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| 15 | *    |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 15 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 16 | C2.5 | 09:09 | 09:23 | 09:37 | 1+ |       |       |          |
| 16 | C1.0 | 12:22 | 12:29 | 13:02 | 2  |       |       |          |
| 17 | M5.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 18 | C3.6 | 08:05 | 08:23 | 08:58 | 2+ |       |       |          |
| 18 | C2.0 | 12:39 | 13:14 | 16:24 | 3+ |       |       |          |
| 18 | ?    |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 18 | C2.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 18 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 18 | C1.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 18 | C1.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
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| 24 | ?    |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | C1.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | *    |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | B9.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | B9.8 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 24 | C3.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 25 | C1.6 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 25 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 26 | C1.5 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 26 | C2.7 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 28 | B7.4 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 28 | B6.8 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 30 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 31 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |       |       |          |
| 31 | ?    | 13:26 | 13:37 | 14:00 | 2  |       |       |          |
| 31 | C2.2 |       |       |       |    | 14:28 | 14:33 | 14:50 1  |
| 31 | C2.5 | 15:32 | 15:34 | 16:12 | 2  | 15:31 | 15:36 | 15:47 1- |



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| 15 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 16 | C2.5 | 09:09 | 09:22 | 09:57 | 2+ |       |       |       |                        |
| 16 | C1.0 | 12:24 | 12:29 | 12:42 | 1- |       |       | 09:11 | 09:21 09:42 1+         |
| 17 | M5.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | C3.6 |       |       |       |    |       |       | 07:56 | 08:21 08:43 2+         |
| 18 | C2.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | ?    |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | C2.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | C1.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 18 | C1.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       | 15:47 | 15:59 16:20 2          |
| 19 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 24 | ?    |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 24 | C1.1 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
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| 24 | B9.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 24 | B9.8 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 24 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 24 | C3.9 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 25 | C1.6 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 25 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 26 | C1.5 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 26 | C2.7 |       |       |       |    | 16:07 | 16:15 | 16:31 | 1 16:07 16:11 16:17 1- |
| 28 | B7.4 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 28 | B6.8 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 30 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |       |       | 08:37 | 08:47 09:04 1+         |
| 31 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |       |       | 06:36 | 06:45 06:56 1          |
| 31 | ?    |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 31 | C2.2 |       |       |       |    |       |       |       |                        |
| 31 | C2.5 | 15:33 | 15:37 | 15:52 | 1  |       |       | 15:33 | 15:39 15:50 1-         |



