

## STONY CREEK FIFE & DRUM

# Fife & drum corps continues long tradition in Ireland <sup>3/16/18</sup>

BRANFORD — Talk about the busy season.

On Sunday, one might argue the Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps is taking it a bit far. Along with performances at the Stamford, Hartford and New Haven St. Patrick's Day parades that began on March 3, one group of members will march in Mount Holyoke, Mass., on Sunday; the other will appear in Limerick, Ireland. That's in addition to the latter's participation in the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Dublin on Saturday.

For longtime member Ken Avery, the St. Patrick's Day tour of Ireland is part of a corps tradition that started in 1980 and renewed itself in 1996. "It never gets old," said the corps' business manager, which this year celebrates its 132nd anniversary. "This is what we do."

Catch the full corps' lively strains at the Mystic Irish Parade on March 25.

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— Lisa Reisman



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**The Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps in the 1980 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Limerick, Ireland.**