PEARSON PLC Form 6-K May 12, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2003

PEARSON plc (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Strand London, England WC2R ORL 44-20-7010-2000 (Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X

Form 40-F

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

Yes

No X

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This Report includes the following documents:

1. A press release from Pearson plc announcing Director Shareholding

#### SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

1. Name of company

PEARSON PLC

2. Name of director

DAVID CHARLES MAURICE BELL

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

DIRECTOR'S OWN HOLDING

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

AS IN 2) ABOVE

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

NOT APPLICABLE

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

AWARD OF 444 OPTIONS UNDER THE COMPANY'S WORLDWIDE SAVE FOR SHARES PLAN

7. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

N/A

8. Percentage of issued class

N/A

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

11. Class of security

N/A

12. Price per share

N/A

13. Date of transaction

N/A

14. Date company informed

N/A

15. Total holding following this notification

N/A

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$ 

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant

9 May 2003

18. Period during which or date on which exercisable

1 AUGUST 2006 - 31 JANUARY 2007

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

NIL

20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

444 OPTIONS OVER ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

424.8P

22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

199,874

23. Any additional information

COMPANY'S ALL EMPLOYEE SHARE PLAN

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

JENNIFER MURPHY - 020 7010 2256

 $25.\ {\rm Name}$  and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

STEPHEN JONES, DEPUTY SECRETARY

Date of Notification

12 MAY 2003

#### SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

1. Name of company

PEARSON PLC

2. Name of director

MARJORIE SCARDINO

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DIRECTOR'S OWN HOLDING

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NOT APPLICABLE

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary AWARD OF 2,224 OPTIONS UNDER THE COMPANY'S WORLDWIDE SAVE FOR SHARES PLAN

7. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

N/A

8. Percentage of issued class

N/A

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

11. Class of security

N/A

12. Price per share

N/A

13. Date of transaction

N/A

14. Date company informed N/A 15. Total holding following this notification N/A 16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification N/A If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes. 17. Date of grant 9 MAY 2003 18. Period during which or date on which exercisable 1 AUGUST 2006 - 31 JANUARY 2007 19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option NIL 20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number 2,224 OPTIONS OVER ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH 21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise 424.8P 22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification 577,177 23. Any additional information COMPANY'S ALL EMPLOYEE SHARE PLAN 24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

JENNIFER MURPHY - 020 7010 2256

 $25.\ {\rm Name}$  and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

STEPHEN JONES, DEPUTY SECRETARY

Date of Notification

12 MAY 2003

#### SCHEDULE 11

#### NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

1. Name of company

PEARSON PLC

2. Name of director

JOHN MAKINSON

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

DIRECTOR'S OWN HOLDING

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

AS IN 2) ABOVE

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

NOT APPLICABLE

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

AWARD OF 4,178 OPTIONS UNDER THE COMPANY'S WORLDWIDE SAVE FOR SHARES PLAN 7. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired N/A 8. Percentage of issued class N/A 9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed N/A 10. Percentage of issued class N/A 11. Class of security N/A 12. Price per share N/A 13. Date of transaction N/A 14. Date company informed N/A 15. Total holding following this notification N/A

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$ 

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes. 17. Date of grant 9 MAY 2003 18. Period during which or date on which exercisable 1 AUGUST 2010 - 31 JANUARY 2011 19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option NIL 20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number 4,178 OPTIONS OVER ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH 21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise 424.8P 22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification 431,129 23. Any additional information COMPANY'S ALL EMPLOYEE SHARE PLAN 24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries JENNIFER MURPHY - 020 7010 2256 25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification STEPHEN JONES, DEPUTY SECRETARY Date of Notification 12 MAY 2003 SIGNATURE

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.

PEARSON plc

Date: 12 May 2003

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

Stephen Jones Deputy Secretary