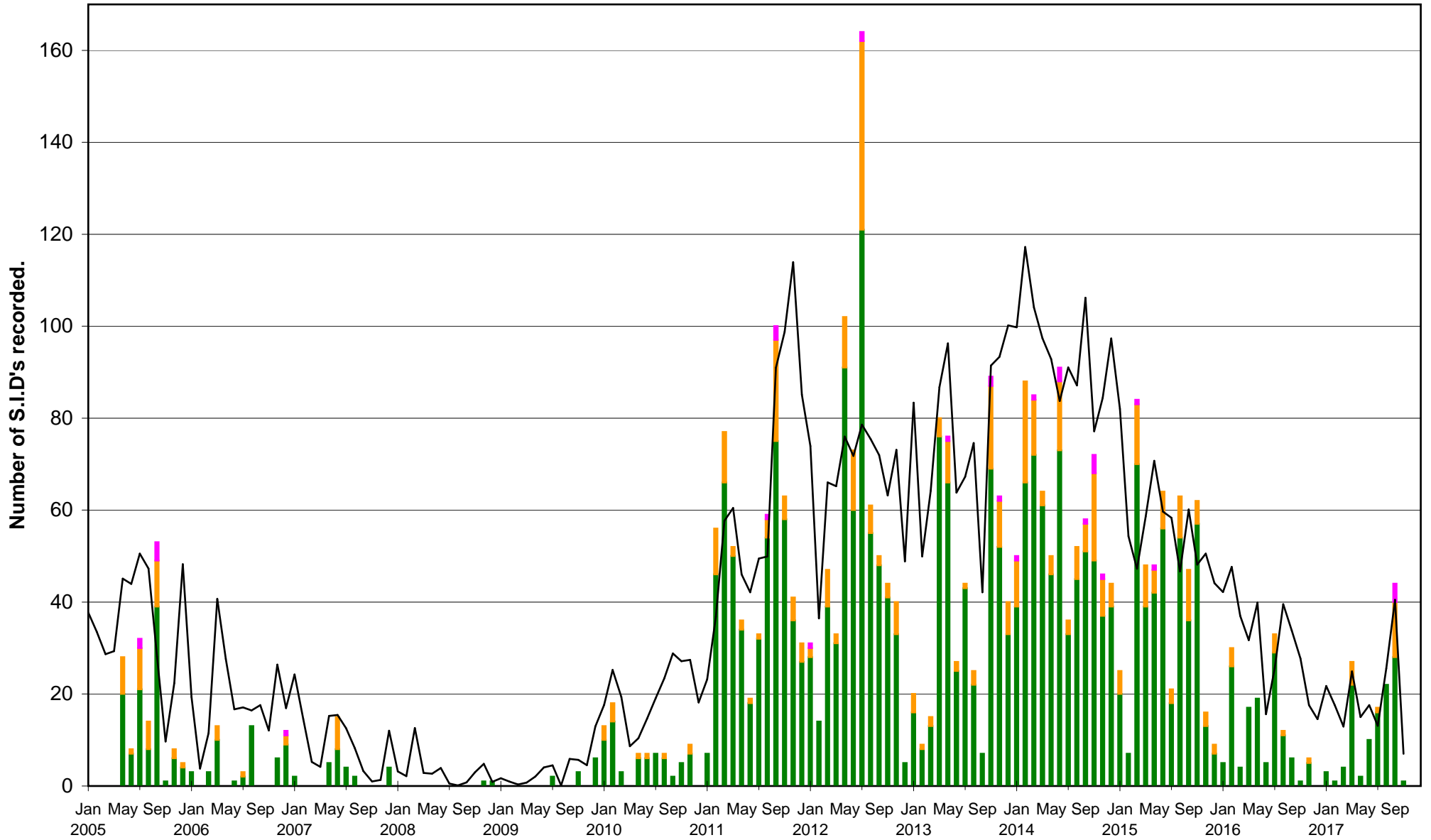


	Xray class	Observers	John Cook (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)	Roberto Battaiola (20.3kHz)	Paul Hyde (22.1kHz)	Mark Edwards (24.0kHz)	Colin Clements (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)
			Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.58m frame aerial.	Modified AAVSO receiver.	Spectrum Lab / PC 1.5m frame aerial.	Spectrum Lab / PC 2m loop aerial.	AAVSO receiver, 0.76m screened loop aerial.
DAY			START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)
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6	B9.8	1			16:33 16:36 16:51 1-		

