

AT YOUR SERVICE 9 – PRESS RELEASE

RTÉ One - Sunday @ 8.30pm

Tx: weekly from 2 April 2017

Presented by John and Francis Brennan

AYS9 - Series Overview:

Prog 1

Killarney View House, Killarney, Co Kerry

Tx Sunday 2 April @ 2030pm

How do the Brennans shift this guesthouse and Mary Guerin, its characterful owner, from the bottom of the online ratings? And how will she cope once her son leaves to work abroad? Mary admits she's old school and she's reluctant to engage with online reviews. But, with bad reviews meaning bad business, can the Brennans persuade her that she has to move with the times?

Prog 2

Burtown House & Gardens, Athy, Co. Kildare

Tx Sunday 9 April @ 2030pm

James and Joanna Fennell own and run the historic Burtown House & Gardens near Athy in County Kildare. They already manage a small café in the grounds – now they've called in the Brennans to help with their ambitious plans to open a 100 seater restaurant, the Green Barn. But James and Joanna's lack of experience seriously worries the Brennans – especially when they invite over 100 paying guests to their first night dinner and the place hasn't even been finished ...

Prog 3

Grange Villa (aka Grange Ville) Country House, Fethard On Sea, Co Wexford

Tx Sunday 16 April @ 2030pm

35 year old Finola Foley is a Kinesiologist and yoga instructor who, as well as running her therapy business, manages a small bar and tearoom in her parent's house. She also volunteers for the Fethard On Sea inshore RNLI. Despite her busy schedule, she plans to open 4 new B&B rooms in her family home. But she's a technophobe - can the Brennans persuade her to embrace modern technology and create a business fit for the 21st century?

Prog 4

Crookedwood House, nr Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Tx Sunday 23 April @ 2030pm

Bonnie and Martin Bellamy moved with their family from London last year after buying Crookedwood House near Mullingar. Bonnie and Martin bought the property for its 10 organic acres, where they originally planned to simply grow their own food and raise some chickens. But the house came with a large disused restaurant and 8 B&B rooms, which have been closed for over a decade. Bonnie and Martin have absolutely no hospitality experience - and no idea what to do with the place. Time to call in the Brennans ...

Prog 5

Wolfe Tones na Sionna GAA Club (Shannon, Co Clare)

Tx Sunday 30 April @ 2030pm

This year (2017) is the 50th anniversary of the Wolfe Tones na Sionna GAA Club – and it needs to get ready for its celebrations. However, the club buildings aren't in great shape and the Brennans have been called in to flex their hospitality muscles. They suggest a major makeover to make sure the club is ready for its next 50 years. The club take on their advice but put themselves under immense pressure as they decide to keep the place open and try to do *everything* in just 2 weeks.

Prog 6

Waterside Guesthouse & Restaurant, Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny

Tx Sunday 7 May @ 2030pm

Over recent years Brian and Brigid Roberts have struggled against catastrophic difficulties, including the recession and severe flooding which nearly sank their business. They are now almost ready to give up on their riverside restaurant and guest rooms. The Brennans want to restore their faith in their business and revitalise their fortunes – but rowing fanatic Brian has his own ideas about the best course to steer ...

Prog 7

Portree House, Waterford City

Tx Sunday 14 May @ 2030pm

36 year old Ciaran McMahon has taken on his very first business but finds it has a serious identity crisis – is it a guesthouse or hostel? There are a mix of rooms of all standards, shapes and sizes. What they have in common is that all need a major overhaul, but Ciaran has a very limited budget and is struggling to find workers to help. This is Ciaran's dream, but he needs the Brennans help to stop it becoming a nightmare ... Can they make Portree "the place to be"?

Prog 8

Ted's Bar, Cashel, Achill Island –

Tx Sunday 21 May @ 2030pm

(nb. first tx'd as New Year's Special, 1 Jan 2017)

Former teachers Maeve and Darren have recently taken over Maeve's father's rural business. The Brennans advise them to use a section of their pub as small café, update their derelict self-catering apartment and find new function room business. However, Maeve and Darren decide to big up the Brennans advice by opening a large café in their function room. But it proves a monumental task that leaves them close to breaking point.