

Holistic Massage

We can all benefit from this lovely experience, whether to maintain health, to help soothe and calm body and mind or to treat specific muscles. Perhaps you feel in need of some healing touch or pampering.

How can massage help you?

Massage helps relax and tone the muscles and skin, stimulating the flow of blood and encouraging lymph drainage. This allows more oxygen to reach body cells and gets rid of waste, thereby aiding all body systems to function more efficiently.

Regular massage improves overall health, providing a space for total relaxation giving the body an opportunity to heal itself. (Stress suppresses the immune system).

Massage helps to recreate the need for touch which can be very healing in itself, bringing about a greater sense of well-being.

Massage also heightens body awareness, helping redress the balance in our mind-oriented society.

What does treatment involve?

Sue works intuitively with different techniques including Swedish, neuromuscular and spine and neck realignments. You may come for massage predominantly for relaxation or you may have specific areas of tension where deeper massage is required, most commonly on back, shoulders and neck – or you may need a combination of techniques. The treatment is tailored to your needs.

Relaxing Massage calms and soothes bringing deep relaxation to body and mind. It is a profoundly nourishing experience.

Deep Tissue Massage is used to create suppleness and fluidity in the muscles. The whole body responds as other systems, such as the skeletal and nervous systems, re-adjust.

Aromatherapy

Aromatherapy uses a combination of relaxing massage and pure essential oils. These plant essences are extracted from various parts of plants and are said to possess powerful healing properties. They are easily absorbed by the skin, hence massage has been found to be the most effective way of using them. Via the skin, the oils enter the blood stream and are carried to every cell in the body. Combining fragrant oils with massage makes full use of our most basic senses – smell and touch.

How can Aromatherapy help you?

Aromatherapy can help a wide range of both physical and psychological problems, especially skin complaints and stress related problems such as anxiety, depression, insomnia and headaches. It also helps boost the immune system.

Aromatherapy may help muscles and joints, respiration, digestion, menstruation, circulation, hormonal imbalance and all systems of the body.

What does treatment involve?

Your first aromatherapy session will start with a consultation after which a combination (or synergy) of oils will be chosen to suit you.

Reflexology

Massaging and touching the feet to help the body is a very ancient practice. Pictures showing a type of foot massage were discovered in an ancient Egyptian tomb. American Indian tribes used massage on the feet to maintain physical, mental and spiritual balance. Reflexology can be related to the ancient Chinese healing therapy of acupuncture, which is used to help release the flow of energy, allowing the body to heal itself.

What is reflexology?

Reflexology is a holistic therapy that treats the feet in order to encourage the whole body back to its natural state of balance. By applying pressure to parts of the feet known as reflex areas, connected areas of the body will feel the benefit. Reflexology sees the feet as a mini map or mirror of the body's anatomy, and in this way any body system can be accessed and stimulated.

How can Reflexology help you?

This treatment has a deeply relaxing effect and, since 75% of disease is said to be stress related, reflexology is very beneficial. It is said to improve blood circulation, increasing the supply of oxygen and helping to maximise the efficiency of all organs and cells. It improves the efficiency of the nervous system and during a session approximately 7000 nerves are stimulated.

What does treatment involve?

You will be asked to remove shoes and socks and lie on a treatment couch so that you can completely relax.

Sue Thomas has practised massage for 24 years, qualifying at Marble Arch in 1989. Sue studied aromatherapy at Greenwich College, qualifying in 1998, and reflexology in Lewisham, qualifying in 2004. All qualifications were gained with ITEC (International Therapy Examination Council)

Sue is a member of the Complementary Therapists Association (EmbodyForYou.com) and is fully insured. She is registered with the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council - the 'gold standard' for practitioners. Sue is a fully qualified counsellor.

All Information is held in strict confidence.

Sue has a long interest in complementary health care and has undertaken courses in neuro-muscular techniques, posture improvement, herbal medicine, Chinese medicine and nutrition.

Sue worked for several years within the NHS as massage therapist/ aromatherapist, taking referrals directly from GPs and physiotherapists. She has also worked in mental health offering massage therapy.

Sue welcomes you to enjoy, and benefit from, massage, aromatherapy and reflexology – an excellent way to look after yourself, to take time and space for yourself, to relax and recuperate.

All initial sessions start with a consultation, and last about 1 hour and 30 mins. Allow about 1 hour 15 mins for follow-up sessions. The massage itself lasts a full hour. For massage and aromatherapy you will need to undress down to your underwear and will be covered in warm towels.

Friday eve/Sat afternoon + other times

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Visiting service available

Gift tokens

A massage makes a lovely present!

Advice and ideas!

~ It is inadvisable to eat a large meal or drink alcohol before treatment

~ Drink plenty of water afterwards

~ Allow some time and space afterwards to relax and to reap the full benefits

~ If possible, it is good to prepare your skin prior to massage by taking a shower/ bath

Relax & Revitalise

~ nourishes body and mind ~ calms and soothes ~ improves suppleness
~ tones skin and muscles

Massage

Aromatherapy

Reflexology

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All treatments £48
fee negotiable - please ask!

Free initial consultation
FULL ONE HOUR MASSAGE