	Xray class		Steve Parkinson (Various)	Andrew Thomas (23.4kHz)	Phil Rourke (23.4kHz)	Jim Barber	John Elliott (18.3kHz)
			Tuned radio frequency receiver, frame aeriels.	Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.6m frame aerial.	Spectrum Lab, 0.6m frame aerial.	Spectrum Lab, 0.6m frame aerial.	Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.5m frame aerial.
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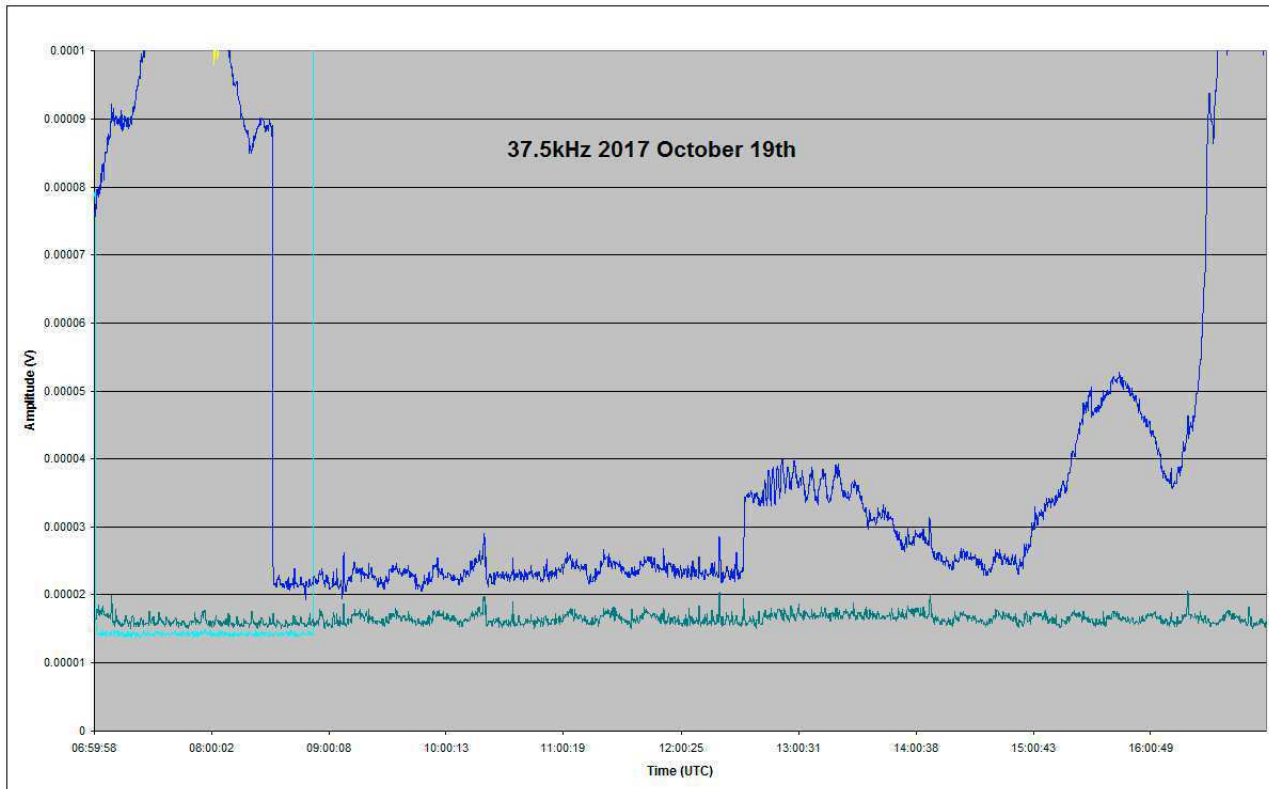
VLF flare activity 2005/17.

