31. Gingling Geordie

The tune title has multiple explanations: Jinglin’ Geordie, a nickname for George Heriot (1563-1624), goldsmith and moneylender to James VI of Scotland (James I of England), is also remembered on the sign of the eponymous pub in Edinburgh’s Fleshmarket Close; Jingling Geordie’s Hole is a cave in Tynemouth with several stories connected to it, one of which tells of a beachcomber who lived there, his “jingling” being the rattling of chains to scare off anyone who might be curious about his hoard; and another possibility, which would also explain Vickers’ title, is the jingling stick similar to the one used by Morris dancers, and formerly used by recruiting officers to attract the attention of anyone who might be tempted by the king’s shilling.