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May 03, 2002

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of

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1934  
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May 3, 2002

SMITH & NEPHEW plc  
(Registrant's name)

Heron House  
15 Adam Street  
London, England WCN 6LA  
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the  
information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to  
the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act  
of 1934.]

Yes  No   
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The Secretary  
London Stock Exchange  
Company Announcement Office  
Old Broad Street

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Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today, pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), by Merrill Lynch Investment Managers that they have a notifiable interest in 92,968,922 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 10.03% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

J.V. Sutton  
Assistant Company Secretary

1 May 2002

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Dear Sirs,

We have been notified today that Mr Richard De Schutter, a director of Smith & Nephew plc, acquired a total of 10,000 American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") representing 100,000 ordinary shares of the Company on 30 April 2002 at a weighted average price of \$57.94. Mr De Schutter now has an interest in 200,000 ordinary shares representing 0.02% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

J.V. Sutton  
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Dear Sirs,

In accordance with the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Smith & Nephew plc has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission its Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2001. Copies will be available from the registered office of Smith & Nephew plc at 15 Adam Street, London, WC2N 6LA from Tuesday 7 May 2002.

Yours faithfully,

J.V. Sutton  
Assistant Company Secretary