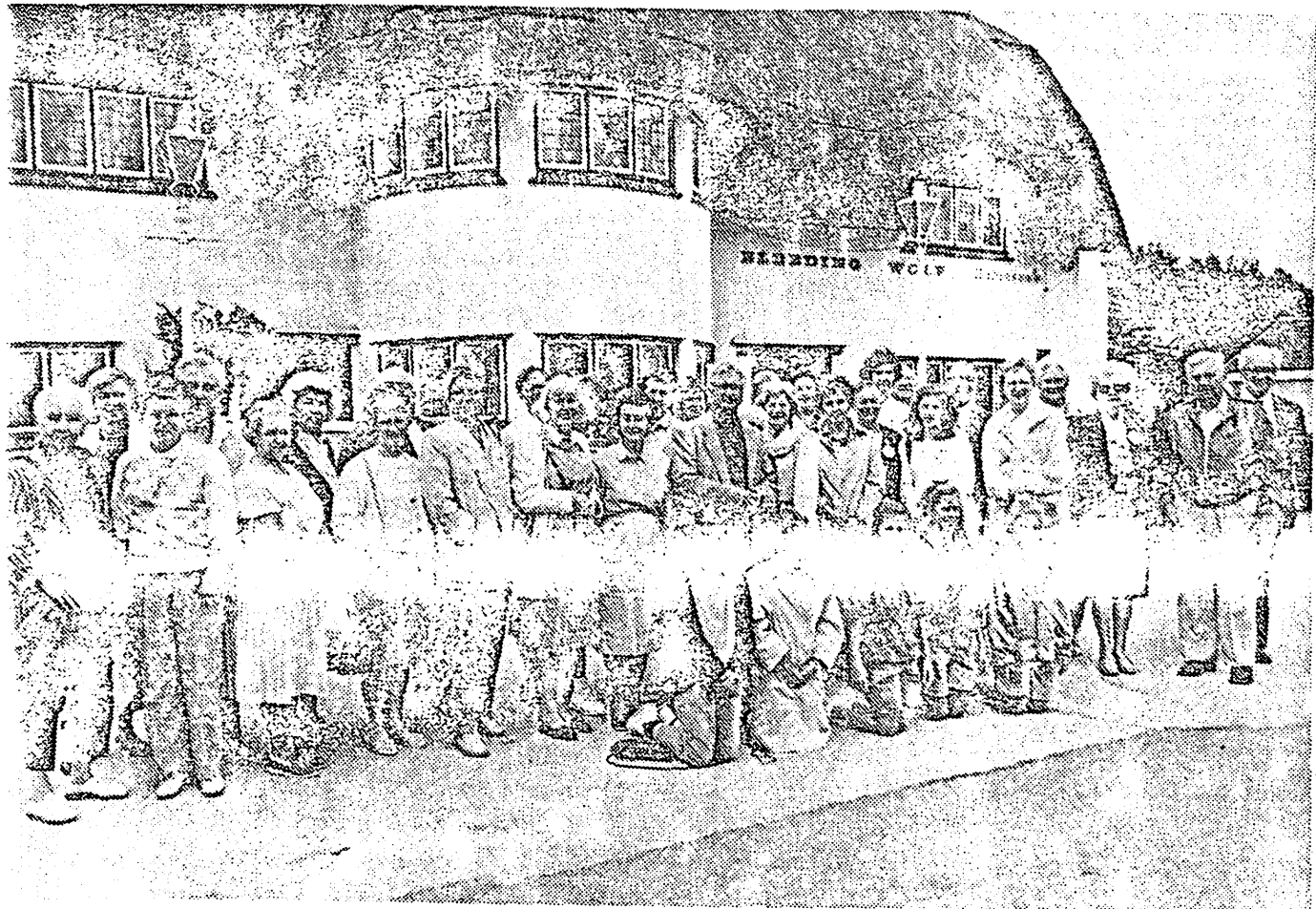


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# The Lawtons gather . . . in Lawton



The American visitors congregate outside the Bleeding Wolf, Scholar Green.

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Visitors from all over the United States of America converged on Church Lawton recently, for all of them claimed connection in some way with the Lawton family, and believed their "roots" were in the village.

A tour company in America arranged for the 34 people to spend a "Heritage Weekend" in the village, visiting the area and meeting the residents.

On the Saturday, there was a tour of All Saints' Church, followed by a tour of Lawton Hall by Mr. John Lawton, the squire's son. In the evening, the visitors were the hosts for a buffet at Lawton Memorial Hall, and entertained over 100 people.

The following morning, the American visitors returned to the church for a Heritage Service conducted by the Rev. R. Sutton. The lesson was read by Mr. John Lawton, from Florida — one of eight Lawtons from across the water who share the name of their English counterparts.

Their week-end was completed by a tour of the Cheshire countryside, conducted by Mr. Sutton.