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Form 6-K
December 29, 2003

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

December 29, 2003

Commission File Number 001-14978

SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

15 Adam Street
London, England WC2N 6LA
(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.]

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Yes ___

No X

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of
1934.]

Yes ___

No X

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Smith & Nephew plc
(Registrant)

Date: December 29, 2003

By: /s/ Paul Chambers

Paul Chambers
Company Secretary

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The Secretary
London Stock Exchange
RNS
Old Broad Street
London
EC2N 1HP

Dear Sirs,

Smith & Nephew plc has been notified today, pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), by The Capital Group Companies, Inc, that they have a notifiable interest in 74,817,444 ordinary shares of 12 2/9p each in the Company representing 8.01% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours faithfully,

P.R. Chambers
Company Secretary