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*'I judge a man by one thing, which side would he have liked his ancestors to fight on at [Marston Moor](#)?'* So said Isaac Foot, West Country bibliophile, Liberal MP, Nonconformist and father of Michael Foot.

You don't need to ask me, do you?