

The Wolds Wonders presents

BREAKING GROUND

As part of the 25/5 project.

PROLOGUE

NARRATORS:

Slowly fades the night sky...
And early morning brings the dawn chorus
To light our day
With the sounds
Of the birds tweeting away
To give us a good send-off
For the rest of the day.

SCENE 1: MORNING

(Offstage humming of "Las" begins. Groups enter gradually, performing mimed morning routines while humming)

FOREMAN 1: Welcome to Day One!

FOREMAN 2: Our biggest adventure yet!

FOREMAN 1: Welcome to the team!

FOREMAN 2: It's going to be a ride!

(Architects enter with rolled-up blueprints.)

ARCHITECT 1: These are the plans.

ARCHITECT 2: We've been working closely with Katherine and Percy to put it all on paper.

ARCHITECT 1: It's quite a challenge, but we can leave this with you.

ARCHITECT 2: It's the instructions.

FOREMAN 2: So we won't get it wrong! *(ALL laugh. Architects hand over the blueprints and exit.)*

FOREMAN 2: Count the workers in!

FOREMAN 1 (counting): There's one missing...

FOREMAN 2: Ahh, Mr. Burnby. *(MR. BURNBY enters, Everyone stares.)*

ALL: A cat?

FOREMEN (together): Time for work!

SONG:

Welly 1, Welly 2, Hat, Goggles

Dig / Shovel / Sigh / Shovel / Dig / Shovel / Wipe brow)

SONG: “Builders’ Lament”

SCENE 2: TEA BREAK

KAT:It's time for tea!

PAUL: I'm parched.

DANIEL: Time for a brew!

JEN: How do you take it?

THOMAS: Like a builder.

NIC:The spoon needs to stand up in it!

(ALL move to a tea room area. KIRA signs “Tea Time!” NATALIE puts the kettle on. FOREMEN enter.)

NARRATOR: Welcome to the break room. It's very roomy, as you can see!

FOREMAN 2:A watched kettle never boils!

FOREMAN 1: A break already?

JEN: It's hard work.

SALLY: I'm sweating!

NIC: It is a pretty big job.

PAUL: Big job, lots of tea breaks.

FOREMAN 1: Well if you're making the...

FOREMAN 2: We'll take two.

FOREMAN 1: But make it fast.

MARK: How many for Yorkshire? *(All hands go up—except NATALIE.)*

TOM: It's the only way!

DANIEL: It's all I drink.

NATALIE: Can I have peppermint?

ALL (shocked):What?!

SALLY: That's horrible.

CAROLINE: Tastes like dirt.

SAM: Urgh.

NATALIE: Fine, I'll have Yorkshire.

ALL: Phew!

KAT: Where's the milk?

DANIEL: Dennis better have been today.

NIC: Sometimes he forgets.

ANDREW: No milk, no tea, no work!

ALL: WHAT?!

ANDREW: I'm serious.

TOM: It's here—*TRIPS!*

KATIE: There's no point MEOWING over spilt milk.

(MR. BURNBY walks in and drinks the milk. Everyone gasps.)

SONG: "ALL TEA'D UP"

FOREMAN 1: Back to work, you lot!

FOREMAN 2: Where's our tea?

ALL: Oops...

SCENE 3: THE APPRENTICE CENTRE

(ALL perform a sequence:)

SONG:

Welly 1, Welly 2, Hat, Goggles

Dig / Shovel / Sigh / Shovel / Dig / Shovel / Wipe brow)

JEN & KAT (FOREMEN): Can you go get a glass hammer?

MARK & PAUL & DANIEL (FOREMEN): You're in need of some elbow grease.

NATALIE & THOMAS (FOREMEN): Katherine needs tartan paint!

LIZ & HANNAH & SALLY (FOREMEN): We need some left-handed screwdrivers.

CHRISTOPHER & ANDREW & KIRA (FOREMEN): A spirit level bubble, please!

NICOLA & G (FOREMEN): Can you take a long stand?

CAROLINE & SAM (FOREMEN): We need fork handles!

(ALL apprentices leave in pairs, confused. Only NICOLA & G remain.)

SCENE 4: LUNCHTIME PRANK REVEAL

NARRATOR: The workers spent most of their lunchtime searching for silly objects.

They didn't find any of them... and they were not happy about that!

(Everyone enters)

JEN & KAT: There's no such thing as a glass hammer.

MARK & DANIEL & PAUL: The shop doesn't have elbow grease.

NAT & THOMAS: We couldn't find tartan paint.

LIZ & HANNAH & SALLY: Left-handed screwdrivers are the same as right-handed ones!

KIRA: (sign) Spirit level bubbles only come in spirit levels.

NIC & G: We took a long stand and it didn't do anything.

CAROLINE: I've got four candles.

ALL: What do you mean?

STEWART: We asked for fork handles.

WALTER: Not four candles...

STEWART: Handles...

WALTER: For forks!

CAROLINE & SAM:Ahhhh!

ALL: Silly!

KIRA (drops sandwich): Oh no!

ALL: Your sandwich (*MR. BUNRBY steals it. Everyone chases.*)

SONG: “MR. BUNRBY”

SCENE 5: A HOLE AND A SNACK

FOREMEN: BACK TO WORK!

