

A close-up photograph of a person's back being massaged by a therapist. The therapist's hands are visible, applying pressure to the muscles. The background is softly blurred, showing a massage table and some indoor decor. A diagonal white line cuts across the top right corner of the image.

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## Treatments & Therapies

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# Treatments & Therapies

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# Acupuncture

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Acupuncture is calming and restorative, excellent for balancing energy and can stimulate self-healing. It helps with embedded long term physical and emotional issues.

Symptoms commonly eased include fatigue, headaches, fertility issues, hip and back pain, tennis elbow, sciatica, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and hay fever.

Using very fine needles the treatment helps to rebalance and improve energy in the body. Moxibustion uses dried herbs to heat and stimulate points and channels in the body and helps the acupuncture treatment to work better.

The session lasts an hour during which details are taken including your current health, previous issues and medications. Your pulse is taken and tongue reviewed with treatment decided on based on the resulting diagnosis.

Loose clothing is ideal as most points used are on arms and legs. It is useful to have an outline of your past medical history and a clear impression of an ideal outcome from the treatment. The treatment may cause a little tiredness but not in every case.

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# Practitioners



## Bryan Melville

### *Acupuncturist*

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Bryan, who is originally from New Zealand, qualified as an acupuncturist in 1995 at The College of Integrated Chinese Medicine in Reading and is a member of The British Acupuncture Council.

Believing strongly in treating the whole person and not just a particular symptom, Bryan studied integration of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Five Element Acupuncture. His experience is that TCM helps relieve the physical symptoms whilst Five Element Acupuncture works to reach deeper, more emotional conditions. The combination leads to a healthier balance achieved more quickly.



# Emotional Freedom Technique

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Emotional Freedom Technique combines ancient eastern philosophy with modern day psychology.

It is a method whereby the tapping of certain pressure points with the fingers, whilst focusing on a negative emotion, sends calming signals to the brain. This balances the body's energy system and transforms perception and mindset around a problem in a beneficial way.

With EFT, stress may be alleviated whether it be an emotional or physical issue and it can increase self-belief and confidence. It may help general anxiety, depression, sleep problems, digestive issues, weight issues or negative thought patterns, for example.

Causes of these could vary from difficult childhood experiences, loss of loved ones, marriage break-ups, stressful health issues or self- confidence issues.

An EFT session is carried out whilst seated. You will be taught to use the technique whilst being guided through your specific issues gently and safely, enabling you to feel relaxed and supported throughout the process.

Please wear comfortable clothes, drink plenty of water after a treatment and be assured that all sessions are completely private and confidential.

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## Nicky Minter

### *Emotional Freedom Technique Practitioner*

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Nicky sees clients for an initial session and if they find the techniques and methods helpful, ways to continue with EFT can be discussed after the session. Nicky is an EFT practitioner, a mindfulness teacher and a hypnotherapist.

She has been working with clients for 20 years, using her experience and intuition to help guide clients through challenges and assist them to increase a positive mindset. She teaches gentle and effective techniques to help them explore, process and transform the triggers and causes of emotional distress.

Aiming to help people to accept themselves as they are, take control of their problems and support them to move forwards with an empowered mindset and improved physical and emotional wellbeing.

# Reiki

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Reiki is an energy healing technique that originated in Japan. It clears blockages and supports the body's natural healing process.

Studies have shown a positive benefit to the nervous system, calming and relaxing the mind and body, decreasing heart rate and promoting balance.

Reiki isn't specific to any type of condition or illness but works on an individual at all levels – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. During a session, a client lies fully clothed on a couch (or seated if preferred) and the therapist holds their hands over the body with occasional light touch. In some cases, you may feel heat, cold, tingling or pulsing.

It's a gentle and non-invasive therapy with no pressure or manipulation and most people feel extremely relaxed and peaceful after a session.



