

The floor is yours, Harry



● Happy faces as Harry Ponton (front centre) receives his watch from the Suter family (back, left to right) David, John, Richard and (front) Clarence and Frank n

CARPET and curtain estimator Harry Ponton has been given the red carpet treatment by his employers — who naturally piled on the praises.

Harry, 48, of Humber Way, Langley, Slough, has notched up a quarter century's worth of service with Slough High Street store, Suters.

But it's far from curtains — he plans to stay a lot longer in the job he enjoys so

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much.

"The main change has been in the carpets," said Harry, who was presented with an inscribed gold watch by the Suter family. "Now, with broadloom, you don't have to sew all the pieces together. And the fashion in curtain hanging has changed — there are less pelmets around than there were."

He says he will usually advise customers if they press him, but doesn't like choosing fabrics for them. "I always tell them that everyone is different and if they weren't the shop would only stock one pattern — the one I like," he said.

But the choice of styles has changed very little over the years. "Put two curtains next to each other, one 50 years old and one modern, and you wouldn't be able to tell them apart," said Harry.