



SOMETHING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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1 SNOWDROPS AND FINE ART

The majestic gardens at Burtown House in Co Kildare will reopen today, until February 22 from 10am-4pm daily, to show off their magnificent snowdrops and will then reopen for the full season on April 12. The Athy gardens and woodland are full of old varieties of snowdrops in natural plantings, with large swathes of aconites, hellebores, cyclamen, and early bulbs. The Gallery Cafe will be open every day serving organic lunches from the kitchen garden and other goodies. The Gallery Exhibition will be "February Flowers", an exhibition of paintings by different botanical and garden artists, including resident artists Wendy Walsh and Lesley Fennell, with sculpture by Eileen MacDonagh and Catherine Greene. See burtownhouse.ie and .irishsnowdrops.org

2 FLASHMOB IN DA HOUSE

House music fans are in for a treat next Friday night in Cork's Savoy club with two fine performances due from Flashmob and Waze & Odyssey. Flashmob's been riding on a wave of success since the release of singles 'Brick House', 'Ninety Five' and 'Need in Me' to widespread acclaim. For more see savoytheatre.ie

3 DIAL L FOR LOVE

Oh what to do next Friday night (Valentine's night) that's romantic but not too cheesy? How about a night listening to the wonderful voice of Jack L performing 'Songs For Lovers' in the intimate surroundings of Vicar Street in Dublin? Tickets for Friday night's gig are €29 and €35 from ticketmaster.ie & usual outlets. www.jacklukeman.com

4 ISLAND ROMANCE DOWN SOUTH

If you're in the south for V Day, then why not pop over to Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa to sample their 'Sweets for My Sweet' package, that includes a romantic picnic outdoors. Your candlelit picnic will be set at the foot of the majestic headland which overlooks the renowned white sanded beaches of Inchydoney. The picnic, prepared in the Gulfstream restaurant, will include delicious treats such as smoked salmon, champagne and strawberries. Unwind at the hotel with an Elemis back massage followed by a Sweet Treats Afternoon Tea in the Lounge. The package includes two nights for two, pps in a deluxe ocean view room, costings €275 midweek or €295 at the weekend. www.inchydoneyisland.com or www.facebook.com/InchydoneyIsland