

ENGLISH LITERATURE INTEREST GROUP

David Harris, former English teacher and deputy head at JFS, leads this group, which meets at the Century Bowling Club at 10am on the first and third Tuesdays of the month – except October – see KU3A Diary for details.

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Well, it's time to bid farewell to Geoffrey Chaucer and the Middle Ages as we continue on our chronological survey of the greatest hits of English Literature. For the next leg of our journey, I'm going to programme the sat nav in our time machine to drop us off in Tudor England, during the reign of good Queen Bess where our first port of exploration will be the work of the dramatist, poet and



secret agent, **Christopher Marlowe**. As well as looking at the life of this enigmatic man, we shall study *Dr. Faustus*, probably Marlowe's best and most famous play and his take on the Faust legend of the man who sells his soul to the Devil. I hope then to go on to look at some of the love poetry of the period, including poems by **Ben Jonson** and **Robert Herrick**, but then to concentrate on a selection of the poetry written by the surprisingly modern **John Donne**. This part of our journey will end – whenever that might be for we are in no hurry – in the Midlands as we look at the life, times and work of the Swan of Avon, the peerless **Will Shakespeare**.

The first session of the new term will be on Tuesday 6 September starting at 10.00am. New and current participants are most welcome but please come equipped with a copy of *Dr Faustus*. And this being a play, I hope you won't mind me asking for volunteers to read a part! In the meantime, have a great summer – should it ever arrive – and I look forward to seeing you in September.

David

