

## An exciting new chapter in the life of Rachel Lekalakala

The Clabile Trust is proud to be supporting 14 year old Rachel Lekalakala by paying for her to attend the Susan Strydom School in Nylstroom. Although she is extremely hard-working, Rachel struggles with typical academic work. The Susan Strydom School offers students like her the opportunity to learn vocational skills such as mechanics, cookery and clothes making so that they have the best possible opportunity of getting work in the local community when they leave school.

Thankful for the opportunity we have given her daughter, Rachel's mother has written Clabile this letter which confirms how happy she is in her new school.

Watch this space for updates on Rachel's progress...

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P.O. Box 126  
Vaalwater  
Limpopo Province  
South Africa

Madam Sophy  
England

Vote of thanks to honourable Madam  
Sophy.

I Thinana Shirley Lekalakala of T.A. 620916  
0621 083, I give thanks to you. I says  
Let the almighty God be with you at  
all the time. Madam Sophy, I am so  
glad for the responsibility you took  
for my daughter Rachel Lekalakala  
born in 1995-09-04.

I wanna say thank you and thank you  
million times, for the great step you  
took for my only daughter, who is now  
always happy in her new school.

Yours faithfully  
T.S. Lekalakala.

## Clabile Trust announce Patron - Jodie Whittaker

Last year we set about finding a patron for the charity and, very soon, we were having a coffee on the King's Road with the actress Jodie Whittaker. Jodie is a successful TV and film actress with credits which include; BBC drama Tess of the D'Urberville's, Dalziel & Pascoe, This Life +10 and films, Venus, Perrier's Bounty, St. Trinian's, St. Trinian's II and White Wedding.

We have been working with Jodie for the last year and can now formally announce her as a Clabile Trust patron.

It was during the filming of the South African film 'White Wedding' that Jodie had an experience of Africa that stuck in her heart. On her return she set about to find a charity where



she could not only make a contribution to the people who had so touched her but also where she could understand where every penny was being spent.

In Jodie's words, "When I arrived in South Africa I fell in

love with this beautiful country but was also exposed to the great poverty and struggle of its people who have very basic living conditions and little or no access to education. Having found out about The Clabile Trust, it felt important to get involved. I see how hard they work fundraising and am reassured by the fact that, as a team of volunteers, they have minimal overheads - the donations are getting to the people who need them. The Clabile Trust is a passion project for the small group of people who keep it running and they are making such a huge difference to the lives of the children they support. I have found just what I was looking for in a charity and am proud to be its patron".

### Date for your diaries ...

The organisation of the biggest Clabile event yet is now in full swing and, trust us, you won't want to miss it. Put **Saturday, 29 January 2011** in your diaries and watch this space for more information...

## Message from Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Bookham and Horsley have been delighted to provide donations totalling £2,250 to The Clabile Trust having chosen Clabile as one of the two "President's" charities it would actively support during the Rotary Year 2009 / 2010 writes President, Mark Secker.

The Clabile Trust aims and objectives were a good fit for a wider Rotary objective of supporting education of children in Africa and we have been pleased to receive regular updates as to how the money has been used.

Various events have been held, but primarily the money has been raised via a Race Night held in Bookham and our annual Summer Fete in Effingham. We were pleased to welcome The Clabile Trust on the day where they played an active part through their "guess the name of an enormous Teddy" competition. The teddy even got a ride on a Harley Davidson during their display at the fete!



Clabile's Founder and Chairman, Sophie, writes "The generosity of Bookham and Horsley Rotary club over the past year has enabled us touch the lives of so many children. The first donation of £1,500 was spent on desks, chairs, blackboards and books for the Clever Cubs School in Namibia which The Clabile Trust built to provide an

education for local Bushman children. The second donation is helping Violet continue her education at Pretoria University by assisting with her living costs and books. We are so grateful to Bookham and Horsley Rotary Club for making these two projects possible."

## The Clabile Trust Quiz Night

The Clabile quiz night - now established as a key part of the social calendar - was held at The Star and Garter on Thursday 29th April. Popular, as ever, we had a great turn out and were especially pleased that Pete Webb celebrated his birthday with the Clabile Trust, bringing three teams of friends to participate (thanks Pete!)

There was a great competitive spirit as teams battled to get those all important points which would take them into the lead and proclaim victory! Last year's

winners, Squeeze me Macaroni, were pipped to the post this year by Lucky Strike who have attended several previous Clabile quiz nights and consistently came second so it was about time they won! However, we are sure the winners will agree it is not about winning but the taking part so thank you to everyone who attended for supporting us.

Another success of the evening was the auction which generated huge excitement and some very persistent bidding. It was out

and out war and we are tremendously grateful as we achieved our most successful auction to date.

A special thank you to those who donated prizes; Emma Moore, Madam Jo Jo's, Snappy Snaps (Putney), Thai Square (Putney) and After Lily.

In total, the evening raised about £1,300.

Look out for our next quiz night which will be happening in October 2010.

### How to Donate

Donations are always gratefully received to help us continue building brighter futures for children.

Cheques (made payable to 'The Clabile Trust') can be sent to: Beech Tree Cottage, Sutton Place, Abinger Hammer, Surrey RH5 6RL.

You can also donate online by visiting our Just Giving site:

<http://www.justgiving.com/clabiletrust/donate>