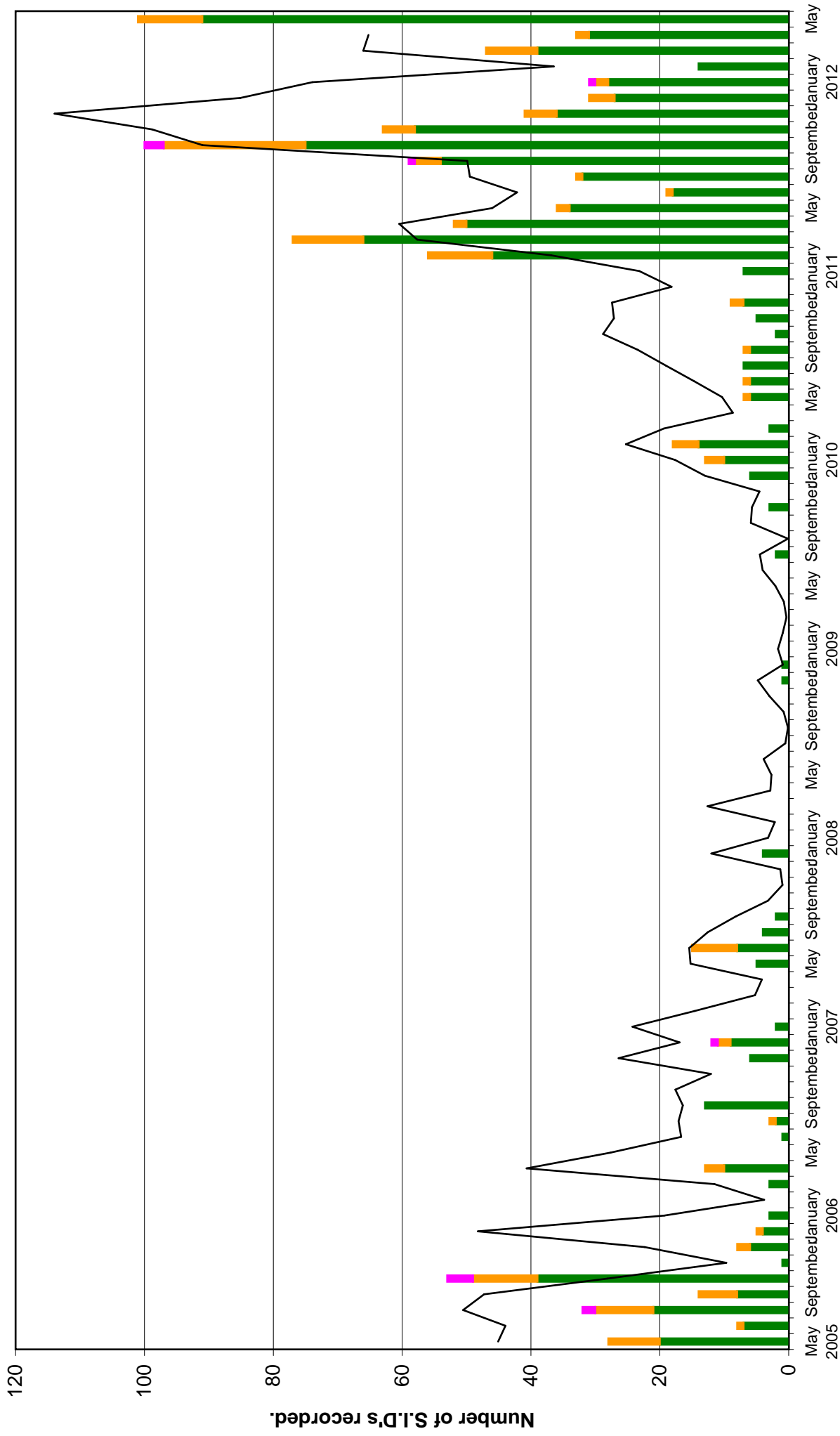
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| 15 | *    |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 15 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 16 | C2.5 | 09:10 | 09:22 | 10:00 | 2+ |  |       |                |
| 16 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 17 | M5.1 |       |       |       |    |  | 01:28 | 01:46 04:22 3+ |
| 18 | C3.6 | 08:01 | 08:20 | 09:00 | 2+ |  |       |                |
| 18 | C2.0 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 18 | ?    |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 18 | C2.1 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 18 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
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| 24 | B9.0 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 24 | B9.8 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 24 | C1.3 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 24 | C3.9 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 25 | C1.6 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 25 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 26 | C1.5 | 09:09 | 09:16 | 09:50 | 2  |  |       |                |
| 26 | C2.7 | 16:07 | 16:11 | 16:48 | 2  |  |       |                |
| 28 | B7.4 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 28 | B6.8 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 30 | C1.0 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 31 | C1.2 |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
| 31 | ?    |       |       |       |    |  |       |                |
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# VLF flare activity 2005/12.



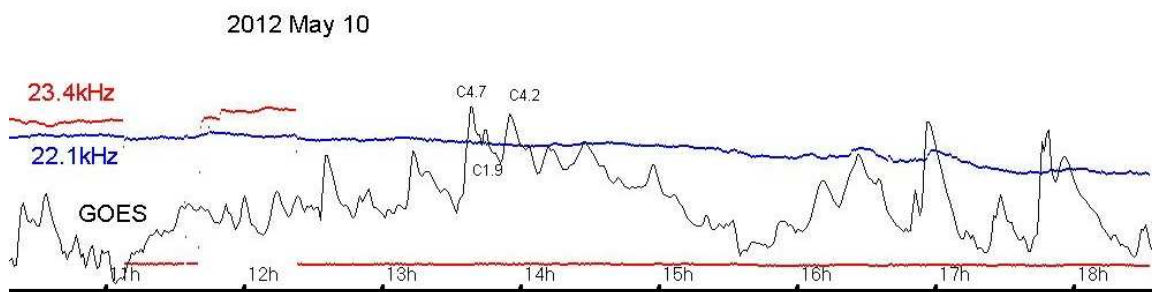
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The busiest month so far in cycle 24, we have recorded 109 SIDs from SWPC classified flares, as well as another 20 that have not been classified. 2011 September was the previous peak with 102 SIDs. Most of this activity was in the first two weeks, due to active region 1476. This reached a span of 20 degrees with about 50 spots on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The 23.4kHz transmitter was off the air for part of this period, and much of the activity did not record too well on my 22.1kHz receiver.

