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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 1934

June 28, 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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Form 40-F ___

[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 X

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27 June 2002

The Secretary
London Stock Exchange
RNS
Old Broad Street
London
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Dear Sirs,

We have been notified today that Mr Warren Knowlton, a director of the Company, acquired on 27 June 2002, 400 American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") representing 4,000 ordinary shares of the Company, at a price of \$56.25 per ADS. Mr Knowlton now has an interest in 11,501 ordinary shares representing 0.0012% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

J.V. Sutton
Assistant Company Secretary