

NEWBURY HOUSE



This year's featured building is the Newbury House. It will be on the awards and on the tee shirts. What is different about this year's building is that you can hang it on the wall (if you win an award), wear it on your back (if you buy the tee shirt) or stay there overnight (if you get those reservations in).

"Historic Newbury House has been welcoming guests almost continuously since 1880 when the British-American village was founded. It's now updated with modern amenities, but still features authentic Victorian era furnishings to help you step back in time. The parlor's sideboard is original to the house. Five rooms are upstairs and the suite is on the ground floor. Located in the heart of the village, Newbury House is just a short walk to Rugby's restaurant, the [Harrow Road Café](#)."¹

"This "public house" has been in use since 1880 and once served as board and lodging. In 1881, a typhoid epidemic took the lives of seven residents of the home. Rumor has it that single female guests have been known to wake up in the middle of the night with the ghost of a man standing over their bed. Reports believe the ghost is Charles Oldfield. The historic home has the Charles Oldfield Room (room 2) which is reported to have the most activity."²

"Guests staying in the Newbury House, particularly in room 2, say they are often awakened by a ghostly male figure standing over them, especially single female guests. Rumor has it the man is Mr. Oldfield, a gentleman who was sent to report on the Rugby colony's progress in the 1880s. He fell in love with the area and sent for his family, but fell ill and died before they arrived. Take your chances staying in the halls of these beautiful houses, but don't be surprised if you have a visitor in the night."³

¹ Historic Rugby; <http://www.historicrugby.org/newbury-house/>

² Tennessee Haunted Houses; <https://www.tennesseehauntedhouses.com/real-haunt/1880-newbury-house.html>

³ Scariest Haunted Places in Tennessee <http://www.articlecats.com/index.php/11-scariest-haunted-places-in-tennessee/>