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Nurturing homegrown development in South Africa

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Thatu gardens take root

As summer draws to a close, we're realising that we've made a lot of progress in our first year and provided an excellent springboard for the future. But as an organisation with no paid staff, we rely on voluntary activities. We'd love to hear from you if you want to hold a Jabula or any other activity to raise funds – remember they should be fun and can be as simple as you like. Every little counts!

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FIRST SCHOOL GARDENS

This year's Jabula fund-raising has enabled us to fund three school gardens in the Western Cape of South Africa.

We have committed to fund the first year of a three-year programme, which means we must build up our funds to make sure that we really create sustainable developments. And we already have a waiting list of would-be gardens.

We'll give more details of the gardens in the next newsletter.

THIS SUMMER'S JABULAS

Thatu's first three Jabulas have raised valuable funds and have been enjoyed by everyone in wonderful summer sunshine. Journalists have written about us in various local and specialist press.

These three jabulas – and a fourth to come – show how Thatu Jabulas can take very different forms to suit the organisers' preferences. Nearly anything goes!

Two Jabulas were held in gardens in Kent and Sussex. Friends and neighbours were invited. Tea and delicious home made cakes were served. People won prizes on raffles and tombolas, and bought books, plants, and Thatu's own children's gardening toys.

On the day of the Live8 Concert, we held our Grand Jabula in church grounds on Clapham Common in London. People enjoyed talks on subjects like 'gardening on concrete' and

how allotments in inner London and SA have helped with community development. With yoga and massage, children's games and stalls selling honey, tradecraft goods and a BBQ with boerewors, there was something for everyone in the family.

The next Jabula will be different again – families are being invited to come and play boules whilst enjoying a BBQ with boerewors and mealies.

OVER TO YOU ...

So, how about you and your friends holding a Jabula?

You could do almost whatever you fancy.

- ▶ invite a few friends round for lunch
- ▶ hold a harvest festival Jabula
- ▶ turn your bonfire party into a celebration of Thatu's first year of existence.

Our website (www.thatu.org.uk) has a range of Thatu fun products.

They make excellent stocking-fillers for children – and adults! You can encourage children to get involved with growing things with seeds in pots, seeds in tins with secret messages, seeds on sticks, wild flower mats. And the tools to help grow them, and bird boxes to brighten the garden.

For adults we have an exclusive range of hand crafted Thatu notelets in packs of ten.

The website has pictures of these, and tells you how to order them.

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Year-round Jabulas will help create new gardens in South Africa.