The 10<sup>th</sup> produced a strange triple flare. Most reports list them as a single event, so I have listed them here as a single SID at C4.2. The SWPC figures are as follows:

|      |       |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| C1.9 | 13:10 | 13:47 | 15:23 |
| C4.7 | 13:34 | 13:40 | 13:44 |
| C4.2 | 13:52 | 13:57 | 14:01 |

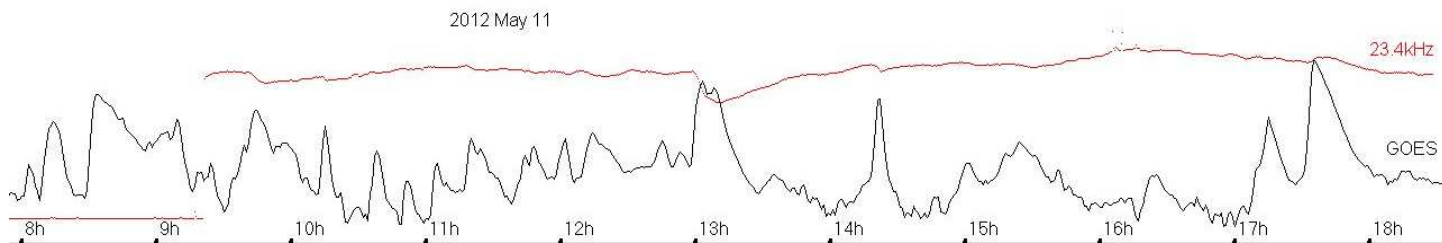
They were all produced by AR1476. They do not show on my 22.1kHz recording, but I am including the GOES data with my own recording to clarify the event for those who did record it.



The C1.9 Flare can just be seen between the two larger peaks.

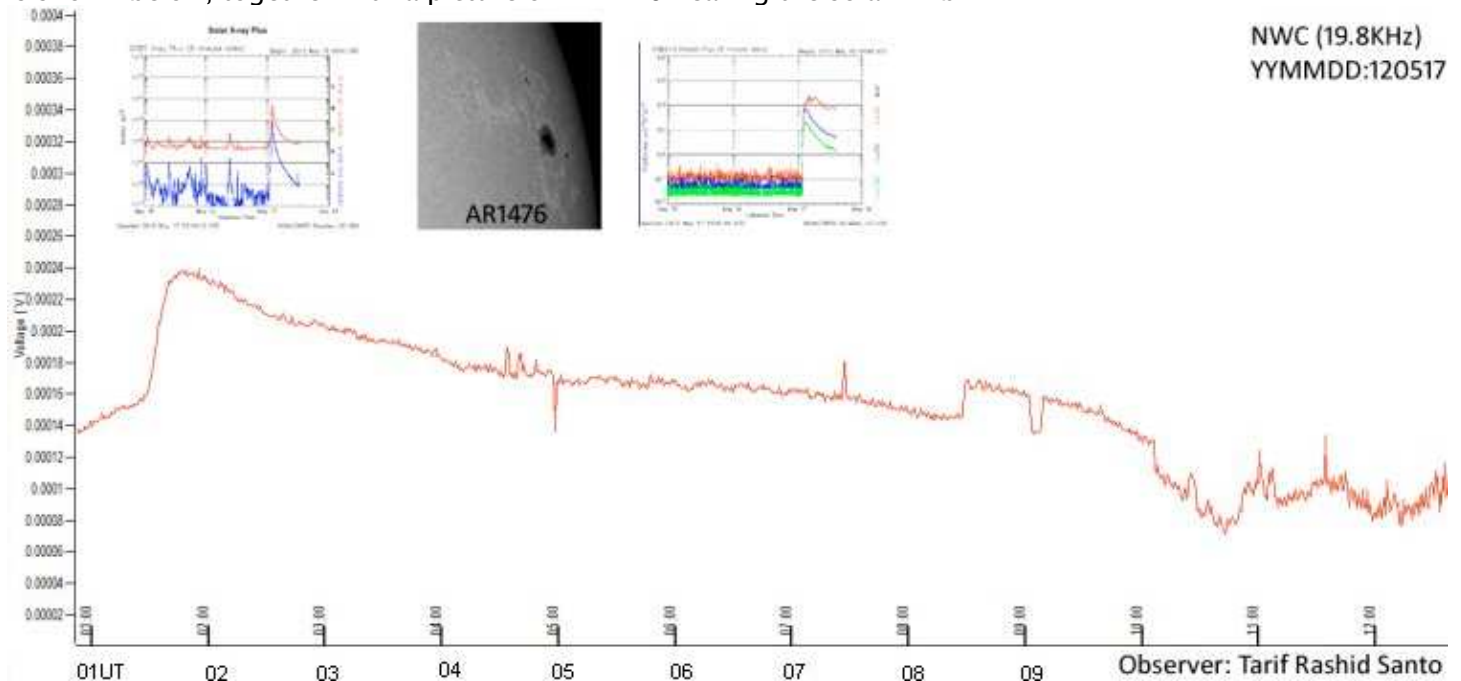
The most energetic flare of the month, at M5.7, was also recorded as a SID peaking at 04:20UT on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This report was contributed by new member Tarif Rashid Santo. He is based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and at 90 degrees east our observing time is extended well into the early morning hours. He is monitoring NWC on 19.8kHz in Australia.

