***“Consequences”* by Penelope Lively**

A small but valiant number of readers gathered to discuss Penelope Lively's *"Consequences".* With beautiful spare prose, well drawn characters and a brisk pace, the book follows the lives of three generations of women - beginning with Lorna, who rejects her privileged background to marry Matt, a penniless artist. Her decisions have far reaching consequences for subsequent members of her family, but this is surely true for the whole of humanity! The time frame - from 1935 to the current day- is carefully created and the pages are peopled with many engaging characters. A well constructed mini epic tale which we all enjoyed and would highly recommend