**BOLD - JEFF CARRIER**

**TRANSCRIPT**

Interviewer - If there was someone that didn't know Chil, or was kind of thinking, you know, well, you know, he's 80, he can't do all these things, what would you say to that?

Darcy - Shut up. Chil's awesome.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - My name is Jeff Carrier. I'm the Scout leader at Kenmore Scout Group. My Scout name is Chil. I've been with the Scouts now for 40 years, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I've learned so much, and I intend to go on learning. So I wouldn't consider myself too old.

Annie - So this weekend, this is the first camp for Thursday night Scouts since lockdown, and of course it rained and rained and rained.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - Annie, is your tent dry or?

Darcy - I still can't believe Chil's 80, but he just keeps doing Scouts. He's always really into all of the projects, and fishing, and hiking, and bike riding. It's pretty extraordinary.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - You know, if we're going on a hike, or if we're going abseiling or climbing, then I take part in that. If we're going canoeing, I do that. If we go on a bike hike, I take part in that. Come for a bike ride with me, or come for a run, or come for a walk, and we'll see who's old.

Annie - I think that's part of where Chil is able to gain the respect of the kids in a way that, that I can't. For example, because I've always been a bit more authoritarian with the kids. And so when I yell at them, you know, "It's just Ricki yelling at us again." Over there on the stairs, there's still a lot of wet clothes hanging up. But with Jeff, because he, for most of the time, does allow the kids to lead, and he sits back, but he's there to catch them, sometimes literally, when they fall, I think that commands a degree of respect that not many other people have been able to garner.

Darcy - It's as his name suggests he's very chill. He doesn't... He cares about what you do, but he lets you muck around and let's you have fun. He's not the strictest of leaders.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - Ah, well, that's what it's all about, making them independent, to be able to give the kids skills, to be able to support their selves. Well, once you get them out, they really enjoy it. Yeah, they're very cheeky. If I want to do something, I'll do it. My thoughts are that you let yourself get old, and I haven't let myself get old. Sometimes I feel old. Sometimes it's difficult to get up in the morning, but my philosophy is I'm going to go as long as I can, and if I fall over, then that's it. But I want to be going when I fall over and go, I want to be doing something. I spent a lot of my time in factories, and inside, and doing design work and stuff like that. And that's not really what... I really like to be outside doing outside things, yeah. You know, I just... I get so much pleasure out of it, and closeness with the kids, it's just an incredible feeling.

Darcy - A life without Chil is a life without Scouts. He just really means a lot to all of us.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - You haven't done a bad job, you know, it's almost on. All right?

- [Scout] Thanks Chil.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - That's a good one.

Annie - We are always Scouts once we make our promise. And I think that's a wonderful story of the brotherhood and sisterhood that is the Scout movement all around the world.

Jeff ‘Chil’ - Well guys, well done, no injuries, and in spite of the weather, we've had a great time. As Eddie Idle used to say, "He's not a man, he's a silly boy."

Interviewer - Is that how you feel sometimes?

Jeff ‘Chil’ - Yes. Yeah, I do. And I really don't want to change. ♪ Heyla, oh heyla shala ♪ ♪ Oh heyla shala heyla ho ♪