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Patrick Troughton as the Doctor in newly discovered episodes

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Business Editor

SOARING energy bills will cost lives this winter, an expert predicted last night.

Derek Hickrish, a fuel poverty adviser to the Government, warned: "I am fearful we will see an increase in deaths'.

He spoke of his fear for the poor as Labour leader Ed Miliband slammed an 8.2% price rise unveiled yesterday by energy giant SSE. He said: "The people are being let down."

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Lost Doctor Who tapes are found after fifty years

BY MARK JEFFERIES

THEY were thought to have been lost forever in the mists of time — exterminated Dalek-style from the BBC’s archives.

But now, after almost half a century, nine missing Doctor Who episodes from the 60s have been regenerated just like the Time Lord himself.

The rare tapes, featuring Patrick Troughton — the second doctor after William Hartnell — were recently found gathering dust in Nigeria.

They were finally tracked down by Phillip Morris, director of Television International Enterprises Archives, using the Beeb’s old records of material sent for overseas transmission.

Now BBC Worldwide has re-mastered and restored them so excited fans, many of whom have never seen them before, can buy them from today.

Mr Morris, who admits to being a keen Whovian, said: “The tapes had been left lying in a store room at a television relay station in Nigeria. My heart missed a beat as I wiped the dust off the cover and saw the words ‘Doctor Who.’ And when I read the story code I realised I’d found something pretty special.”

He added: “Considering how hot it gets in Nigeria, they were still in remarkably good condition.”

The stories recovered include The Enemy of the World, which first aired in December 1967. Episodes 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 had been missing from the archives.

Also unearthed were episodes 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the 1968 six-part adventure The Web of Fear. Sadly, episode 3 is still missing but a restoration team has pieced it together using salvaged images and the original audio tape.

All the retrieved episodes show Troughton — who plays both the Time Lord and his enemy (Baron Sukum dare) — with companions, Frazer Hines (Jamie) and Deborah Watling (Victoria).

The Web of Fear introduces Nicholas Courtney for the first time as Colonel — later Brigadier — Lethbridge-Stewart.

All episodes are now available to download from iTunes.

Fiona Eastwood, Director of Consumer Products for BBC Worldwide, said: “We are thrilled with this discovery as we celebrate the 50th year of Doctor Who.”

The lost episodes cost £9.99, or £1.89 each if bought separately.

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