# Practitioners



**Caroline Metz**

*Reiki*

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Caroline has a passion for natural health and the ability of the body to heal itself given the right tools and support. She is especially interested in how our emotions affect our physical health. Dedicated to prevention as well as alleviating conditions Caroline aims to provide you with information and to guide and support you to optimum health in a holistic way that works for you. Her approach is non-judgemental, calm and compassionate.

# Structural Integration

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Structural Integration (SI) or Myofascial Release alters the structure of the body, for example where natural movement is reduced or very repetitive the fascia may become dense and strained which can increase tension. SI will work to enable longer lasting ease of movement.

The way we move and interact with our environment shapes our fascia and can affect its formation positively or negatively. Where there is tension, everything else must compensate which makes overall movement more difficult and potentially painful. SI is useful for any musculoskeletal movement issues, for example, neck and jaw tension, shoulder problems, spinal, rib and pelvic issues, knee and foot problems.

Applying suitable fascial techniques softens and hydrates the fascia which also helps to calm the nervous system. This creates 'space' for both movement and the breath which is integrated during the session.

It has become increasingly important to bring more

# *Structural Integration*

movement back into daily living, given how the stresses and challenges of modern life impede our movement ability.

Each session begins with an assessment of the current body pattern to identify areas of restriction. The work is carried out in direct skin contact where convenient, or through light clothing. It is therefore best to lose or non-restrictive clothing. A treatment will leave you feeling gently energised, more grounded and with renewed mobility.



## Nicki O'Clarey

### *Structural Integration Practitioner*

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Nicki has an avid curiosity and respect for human biology having studied movement and exercise science along with various somatic movement practices for over 30 years.

Nicki particularly likes to explore methods that awaken the senses and the body's natural movement pathways endeavouring to find ways to bring the work from Structural Integration sessions into home practice and daily living. Believing that maintaining movement potential and feeling connected helps us remain adaptable is key to being able to move more easily through life.

Nicky also specialises in Scar Tissue Therapy, a dedicated form of fascial work that incorporates a range of specific techniques to ease restrictions, increase hydration and restore mobility. It uses light touch to stimulate circulation and lymph flow to activate the immune and the nervous system to promote further healing.



# Osteopathy

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Osteopathy supports and promotes the body's remarkable abilities for self healing and self regulation. It can be applied to almost anything and anyone to facilitate optimal health and wellbeing.

Patients will have an opportunity to discuss pain management strategies and receive advice on exercise specific to their complaints.

Osteopathy looks at the biomechanics and dynamic equilibrium of how we move and hold ourselves in daily life, and sporting situations. The subtle and powerful cranial sacral approach seeks to balance the internal mechanisms of the fluids and tissues.

During the one hour session that includes an initial consultation, we will learn about what you wish to gain from treatment and how the Practitioner can help and support you. The Practitioner will agree on a treatment plan with you so that you will be fully involved and comfortable with the treatment.

It's best to wear loose, comfortable clothing, we might ask you to undress some items of clothing, if appropriate and if you feel comfortable with that.

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## Victoria Kent

### *Osteopath*

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Victoria is a multi-disciplinary osteopath with over 25 years' experience, specialising in women, babies and children.

Having graduated from the British School of Osteopathy in 1998, she started her professional career with two of the UK's leading osteopathic clinics. At the Penn Clinic (Hatfield, Herts) she specialised in cranial osteopathy and babies and was directly mentored by Caroline Penn for 4 years. At the Kane and Ross Clinic (Wimpole St and Sloane St London) she focussed on pregnancy and post-natal care of mothers and new-borns, working in direct conjunction with obstetricians from renowned hospitals The Portland and St John & Elizabeth's.

Returning to her hometown of Bath in 2005 she ran her own practice for five years, The Victoria Kent Clinic.





## Oscar Marcus

### *Osteopath*

Oscar's journey into the realm of healthcare began with a deep passion for movement, humbly inspired by the study of martial arts and Eastern philosophies.

After gaining experience in the field, Oscar's curiosity and reverence for the human body propelled him to pursue a master's degree in Osteopathy, a journey marked by both challenges and profound insights.

