My Favourite Tree

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Rather than one specific tree, I particularly like the group of blossom trees that line the high street, from the Turks upward. In Spring, I think these are quite spectacular, with their gentle fragrances permeating the air, and their colours unrivalled, I'll wager, anywhere in this country. What I also like is when the gentle summer drizzle comes down in the evening, bringing out their verdancy and making the earth seem rich with life. Another charming aspect of these trees is in the summer time during the Rothbury music festival, when the sound of flutes and fiddles wafts from inside the Turks Head, combining with the gentle rustle of these leaves on a summer's night. During the daytime in the festival, it is charming to see musicians gathering underneath them and playing occasionally.