INVITATION FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday night, July 11 at 8.00 p.m.: Bulli Public School Centenary film slide screening by the principal, W. A. Bayley, "One Hundred Years of Bulli Public School."

Saturday afternoon, July 12: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: H.M.A.S. Albatross Naval Band Recital.

2.00 p.m.: Bulli School Centenary Celebrations incorporating official opening of Centenary Classroom Block and closing of original century old school.

HUGH DUDGEON AND THE DUDGEON FAMILY:

For the Dictionary of Biography in preparation the Australian National University seeks information of all kinds about the work of Hugh Dudgeon and about the Dudgeon family.

Such information might consist of clippings from newspapers and periodicals of all kinds and particular references to items which have appeared over the years in the "Kiama Independent" and other newspapers published in Kiama.

Information might be sent direct to the Australian National University or, better still, to our research secretary for despatch.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS:

The conference of societies affiliated with the R.A.H.S. this year followed a theme on the above in addresses delivered by eminent men: E. H. Farmer, Government Architect; Professor J. M. Freeland, Univ. N.S.W.; A. N. Baldwinson, Univ. Sydney; and F. P. Bridges, N.S.W. Department Public Works.

A wealth of material is contained in the report available in the society's collection in the archives section of the Wollongong City Library.

BULLI ORIGINAL SCHOOL AND E.S.A. BANK BESIDE IT:

Get your 1st pictures of the two buildings mentioned. Both are marked for demolition in the near future. The former will be used by former scholars to 93 years of age for the centenary luncheon. The Department of Education has acquired the bank building and the other historic buildings beside it — so ramsackle as to be not worth photographing. Many fine pictures exist of them in their prime before Bulli town moved away from the school some half century ago.

OTFORD, England: Valuable book about it to our Library:

Through the generosity of Mr. W. H. Shaw of Sydney our library has received a copy of the 64 page booklet (and large map) entitled "OTFORD Festival of Britain," 1951.

It contains information about every aspect of Otford — a far greater place than its namesake valley in northern Illawarra.

The booklet tells us that the first written record of the English Otford appeared in the "Anglo-Saxon Chronicle." One of the earliest decisive battles in English history was fought there in 771 A.D. There is evidence that it was inhabited during the Roman occupation of Britain. It contains some fine illustrations.

Perhaps some member thus inclined might list comparisons between our Otford and the village from which it took its name.

The English village has its own Otford and District Historical Society.