MEGHAN'S half-sister Samantha Markle has joined he same publicity agency sed by Wayne Rooney's arty girl Laura Simpson. Samantha is thought to e paving about £3,000 a nonth to Rob Cooper PR. A source said the 53-yearld, tipped to be a house-

make a fortune by flogging stories on the Duchess, 36, along with an upcoming book on the ex-Suits star. "Samantha has been flinging abuse at Meghan since she was left off the

said. "Her decision to sign to a PR agency shows she's decided to make a career out of it."

wedding invitation list to

her wedding," the insider



PUBLICITY: Samantha

Viewers in Virgin fury

VIRGIN Media customers are furious after UKTV channels including Dave and Gold were wiped from four million boxes. Bosses say UKTV is demanding "inflated sums", while channel chiefs said Virgin wanted a "drastic price cut".

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WHO GIVES THE BIG GUYS A KICKING

FAN ZONE:
Dave is a big
admirer of comic
Peter Kay and
Burnley FC boss
Sean Dyche

I'M in the presence of a multi-millionaire businessman. I've not met many of those.

But Dave Fishwick, 47, from Burnley wants me to know he's different from

"The problem with wealthy people, Mike," he's telling me, "is they make their money, climb up a tree with it and then pull up the ladder. They're frightened to death of anyone else having it."
Not Dave, it seems.

"If you can eat what you want," he argues, "go on holiday when you want, buy whatever car you want – once you've done all that, what are you going to do with it?"

Fair point. We're actually here, at Channel 4's London HQ, to chat about Dave's latest series, kicking off tonight. How To Get Rich Quick shows us "real" people how we can make a fast profit on a modest investment – by tapping into our undeveloped business skills.

First up, a mum and daughter flog their home-made food on the streets of Reading. Mum's stuffed naan goes

down a storm.

But any conversation with Dave Fishwick invariably returns to the same point: this self-made, started-from nothing businessbloke gets his kicks from outsmarting the big boys,

particularly the banking industry, and bringing them down a peg or three.

"The bigger the organisation, the more I go after them," he declares, "especially if they're bullying ordinary people."

Dave is the guy, you may recall, who announced plans some years back to start his own ethical bank, taking on the regular bonus-driven bunch. Channel 4 made several programmes

about it.

And now? Well, it seems you can't rush these things. "But hopefully, touch wood, we're less than 12 months away from the first new British high street bank licence for 120 years. 'That'll make me the youngest person in the world to own a bank."

I'm impressed.
"The City hated me with a passion!" "The City hated me with a passion!"
Dave chuckles, reflecting on when he first caused a stir in those circles.
"They probably still do. It's not something I lose sleep over. I'm frightened of nothing and no one.

Dave left school at 15 with no qualifications. "I had nothing, not even the price of a chip butty. Which was 37p." But after working as a builder's labourer, he had a brainwave: to

agreeing a price beforehand and keeping any profit.

It was his first step towards becom-

ing very rich. From cars he moved to vans, then minibuses. "I went from one bus to being the largest supplier of minibuses in the country

So, yes, very rich – but as he's eager to reiterate, not greedy. Each Bank of Dave branch, he insists, will pump money back into its community. And from his existing operation, Burnley Savings and Loans, launched seven years ago, he points out he's never taken a wage.

I ask if his branches will be swanky. But it doesn't sound like Dave is big on swank. At his current place, "we've got woodchip wallpaper, and I pedal there on my bike". How about making them dog-friend-

v. like American bank Metro - offer-

"Well, my Jack is head of security!" he says, referring to his beloved Jack Russell. "He's got a hi-vis vest and

Scrolling through Dave's Twitter account on the way to this interview, I've noticed how eager he is to offer money – and himself – to good causes. spruce up and auction cars that a local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, he wants to step in as an local dealer had taken as trade-ins, In one tweet, I

emergency helicopter pilot – using his own helicopter, that is – for Lancashire Fire And Rescue Service. In another, he announces he'll pay a disabled couple's £70 parking fine.

But might such open displays of generosity actually wind his

or generosity actually white his critics up?
"I like to make a difference," Dave

THE MIKE WARD INTERVIEW

Dave Fishwick

insists. "And anything I think is an injustice, I get involved."
So why not enter politics?

"I'm asked that a lot," he says. "But I'd rather work with all parties." Dave's big on staying true to his roots. "I walk down my local streets and people are always saying hello. For real, not just for telly. "Without them, I'd be in a mess, But

if you do the right thing, stand arm in arm with the great British public, you're unstoppable."

But what about the great American public? Dave is becoming a face in the States now as well. Is he tempted to

"I love America," he assures me "But Burnley will always be the cen-

How To Get Rich Quick starts 8.30pm

tre of the universe.

