

# *The CHOGM Pentrille*

*Norm Ellis, Oct. 1981*

**Formation:** 5 couples in a pentagon (*ie really just a circle*),  
positions are numbered anti-clockwise 1, 4, 2, 5, 3.  
NB - the whole dance is 'driven' by each couple in turn from 1<sup>st</sup> position.

**Music:** 4 + 5 x 64 bar jig or reel + 16 bar coda

## *Bars*

4+4 **Forward & Back**, with hands joined in a circle, **Circle Left**; with 8 slip steps

4+4 **Forward & Back, Circle Right**; *keep hands joined ready for -*

8 1<sup>st</sup> couple **Split the Ring** -- everyone still holding hands, 1<sup>st</sup> couple go between lady 2 and man 5, then separate and go around the outside to their original place, taking everyone with them; the two making the arch turn under their own arch.

8 2<sup>nd</sup> lady and 5<sup>th</sup> man **Split the Ring**, 1<sup>st</sup> couple make the arch;

16 1<sup>st</sup> couple **Cross Over all the way around** -- 1<sup>st</sup> couple crosses over with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple, each person passing their opposite by the right shoulder, (ie lady goes between the opposite couple) then 'California Twirl' to change places with partner & face back into the set (4 bars); 1<sup>st</sup> couple then does the same with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> couples in turn. (*All have now progressed!*)

4+4 All **Set Twice** to partners, All **Swing Partners**;

8 All **Promenade around Set**, *to finish in new/progressed position*;

4x64 *Repeat 4 more times.*

8+8 '*Finale*' All **Forward & Back, twice**;  
All **Swing Partners.**

## ***A Note on Variations:***

Over the years, a number of variations have developed in the third 16 bars: ie the "Cross Overs" mostly involving '*flying Arches*'! To avoid collisions, follow the lead of the 'Active' (1<sup>st</sup>) couple.

**Note:** This dance was written for the Bush Music Club's Annual Festival in 1981, which it won. The dance is meant to symbolise the activities of the representatives at the **Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)**, which had recently taken place.

YouTube video of the CHOGM Pentrille – *taken at the Heritage Ball, NFF 2011.*

< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnx18pC56Q0> >