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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 2003

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC (Translation of registrant's name into English)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover 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..

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12q3-2(b): 82-

RYANAIR TO CARRY A RECORD 1.25 MILLION PASSENGERS OVER CHRISTMAS - UP 63% ON 2002!

THE RYANAIR CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON!

Ryanair, Europe's No.1 low fares airline, today (22nd Dec 03) announced it will carry a record 1.25 million passengers over the Christmas holidays this year. This represents a massive increase of 63% over the same period in 2002.

Commenting today, Ryanair's Deputy Chief Executive, Michael Cawley said:

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"This year will be our busiest Christmas ever, with over 1.25 Million people choosing to fly on Ryanair's 146 routes throughout 16 European countries on our 500+ daily scheduled flights over the festive season. This year yet again, Christmas travellers are voting with their feet, and boosting our traffic by a whopping 63% compared to the same period last year.

"It's not surprising that Ryanair, with Europe's lowest air fares and the No.1 record amongst Europe's major airlines for punctuality, is the people's choice!

"This is traditionally one of the busiest periods of the year for the airline industry, and those still wishing to book Ryanair low fares this Christmas should do so immediately at www.ryanair.com"

Ends 22nd December 2003

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SIGNATURES

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, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 22 December 2003 By:___/s/ Howard Millar____

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Company Secretary & Finance Director