

**IT'S DANGEROUS DAVE AND HIS NEW APPRENTICE
PERILOUS PAUL – AKA THE DYNAMIC DUO**

Blackpool Tower's Chief Rigger, Dave Hulme aka "Dangerous Dave" who is responsible for ensuring that the Tower's illuminations are in full working order has a new apprentice this year, Paul Hulley aka "Perilous Paul" and Dave has been showing him the "ropes" as they make their way up and down the 518' 9" structure.

Dave and Paul, fondly nicknamed by the Tower Staff as the "Dynamic Duo" have been abseiling up and down the tower structure "literally hanging around" as they approach the final stages of re-lamping the 10,000 light-bulbs in readiness for this year's big Switch-On on 31st August, by David Tennant the current Dr Who.

The iconic landmark, which can be seen from miles around, is the centre piece of the Illuminations and it is down to the "Dynamic Duo" to ensure that it looks top-notch and every bulb is in full working order.

Both Dave and Paul have over 40 years of service between them at the Tower and know the building and the structure inside out, especially OUT after the last few weeks!

Dangerous Dave said "Paul has been the perfect apprentice and I have been showing him the ropes for the past few weeks!

Perilous Paul said "Dynamic Duo well that's a first – no seriously I have enjoyed every minute abseiling down the Tower, re-lamping the light-bulbs and feel honoured to be part of the illuminations. Dave has been brilliant encouraging me and giving me confidence day by day. I could do this everyday – well not on a windy day".

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Left to right: Dave Hulme (Dangerous Dave) & Paul Hulley (Perilous Paul)