A record 16 SIDs were reported for the 11<sup>th</sup>, all from AR1476.



Most of them do not show as SIDs on my recording above, but the GOES trace shows just how active this spot group was.

Tarif Rashid Santo also caught another early SID from the M5.1 flare peaking at 01:44UT on the 17<sup>th</sup>. His chart is shown below, together with a picture of AR1476 nearing the solar limb:



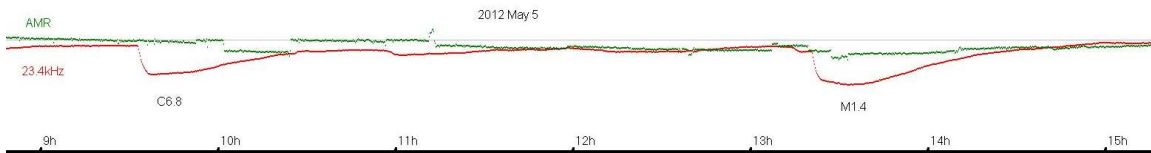
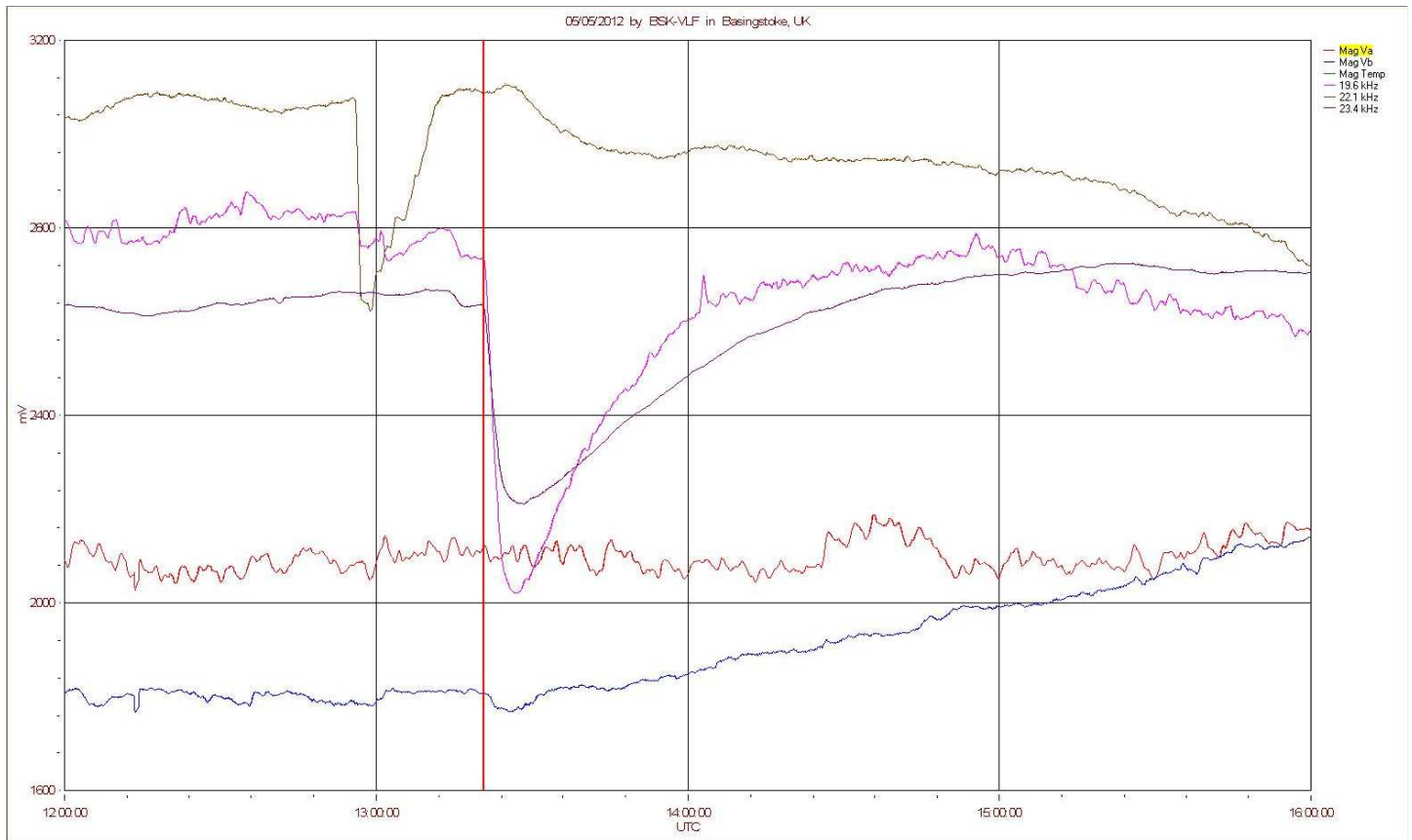
With AR1476 rotated around the limb, activity was much reduced after the 18<sup>th</sup>, with several smaller groups responsible for the flares.

