



**5 November 2021**

## Fiona's Friday 5

Today's date has special significance for me, because, on this day one year ago, I handed in my final assessments for Year 4 of the Asheville Vedic Astrology Apprenticeship Program. (My [10,000 word paper on Prince Harry](#), my video on the [7 faces of Shame](#) and my final instalment of 14 supervised Vedic Astrology Readings!)

And this means that I have been in the business of being an Astrologer for a year!!! In today's newsletter, I'm going to review some of the major experiences of this first year of [fionamarques.com](#)!!

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## 1. Learning by doing

4 years is a lot of studies, but nothing beats what you learn by applying Astrology to real people and real events. I have been blessed with the most generous, open and authentic clients who have allowed me to explore their deepest lows and their highest highs. We've laughed, we've cried, we've raged!! And, I hope through all of that, I've left every person with a bit more compassion for themselves, with more understanding of the context of their experience and especially with more confidence and connection with their own inner wisdom and the path that is unfolding before them.

Below, in the rest of the newsletter, I'm going to talk about achievements and products etc. but the real-deal of being an Astrologer is experiencing with your client, those moments of truth where we each glimpse how BIG our life truly is. Thanks to all of you who have trusted me with your charts this year <3



## 2. Channels

Anyone who knew me as a [Massage Therapist](#) will know that I knew I needed a social media presence – but I just never found time for it. Well that has all changed now LOL! I'm on [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) – I even resurrected my old [LinkedIn](#) account. I've gone from promoting my little shopfront across the road from the train station in Cascais – to competing on a global stage! It's daunting, delightful, fun and always evolving. I hope you will subscribe and like and follow me etc. etc. etc. :D



## 3. The Vedic Astrology Podcast

An unexpected achievement of my first year as an Astrologer has been The Vedic Astrology Podcast! I had no idea I would EVER launch a podcast!

This is perhaps the experience that has asked me to 'step up' the most, as I am not often out-front as the leader of something. It took all my courage in those first couple of episodes to release my perspective on the world. It's been a wonderful challenge that has given me confidence in my own voice and is unfolding the world of peer-Astrologers to me.



## 4. Apprenticeship Custodian

The exciting new role that I have taken on in recent weeks is Custodian of the [Asheville Vedic Astrology Apprenticeship Program on teachable.com](#)!!!

I'm currently working on designing the infrastructure to support the assessment and certification of our online students. This is a project that brings together my days in HRD in Oz and combines them with my new love of Astrology – I'm a pig in mud LOL!



## 5. Study Hall and AstrolJam

One of the things I've really enjoyed this year is interacting with other astrologers at my AstrolJams and Study Halls. We've looked at athletes, pop stars and artists and kicked around some amazing ideas of how to see the fullness of someone's life through their chart.

If you are currently on the [Apprenticeship](#), there are tickets available for [Study Hall](#) this November. And everyone is welcome to join us for [AstrolJam](#) where we are going to see if you can predict the

I can't wait to build up the community of our online student body to add to the MS Teams community of Year 4s that I co-ordinate.

future of this very well-known person!

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