Oscar's ongoing commitment to learning and his dedication to helping others understand their bodies and their innate capacity for self-healing remain central to his mission. With reverence, he strives to empower individuals and animals to unlock their potential for adaptation, self-healing, and wellbeing.

# Reflexology

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Reflexology is a therapeutic method which clears restrictions to the natural ability to create good health by stimulating pressure points on the feet and hands which correspond to the body's systems.

It is profoundly relaxing, powerful for relieving tensions, pain and feelings of confusion or disorientation. Afterwards, you may feel relaxed, rejuvenated and energised, with restored mental clarity.

Reflexology works through pressure points (reflexes) to affect the body, which holds the energy of the mind and emotions.

A session lasts an hour. Sitting in a reclining reflexology chair your feet or hands will be massaged and points manipulated by touch appropriate to your needs whilst Rosalind focuses on the causes of illness and pain.

Reflexology is very effective for easing stress related conditions, anxiety, back pain, digestive problems, breathing issues, headaches, migraines and many other issues.

*Reflexology*

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## Rosalind Oxenford

### *Reflexologist*

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Rosalind combines her years of professional experience with an empathetic and nurturing presence. She has the amazing ability to recognise where life's stresses are held in the body and to gently ease them with the most intuitive of touches. She is highly experienced in holistic medicine and with a background in healing and homoeopathic training.

Having qualified in 1990 Rosalind is a member of The Association of Reflexologists and set up her own training school, The Bath Reflexology Centre, in 1995. She has written two books on reflexology.

Rosalind has been instrumental in setting up the Combe Grove wellness practitioners' portfolio and is always happy to share her wider holistic knowledge with her clients and colleagues.







# Shiatsu

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Shiatsu is a Japanese acupressure therapy that is a floor based treatment and aims to restore balance on an energetic level by working on the meridian system. It is founded in traditional Chinese medicine that includes all aspects of life, therefore the Practitioner may address a variety of lifestyle factors.

This touch based therapy is centred around rebalancing the energetic system by working on certain meridians which are said to be a manifestation of any sort of imbalance, whether that be physical, emotional, mental or spiritual.

In a shiatsu treatment, one can expect gentle full body stretches, joint articulations, palming techniques and acupressure points.

It is a one hour session that includes an initial consultation.

This treatment only requires loose fitting clothing. You need to be comfortable getting up from the floor as the treatment is performed on a futon.

*Shiatsu*

# Cranial Sacral Therapy

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Cranial Sacral Therapy works with the subtle, involuntary motions in your body that we believe to be the expression of health in the tissues. You can imagine it like a cellular breath of expansion and contraction that is present in every single body part. With cranial sacral treatment, we aim to encourage this free expression of the tissues to support the body's self-healing capacity.

Cranial Sacral principles consider health from a holistic perspective. This practice aims to find where the self-healing mechanism of the body might be impaired and help the body to restore its natural balance. During Cranial Sacral treatment you may be offered manual techniques that work with your joints, muscles, bones and connective tissues. You will have an opportunity to discuss pain management strategies and receive advice on exercises specific to your complaint.

During the session, we will take a case history and learn about what you wish to gain from treatment and how I can help and support you. We will agree on a treatment plan together so that you will be fully involved and comfortable with the treatment.

It is best to wear loose, comfortable clothing, you may be asked to undress to a degree, if appropriate and if you feel comfortable.

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## Alexandra Sticher

### *Shiatsu and Cranial Sacral Therapist*

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Over 25 years ago Alexandra's work with horses inspired her involvement with Healing and Shiatsu. Her passion is to support your unique healing journey. Alexandra offers you a safe space in which deep-seated patterns are recognised and transformed, conditioned beliefs unlearned.

The treatments are deeply nourishing and beneficial for people of any age, even for those who are fragile or in acute pain. They can be used preventatively and for the underlying causes of a wide variety of conditions: stress and pain management, recovery from surgery, long-term illness, depression, anxiety, poor sleep.

