

Synopsis of the Intrigue of Alistair Connell

Why would anyone want to abduct forty four years old Alistair Connell and why the same people would leave him forty eight hours later unconscious in a wood with a bottle of pills by his side?

Alistair, a neurologist, was living with his mother and his daughter in a small village in East Anglia during a year's sabbatical leave from his posts as a lecturer and a clinical practitioner.

When Mark Davies, Alistair's research assistant, discovered that his boss was missing he too disappeared, under his own volition, apparently, on the run having tampered with a set of clinical data and set a fire in the neuroscience laboratory to incriminate the usual suspects for targeting experimental laboratories.

Agnes Connell, Alistair's mother, her constant companion Arthur Bradley and Alistair's youngest daughter Sally, became embroiled in the intrigue about Alistair's disappearance. In their investigations they discovered an anonymous note naming 'Monks' as a rendezvous, that a café called Monks belonged to the sister and only living relative of Mark Davies and that the same sister, Maria, was a close friend of Alistair's other daughter Serena.

Moved by Maria's distress at the loss of her brother, Agnes dragooned Arthur into further sleuthing and they not only unearthed Mark's hiding place in a seaside resort but discovered that he had two secrets; he was a cross dresser and he was a recruit in the sabotaging of a drug development project. However, Mark, a reluctant saboteur, had taken a copy of the original data to try to outwit the man behind the espionage. He passed this on to Agnes in the form of a CDROM which had consequences for both the Connells and himself; for the Connells the receipt of the disc resulted in a break-in, for Mark it resulted in his death.

The twists and turns of the story unfold to reveal the devious lengths some people will go to for their own gratification and greed to try and gain intellectual property by proxy and by illegal means. Agnes and Arthur with their unspoken fondness for each other, ultimately find the solution to the intrigue of Alistair's disappearance with the help of the Police and other characters that fleetingly appear throughout the story.