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**CULT FIGURE:** Emma McCann from *Sworders* in the Dalek. Right, Smith as Doctor

**£15k Dalek target**

★ A RARE black Dalek from cult TV series *Doctor Who* is tipped to sell for £15,000. The 5ft tall alien appeared with Matt Smith as the Doctor in 2012. It is to be sold in April by *Sworders Auctioneers*, Essex. A spokesman said: "Whovians will love it."

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## Oil price rises as crops hit

**THE cost of crisps is set to soar after the price of vegetable oils doubled due to extreme weather.**

■ by MARK SOLOMONS

"Crushers are in no desperate hurry to sell. This tactic is forcing prices up."

Other foods including sauces and spreads will also cost more to produce with trendy extra virgin olive oil is also likely to soar in the near future, analysts have warned.

Sunflower oil from Russia, one of the biggest worldwide suppliers, has doubled in the last 12 months.

Hot and dry weather across the Black Sea has badly hit the Russian crop.

Meanwhile, Italian extra virgin olive oil has gone up 70%, according to analysts Mintec.

Snow has hit crops in southern Europe, and some producers are holding back on crushing olives into oil in a ploy to cash-in on higher prices in the coming weeks.

Walter Zanre, of Filippo Berio UK, said:

He added that supplies to UK shops were already in place up to April but after that prices could rise.

He told trade magazine *The Grocer*: "Shoppers will soon see significant inflation in olive oil."

"Bottlers are trying not to buy and sellers not to sell."

"That's a perfect recipe for prices to skyrocket"

Big name brand Flora said there had been "recent price increases on some of our raw materials"

The weather has not only affected how much is grown but the quality of what survived the temperature extremes meaning far less extra virgin olive oil is available.

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