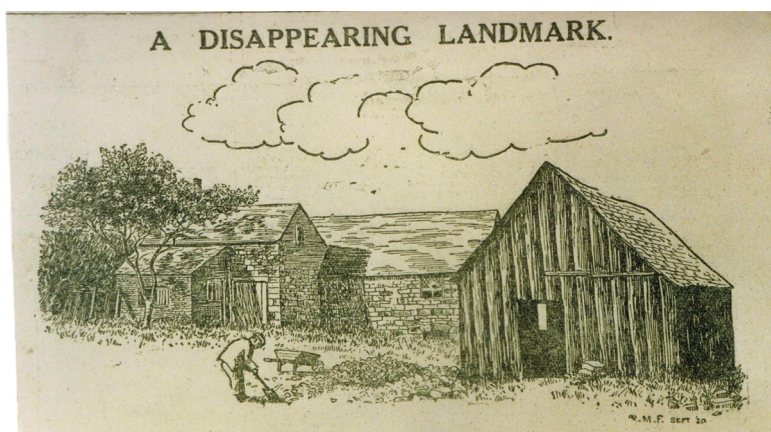


**It was with regret that we learnt of the death of Jimmy 'Toller' Adams, a very familiar face at the Fishermen's Museum. Jim worked at the Museum for many years and would subsequently often call in. His knowledge of the Hastings fishing industry was encyclopaedic and was willingly shared with all. One of the characters of The Stade, he had not enjoyed the best of health recently. He will be much missed.**

While browsing through our archive for something else I came across copies of drawings by William Meadows Fisher which had been in an Old Town week exhibition. He lived at 155 Harold Road, and one of his drawings is a view from the house. There are various Old Town subjects and also this one published in the Hastings and St Leonards Observer 25/9/1920, headlined a Disappearing Landmark "picturesque but decayed Barley Lane farmhouse one of the sites in the local housing scheme on which operations have been commenced".



Above: "The London Road " ie the A21

Below left: "The view from one of our upstairs bay windows."  
Painted from 155 Harold Road.



William was born in 1856 in Camberwell. His parents were Stephen and Hannah, both born in Gloucestershire. They had a large family. The 1871 census lists William age 11, Mary age 14, Stephen age 11, Hannah age 9, Henry age 7 and Frank age 4. Stephen senior age 45 was working as a clerk in the Stationery Office; at this date they were living at 2 Brier House, Camberwell. By the 1891 census they are living at 155 Harold Road, called Longborough after Hannah senior's birthplace.

Stephen died in 1910 and Hannah in 1921. William died in 1941 at Fairlawn, Belmont Road, the home of his younger sister.

From the British Newspaper Archive

Hastings and St Leonards Observer 26/11/1910

*MR. STEPHEN FISHER. Clive Vale has lost a respected resident by the death of Mr. Stephen Fisher, of Longborough, Harold-road, after comparatively short illness. The late Mr. Fisher was a Gloucestershire man by birth, and his genial disposition made him very popular- He had lived at Hastings for over 20 years. Previous to coming to Hastings, he was [in] the Civil Service in Her Late Majesty's Stationery Office. Mr. Fisher was an ardent Conservative. He formerly attended All Saints Church, and latterly worshipped at Christ Church Ore. He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters. The younger daughter the wife Councillor F- W. Morgan. The funeral will take place next Monday at the Borough Cemetery.*

Stephen and Hannah were buried in KA H01 and William in KA G02 in Hastings cemetery