



the service in 1951 he stayed on working there as a civilian, before joining Daniel's Engineering in Stroud, where he stayed until he retired.

Paul also became a teacher, and following, the family tradition, his own daughter teaches music. Joyce and Riley are very proud great-grandparents to 18 month-old Connie.

Riley is well known for his magnificent garden, a major feature of the Avening Garden Trail, and where he is to be seen most days, growing everything from runner beans and lettuces to aubergines and peppers. Joyce also used to enjoy gardening, but now tends to 'admire and advise', while concentrating on her handicraft hobbies, particularly needlework, tapestry and knitting

So, how has Avening changed over the years? "Beyond recognition," they both say. "For one thing, we used to know everyone - now we barely know 5%. And Avening is no longer self-sufficient - all the shops have gone. Things are much more convenient, of course: We didn't have electricity here until 1938, or mains water until the late 50's, or sewers until 1960."

Having lived so long in the village, the Vincents are a fund of information and stories about Avening. On several occasions, Riley has written some of these down for us in *The Villager* - and he's promising to do some more, and maybe a slide show for the village - so watch this space!