

Macular Society - Optician or Optometrist of the Year (Rough copy of entry sent by Peter Wallis)

I nominate Mr. Aveyard because of his care and thoroughness during a routine annual eye examination.

Mr. Aveyard has recently taken over the local Optician's business. When I went for my first appointment with him I noticed that he took longer than I expected with some parts of his examination of my eyes. Then he produced an Amulet chart - the first time I had seen such a chart (I have worn glasses for over 70 years, since under 5 years old). As a result of my answers, he told me he thought I had the first signs of age related macular degeneration and he would arrange a hospital appointment. The appointment happened in under 3 weeks and confirmed Mr. Aveyard's diagnosis.

Subsequently the hospital consultant sent me a copy of his letter to my GP, giving the results of the examination. Not understanding several of the terms used, I called in at Mr Aveyard's shop for clarification, just looking for a brief explanation. Between appointments he himself spent a full 15 mins. explaining the findings and giving me much information about age related macular degeneration.

I am deeply thankful to Mr. Aveyard for his early detection of age related macular degeneration, allowing me to adjust my life-style to, at least, delay or slow down deterioration in my eyesight.

P.J. Wallis.