The treatments support and complement any psychotherapy or Western medical treatment you may be having. With Alexandra, you can build up an empowering repertoire of practical, effective tools, which you may choose to integrate into your daily life.

# Naturopathy

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The Naturopathic approach to health explores your mental/emotional, physical and biochemical health and how this in turn affects your vitality. Naturopathic treatments have been tailored to work with your programme here at Combe Grove and will last for up to one hour.

Abdominal Massage – if you are struggling with feeling a level of constipation or bloating with the change in your diet, the Practitioner will work with abdominal massage to gently help your gut start moving. This is also a very calming treatment that may benefit you if you find stress goes to your gut. Practitioners will work with a combination of breathing techniques, Reiki, fascia release and massage to help you release that emotional tension you may be holding there.

Lymphatic Cleansing Massage and Castor oil pack – supporting your lymphatic system and your liver. This treatment will start with the Practitioner using lymph pump and massage techniques to promote lymph flow and drainage before applying a castor oil pack over your liver area, gently supporting you if you are feeling any detox symptoms.

# Naturopathy

Naturopathic Constitutional Hydrotherapy – this treatment involves using water as a healing medium. You will be lying on your back to start with while hot towels are applied to your abdomen. Cold linen is then applied and you are wrapped up cosy and warm as the body works to warm up the linen on your belly. The process is repeated on your lower back. This treatment improves circulation to the area with the change from a hot to a cold stimulus, encourages the immune system, helps to remove waste products from the body and sends more oxygen and nutrients to the tissues in the area. It is supportive for any gut or liver problems or lower back pain.



## Lucy Peel

### *Naturopath*

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Lucy has a BSc in Naturopathy and an MSc in Nutritional Therapy. She is registered with the General Council and Register of Naturopaths (GCRN).

As a Naturopath, Lucy uses a toolbox of treatments to help bring the body back into balance depending on the person's health needs. This includes naturopathic nutrition, detoxing and cleansing, therapeutic massage, fascia release, breath work and breathing, lymphatic cleansing, naturopathic hydrotherapy, Bach Flower remedies, yoga and Reiki.







# Counselling

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Counselling is a talking therapy that can empower you and help you gain a better understanding of issues or challenges that you may be facing. This is done by exploring, expressing and reflecting on your thoughts and feelings relationally with the counsellor in a supportive and confidential space. For many people, coming to counselling is the first time they may feel truly heard, accepted as they are, and fully understood.

*Counselling*



## Lisa Kibble

### *Counsellor*

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Lisa is a committed and compassionate counsellor trained in 'person-centred counselling' which means you are supported to bring what you need to. With warmth and without judgement, Lisa creates a safe and nurturing space where individuals can explore their thoughts, emotions and challenges, with the aim of enabling you to make the changes you wish to make in your life.

Each individual's journey is unique, and Lisa's integrative training which draws on a range of theories, means that counselling sessions are tailored to meet your own specific needs and goals.

Through active listening and empathic understanding,

Lisa helps clients to gain insights into their feelings and behaviours, leading to increased self-awareness and the development of healthier coping mechanisms.

Lisa completed a BA in Fine Art and practised as an artist before training as a counsellor. As well as her private practise Lisa has worked with a local youth charity for the past four years counselling young adults. She has experience of working across a wide range of client issues, and also has a particular interest in a holistic approach. Seeing the whole person through a holistic approach means working with the person's experience and feelings in relation to all parts of themselves; emotional, mental, physical and spiritual. She also has a special interest in working with adults with diagnosed or suspected ADHD.

Lisa is registered with The British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and abides by their code of ethics.

# Physiotherapy

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Physiotherapy, dating back to 1896, has evolved into a diverse field covering a range of healthcare modalities. It emphasizes manual therapy, exercise, and holistic understanding of body movement. This comprehensive and individualised approach underscores physiotherapy's commitment to improving mobility and overall well-being.

In a standard Physiotherapy session, Barry will normally assess how you stand walk and balance, along with testing general muscle strength and flexibility, therefore dressing in clothing that allows him to clearly see areas of the body clearly is very useful (shorts and vest top are normally good).

