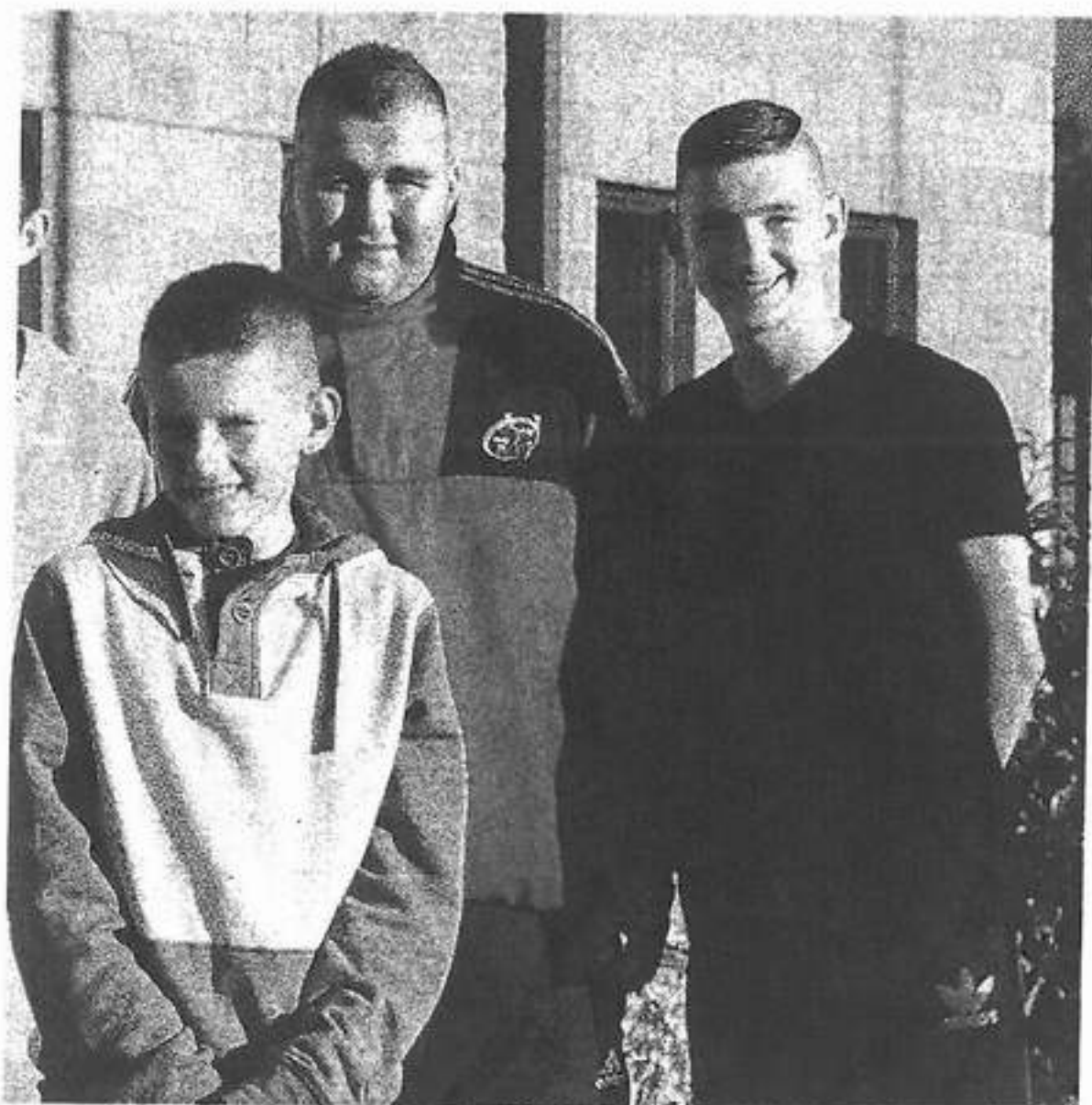


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Dance Limerick is leading the charge to reinvigorate dance in Limerick city and the official launch is at 7pm this Thursday by Mayor Kathleen Leddin.



Daniel Malone, Ronan Dunne, Jonathan O'Halloran and Dylan Brophy.



Richard with artist Hugh Mc Mahon, his mum Ailish McMahon and Bernadette Kennedy, CEO of Blue Box. Picture: Damien Wilson

Hugh's comic book tells old Limerick folktales in an exciting new way

Have you ever heard of the curse of St. Munchin? Or the ghost of the Bishop's Lady? These folktales and more are included in *Limerick Folktales*, a comic book collection of eight local stories illustrated by Limerick artist Hugh Mc Mahon who works as an artist and art therapist in the city.

I had the honour of launching the comic book last week in Faber Studios on Henry Street and the launch was a huge success with many familiar Limerick faces coming out to support the project. The comic book is a celebration of local history and heritage with stories reflecting something of the Limerick character and some of the folktales are nostalgic and romantic, whereas others are tragic but all the stories are told with an irreverent good humour.

A percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the comic book will be donated to The Blue Box Creative Learning Centre which works with schools and families in Limerick City and environs to provide space and trained professionals to help guide children through difficult times.

Driven by innovative arts therapy programmes this 'self-help' project was the realisation of a desire to bring interventions to children and young people that would help them to help themselves through difficult emotional and psychological issues.

To find out more visit www.bluebox.ie and to buy a copy of the comic for just €4 contact Hugh at hughcoonagh@yahoo.com and to see more of his art go to www.hughmcmahon.com.

And finally...

If anyone wants to keep tabs with what I am up to around Limerick, you can catch me on Facebook and Twitter @Richanthon. If you have a good news story about Limerick I could share on this page, you can contact me via email at Richard@ILoveLimerick.com. Look forward to hearing from you!

Love to you all

Richard (Richanthon) x

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