C M X — Relative sunspot number

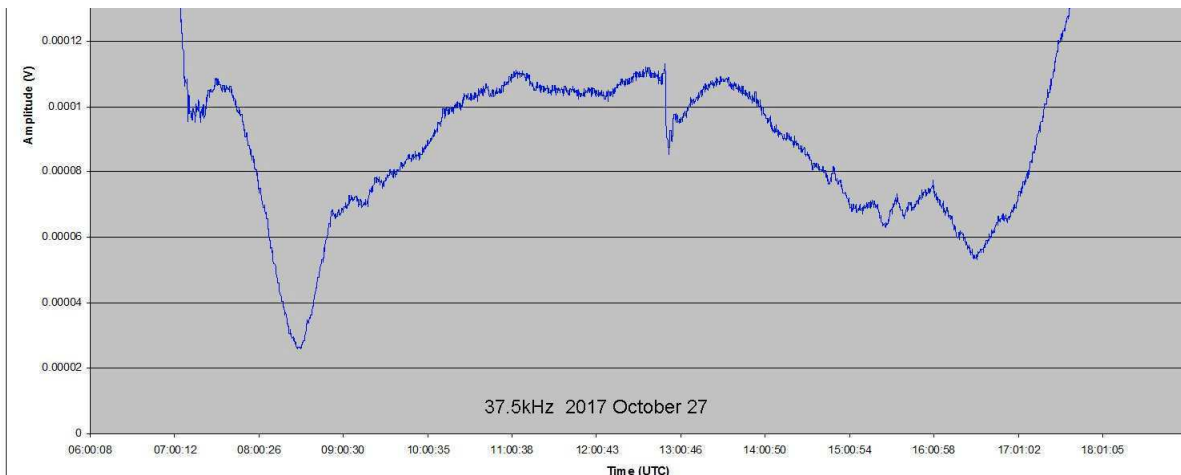


October has been the quietest month for solar flares so far this year. Background X-ray flux started the month at B2 / B3 levels, dropping below B1 on the 10th. There were plenty of small B-class flares in the first two weeks, but then practically stopped, with just one exception; at 23:28UT on the 20th there was an M1.1 flare. Far too late in the day for European observers, we did not record a SID.

Colin Clements reported noise and oscillations on the 2nd, 16th, 22nd, 25th, 26th and 30th, while Mark Edwards noted some unusual oscillations on the 19th:



The blue trace is 37.5kHz, and despite being at quite a low level shows some distinct oscillations. The green trace is 18.3kHz, which appeared to be off at the time. It does however show a strong 'echo' of the 37.5kHz oscillations. Whether there was a low-level of signal present, or it is a Spectrum Lab artefact is not clear.

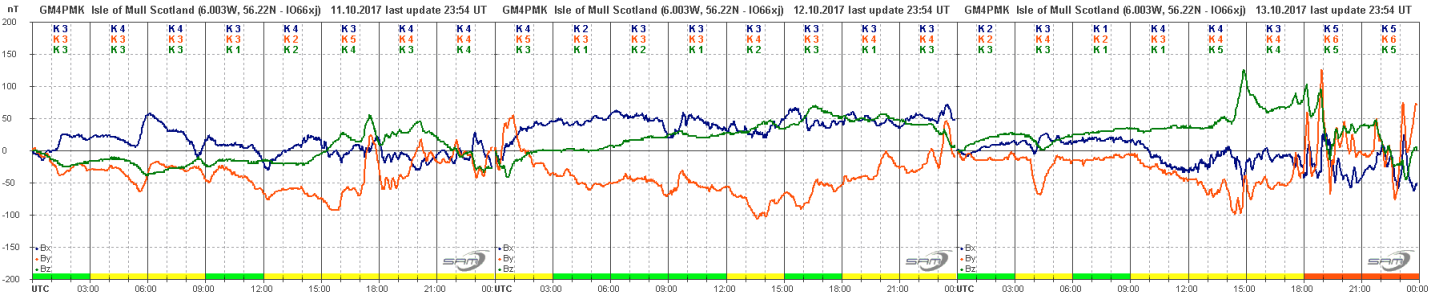


This chart shows another mystery signal recorded by Mark Edwards. The feature at 12:52 looks very much like