Following the assessment, you can look together with Barry, at what needs to be done and this can be a combination of manual therapy and exercise therapy.



## Barry Edwards

### *Physiotherapist*

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Barry believes in not treating just the injury, but in understanding what caused it in the first place. After graduating in 1998 with a BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy and completing an MSc in Sports Science and Injury in 2006, Barry has worked within the NHS, for the Army, and for the University of Bath where he worked for 18 years in elite sport.

Additionally, Barry worked as a Personal Trainer, Gym Instructor and group Exercise Instructor for over 30 years, also having trained in Acupuncture and modified Pilates.



## Francesca Orlandi

### *PSYCH-K Practitioner*

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Francesca is a psychotherapist, and she trained in EMDR therapy. Her areas of interest and expertise are childhood trauma and intergenerational trauma. She believes in healing modalities, like PSYCH-K®, that seek to include all parts of the self in the process of transformation: mind, body and spirit. The core principle is that we are not isolated but connected to others and all life around us.

Francesca has a private practice in Bath, working with young people and families. She is a UKCP (United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy) and BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) member.



# PSYCH-K

PSYCH-K® is a self-healing modality aimed at reprogramming any limiting subconscious belief or perception you have that is related to a physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. These beliefs often sound like mantras of limitations and internal negative self-talk, usually acquired early in life and which persist into adulthood, below the level of our consciousness. As a result of past limiting programming, we often think and behave in self-defeating ways, and despite many attempts, we cannot halt them.

In a PSYCH-K® session, through muscle testing and a range of simple techniques (called Balances), you can access and get the information from your inner wisdom (Higher Self) about what you need in life to override the limiting belief and then transform this goal into a language that is understood by the subconscious mind. The next step is telling your subconscious mind to safely and effectively integrate this goal into your daily life. PSYCH-K® demonstrates that aligning your subconscious beliefs with your conscious wisdom and goals is necessary. When you move in the desired direction through the 'action steps' we establish in the session, you will find support where you have before encountered resistance.

In a PSYCH-K® session (75 minutes), we will work on a specific theme, and it includes a follow-up call after three weeks. A five-session package is available if you wish to work on multiple issues. Sessions are held in person at Combe Grove or online via video call. Please wear comfortable clothes, stay well hydrated by drinking water before and after the session.

# Massages

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# Massage

## **Bespoke Aromatherapy Massage | 60 minutes / £80.00**

This is a free style full body massage created to suit your needs and designed to ease aches and pains and cleanse the lymphatic system. Our therapists will use a blended oil of your choice from our Made for Life range.

## **Swedish Massage | 60 minutes / £80.00**

This is a therapy using long strokes and kneading to encourage and improve blood circulation. It also aims to relieve muscle tension, to stretch tight ligaments, and ease emotional stress.

## **Deep Tissue Massage | 60 minutes / £85.00**

Applying firmer pressure and slower, more concentrated strokes alleviates chronic aches, pains and stiffness increasing mobility in tight joints.

## **All Practitioners Treatments | 60 minutes / £80.00**



## Lucie Jurickova

### *Massage Therapist*

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Lucie is trained in massage therapy and a wide range of touch techniques, shamanic journeys, energy healing and reiki alongside aromatherapy, she supports clients on their personal journey to reconnect to themselves, take control of their lives, allow vital energy to flow and heal on the deepest levels. Lucie developed unique techniques for tuning in and helping clients to rebalance and recharge where needed.

Massage and healing help to release held tension, free old fixed patterns in the body, restore mobility and balance, soften the body's defensive 'armouring' and reconnect with its natural energy.

Lucie works with the 'whole' person to relieve discomfort and restore balance, honouring, assisting and guiding through each individual journey.

Combe Grove is a centre for integrated health and wellness located in the Bath countryside, overlooking the Limpley Stoke Valley. We are committed to providing our members with the opportunity to rest, restore and reset in an area of outstanding natural beauty in Bath, a double UNESCO World Heritage City.

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