Rapid oscillations were reported by Mark Edwards on the 29<sup>th</sup>, while Colin Clements found a large amplitude 20 minute oscillation on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

### MAGNETIC DATA.

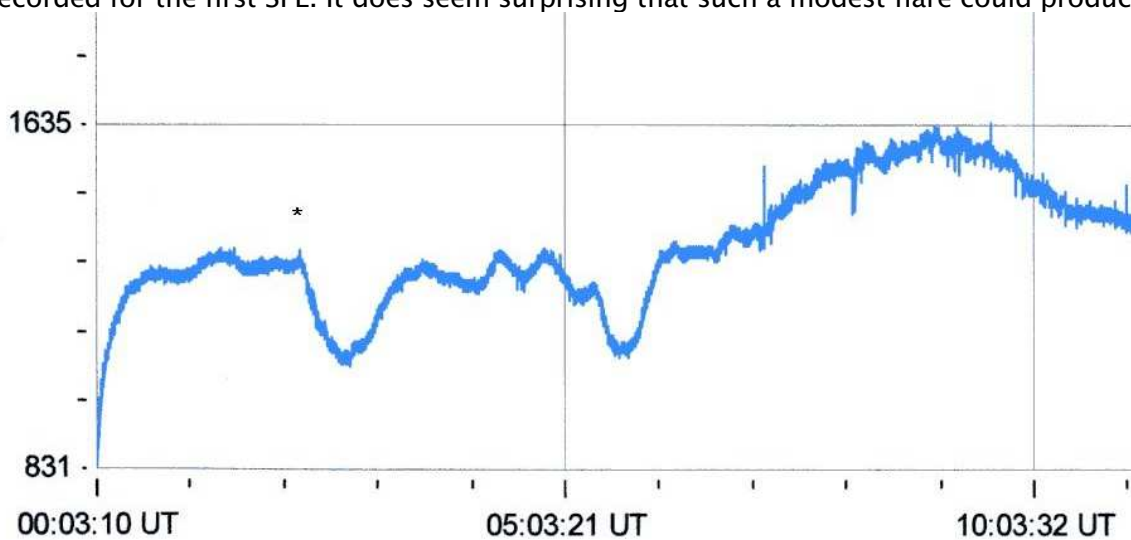
The Bartels chart shows magnetic activity on most days in May. Most of this was short periods of minor disturbance from enhanced solar wind speeds. More sustained activity was recorded from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> from Coronal Hole High Speed Streams. Evidence of two CME's were noted by Paul Hyde. The first CME was produced by the M5.1 flare recorded as a SID peaking at 01:46UT on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The magnetic disturbance began with Paul at 02:13UT on the 20<sup>th</sup>, giving a transit time of 72h 48m. Colin Clements also recorded this CME arrival at a similar time. The second occurred in the form of a filament eruption at 05:10UT on the 18<sup>th</sup> in STEREO data. Paul recorded the magnetic disturbance at 19:38 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, giving a transit time of over 84hours. I also have a disturbance at this time, measuring about 8nT. Occurring in an otherwise quiet period, the effect does seem to be real.