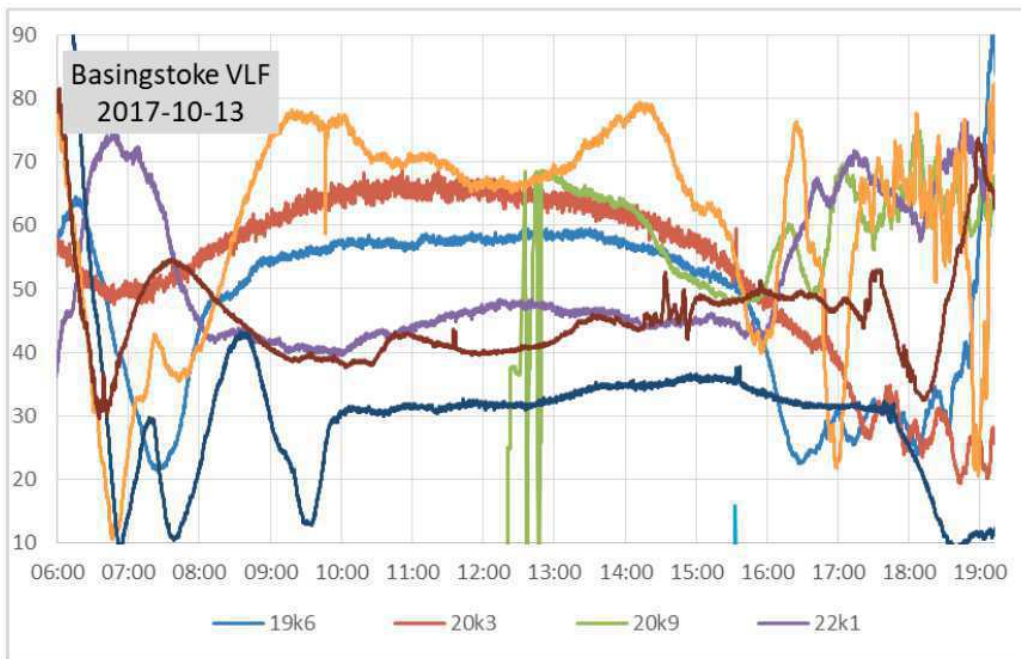
a SID, but it has no X-ray source. There were no magnetic transients at the time. The Kiel LW monitor shows a SID-like rise in signal level at the time, so eliminating a transmitter signal level change. Source unknown.

MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.

There were no Earth-directed CMEs in October, but there have once again been some strong CHSS disturbances.



The strongest disturbances were seen over the 11th to 13th, shown in this recording by Roger Blackwell. The storm continued into the early hours of the 14th, but then faded during the day. As expected, there were also effects seen on the 37.5kHz VLF signal, reported by Paul Hyde, Colin Briden and Mark Edwards.



Paul's recording shows 37.5kHz in brown amongst the other VLF signals on the 13th. A strong oscillation at 14:00–15:00 matches well the magnetic transients seen in the magnetogram. The stronger magnetic disturbance at 17:00–18:00 is too late to show clearly, but there is a 'bump' in the signal as the sunset effect takes over. The bright-orange signal at the top of the chart is 23.4kHz. The sunset is much earlier for this signal, and so the rapid oscillations seen after 17:00 are probably not magnetically generated. Mark Edwards and Colin Briden recorded similar timings at 37.5kHz, including the later 'bump' in the signal.

CHSS effects produced another disturbance on the 24th and 25th, although much weaker than on the 13th. 37.5kHz oscillations in the afternoon of the 24th again matched well with the magnetic transients recorded.

Magnetic observations received from Gonzalo Vargas, Colin Clements, Roger Blackwell and John Cook.

BARTELS DIAGRAM

ROTATION	KEY:	DISTURBED.	ACTIVE	SFE	B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE.	Synodic rotation start (carrington's).
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