

News of the World



■ **Oct 1, 1843:** *News of the World* founded by **John Browne Bell**

■ **1850-1900:** Newspaper quickly establishes reputation in Victorian era for its coverage of sensational stories

■ **1950:** Broadsheet becomes world's biggest-selling English-language paper with 8.44 million copies

■ **1969:** **Rupert Murdoch** buys News of the World. Paper gains nickname **News of the Screws** for its celebrity-based sex scoops

■ **1984:** Changes to tabloid format

■ **2000:** **Rebekah Brooks**, née Wade, (*above left*) appointed editor

■ **2007:** Royal editor and private investigator jailed for hacking into mobile phones of royal family

■ **2011:** Claims allege that paper hacked mobile phones of murdered girl in 2002, families of London's 7/7 bomb victims in 2005, and relatives of British soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Circulation falls to 2.6m

■ **Jul 7:** News International announces closure of newspaper