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Form 6-K  
December 21, 2004

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 December, 2004

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 0RL  
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

21 December 2004

RNS  
The London Stock Exchange  
Old Broad Street

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London  
EC2N 1HP

Dear Sirs

Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan

Below are details of purchases of ordinary shares made yesterday under the Non-Executive Directors' Share Purchase Plan:-

Name of Director	No. of Shares Purchased	Percentage of Issued Stock	Price per Share	Total Holding Following Notification	Total Percentage Following Notification
Lord Burns	244	0.00003%	606.92p	4,089	0.00051%
Susan Fuhrman	318	0.00004%	606.92p	551	0.00007%
Reuben Mark	318	0.00004%	606.92p	14,798	0.00184%
Vernon Sankey	244	0.00003%	606.92p	3,695	0.00046%
Gurvirendra Talwar	997	0.00012%	606.92p	8,152	0.00101%

If there are any questions in connection with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Michaela Henderson

Assistant Company Secretary

MH/DC

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: 21 December, 2004

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

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Stephen Jones  
Deputy Secretary