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Form 6-K
September 02, 2003

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 September, 2003

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

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(Address of 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.

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 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

RYANAIR ANNOUNCES PASSENGER GROWTH OF 44% FOR AUGUST 2003

The following are Ryanair's passenger and internet statistics for August 2003.

| | August 2002 | August 2003 | Rolling 12 months ended 31st August 2003 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Passengers 1 | 1,487,976 | 2,141,664 | 18,563,639 |

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| Load Factor 2 | 95% | 90% | 82% |
| Internet Sales Percentage3 | 92% | 94% | 93% |

1. Represents the number of earned seats flown by Ryanair. Earned seats include seats that are flown whether or not the passenger turns up because Ryanair is a no-refund airline, and once a flight has departed a no-show customer is not entitled to change flights or seek a refund.
2. Represents the number of passengers as a proportion of the number of seats available for passengers.
3. Represents the number of initial seat sales sold via the Ryanair internet site as a percentage of total initial seat sales. Initial seat sales exclude changed and amended seat sales.

ENDS 2nd September 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: 02 September, 2003

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director