Although there were no X-class flares during May, two flare-induced magnetic effects (SFE's) are reported by SWPC and the BGS. Both were produced by modest flares with very fast rise-times. The first of these is related to the M1.4 flare on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Paul Hyde and myself have similar magnetic recordings of this, the initial disturbance measuring about 16nT on my recording. With domestic interference these small effects often do not stand out from the background, and can be difficult to interpret. Paul's chart shows a small dip in the east-west (Vb) signal:



My chart (above) shows a similar effect, but with some interference shortly after the SFE.

The second SFE is reported by the BGS at 11:10 on the 7<sup>th</sup>, probably associated with the C7.9 flare. There is no evidence of this in any of our recordings despite the BGS indicating a greater magnetic disturbance than that recorded for the first SFE. It does seem surprising that such a modest flare could produce an SFE at all.



Colin's Recording of the CME arrival on the 20<sup>th</sup> at about 02:13UT.

| ROTATION | KEY: | DISTURBED.   | ACTIVE              | SFE  | B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE. | Synodic rotation start (carrington's)                    |
|----------|------|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 2407     | F    | 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31  |                     |  | 2010 January<br>1 2 3<br>C    | 2092<br>4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13                          |
| 2408     | F    | 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31                            | 20<br>CCMC MCMCC    | 23   |                               | 2093<br>2010 February<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>CC MCCCC C |
| 2409     | F    | 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27                            | 14 15 16 17<br>C BB |  |                               | 2094<br>2010 March<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8<br>C               |
| 2410     | F    | 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26                             |                     | 17 18 19   |                               | 2095<br>2010 April<br>1 2 3 4<br>27 28 29 30 31<br>CC BB |
| 2411     | F    | 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22                                 |                     | 14 15  |                               | 2096<br>23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30<br>C                     |
| 2412     | F    | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20                                 | 5<br>CCM            | 6  |                               | 2097<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>C CC                  |
| 2413     | F    | 29 30 31 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17                               |                     | 3 4  |                               | 2098<br>18 19 20 21 22 23 24<br>C MCCC                   |
| 2414     | F    | 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13                                  |                     | 29 30  |                               | 2099<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>C CC C                |
| 2415     | F    | 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10                                  |                     | 27 28  |                               | 2100<br>11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>C M C C C             |
| 2416     | F    | 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 4 5                                 |                     | 27 28  |                               | 2101<br>6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>C                      |
| 2417     | F    | 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31                               |                     | 24 25 26 27  |                               | 2102<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>C B                   |
| 2418     | F    | 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30                         |                     | 22 23 24 25 26   |                               | 2103<br>2010 November<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>C CC M CM      |
| 2419     | F    | 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26                           |                     | 10 11 12 13 14 15 16   |                               | 2104<br>27 28 29 30 1 2 3 4<br>C CC C                    |
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| 2421     | F    | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20                               |                     | 6 7 8  |                               | 2106<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>C C                      |
| 2422     | F    | 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16                               |                     | 4 5 6  |                               | 2107<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>C MCM C C C              |
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| 2425     | F    | 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9                         | 20<br>BBC           | 24   |                               | 2110<br>10 11 12 13 14 15<br>C C                         |
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| 2436     | F    | 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29                      |                     | 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28              |                               | 2121<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>C M MC CCCC MCMC                |
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