

The weeping Madonna was a statue of the Virgin Mary - said to be crying real tears. Some enterprising family were charging people a tanner (sixpence) a go to see the miracle. They had punters queuing 4 or 5 deep and halfway round the block for days - must have made a fortune. Whether a scam or a genuinely devout family who believed in their revelation from heaven, I'll never know but I do remember wishing that I had one, and dreaming about what I could do with hundreds of lovely silver sixpences. I read some years later that the guy was a rag and bone man who's horse lived in the flat with him.