KAT: Who do they think they are?

JEN: Well... they are the foremen.

KAT: I don't care. They're so bossy!

PAUL: They think they're Mr. Big.

DANIEL: I bet they don't even know how to fish.

CHRIS: I bet they're not the boss at home.

KAT: They don't look like they know what they're doing.

NIC: Have they even looked at the plans? (*gesture to the plans*)

FOREMEN: Did you not hear us? BACK TO WORK!

SONG:

Welly 1, Welly 2, Hat, Goggles

Dig / Shovel / Sigh / Shovel / Dig / Shovel / Wipe brow)

ANDREW: It's getting late—let's be packing up.

NAT: Hang on a minute...

THOMAS: We best cover it, or someone might fall in.

DANIEL: Hopefully the foreman!

NIC: You can't say that.

DANIEL: Well, I did.

CHRIS: Shall we cover it with some wood?

ALL: Great idea!

PAUL: Right. See you in the morning.

THOMAS: Bright and early.

(BEAVERS run on and nibble the wood. MR BURNBY chases the BEAVERS off. FOREMEN enter on evening rounds - notice the eaten plans and hide them!) SAM, HANNAH, G, KIRA, MARK, LIZ & SALLY

SCENE 6: HOLE DRAMA

(Morning – "La las" reprise. Workers enter.)

FOREMAN 1: Morning, all!

FOREMAN 2: Another day, another dollar.

FOREMAN 1: And time means money. Right, today's tasks!

NARRATOR: The foremen give out the tasks, digging, shoveling, carting, wheelbarrowing and the workers get to work straight away - aren't they good, ey?

PAUL: *Trips* Who left that hole there?

CAROLINE: We covered it last night!

PAUL: With straw by the looks of it...

NAT: No, it was definitely wood.

KAT: I heard there are beavers around here...

ALL: Nooooo!

KATIE: Maybe some *very* hungry ones...

PAUL: Beavers or no beavers, that hole is dangerous!

SALLY: I love beavers!

SAM: They are the best!

CHRISTOPHER: I wonder what animals Katherine and Percy will put in the lake?

ANDREW: What about ducks?

MARK: Frogs?

NAT: Fish?

HANNAH: Shrimps?

DANIEL: Dolphins? Sharks—wow!

PAUL: There will be mermaids next!

NIC: I know that Katherine and Percy want to make it a nice place.

THOMAS: For everyone to come and enjoy.

CAROLINE: I've heard that Katherine wants to bring lots of waterlilies.

JEN: That'll make it look nice!

PAUL: So I highly doubt that there will be sharks...

G: Jellyfish or snakes?

ANDREW: What have they had in their tea this morning?

CHRISTOPHER: Who do they think they are? David Attenborough?

ALL: Who?

CHRISTOPHER: Nevermind!

NAT: Shall we get back to work..?

SONG: “THE MUD SONG”

SCENE 7: RAIN & REVELATIONS *(Rain soundscape. Blue ribbons and slow movement.)*

SONG: “WADE IN THE WATER” *(Foremen enter in ponchos.)*

FOREMAN: NO TIME FOR SLACKING!

THOMAS: It’s freezing!

NAT: It’s so wet and we don’t have coats like you!

KATIE: It’s dangerous!

JEN: Someone could slip!

FOREMAN 1 (slips): Right—time to go home.

FOREMAN 2: Be back in the morning!

SCENE 8: FILLING THE LAKE *(Morning la las..)*

NARRATOR: The build took a long time, hard work and community. But it soon was ready to fill up!

FOREMEN: Time to fill up the lake! (**ARCHITECTS** enter.)

FOREMEN: (to each other) The plans!

NIC: I did mention that i'd never seen these plans!

NAT: They just told us to dig!

ALL: And digging we did!

ARCHITECTS:STOP!

ALL: What? Why?

ARCHITECT 1: It's not right.

ARCHITECT 2: You've built it two whole inches the wrong way!

ALL: GASP!

ARCHITECT 1: Where are the plans?

FOREMAN:Umm...

FOREMAN 2: We used Plan B.

ARCHITECTS: What's Plan B?

FOREMEN: Beaver.

ARCHITECTS: Beaver??

FOREMAN 1: The beavers made a visit—and enjoyed your plans for supper.

ARCHITECT 2: So what did you do?

ANDREW & CHRIS: We just kept digging.

THOMAS: Why don't you draw some new plans?

JEN: We've already started to fill it!

ARCHITECTS: Sure, Great idea!

ALL: Fill it up!

SCENE 9: TIME CAPSULE

KATIE: We've come here every day. Dug together. Laughed together. Let's leave something behind.

DANIEL: Like a time capsule!

ALL: Yes!

NARRATORS: As the lake began to fill, the workers added items that they wanted to keep, remember and share, following this adventure for future generations to explore. Items from the build, a welly, a hat, some goggles. A cup of yorkshire tea, a biscuit, tuna sandwich. Some added gifts from Katherine and Percy, a toy car, and a riding crop. All placed and secured to be found... later on! *(Items added: Welly, hat, goggles, Yorkshire tea, biscuits, tuna sandwich, and gifts from Katherine & Percy. The trunk is closed and placed in the lake.)*

SCENE 10: A Party

SONG: "Celebration"

THE END