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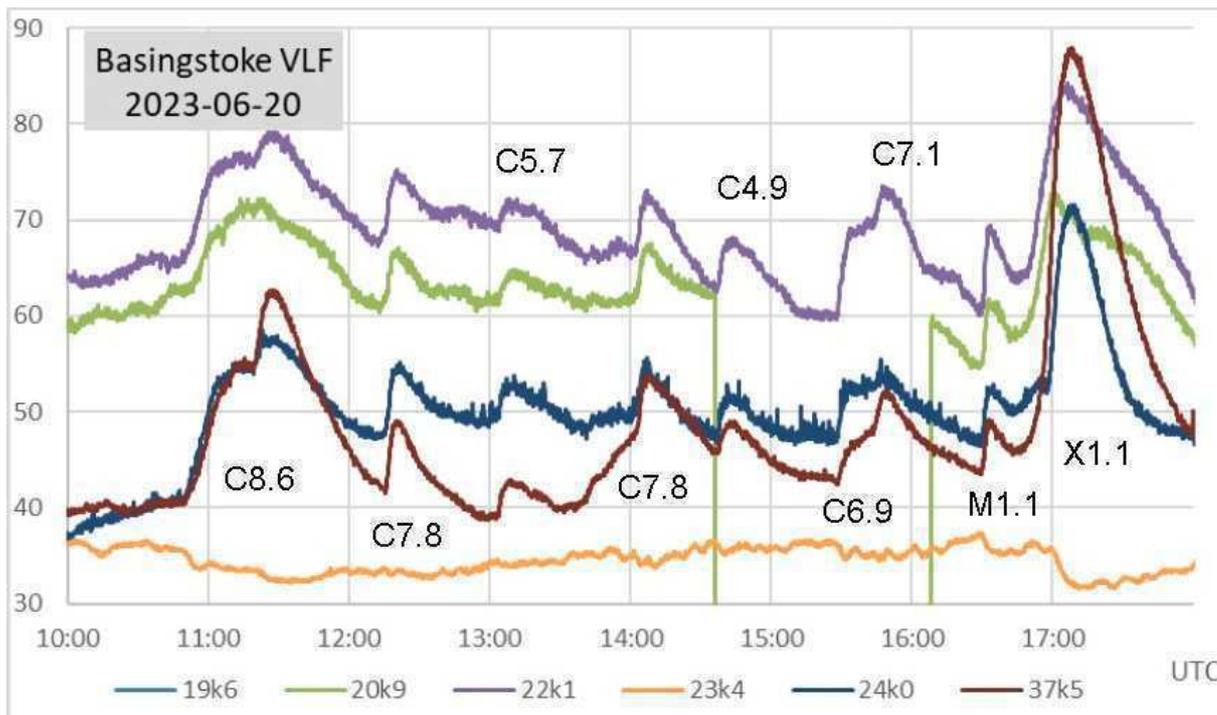
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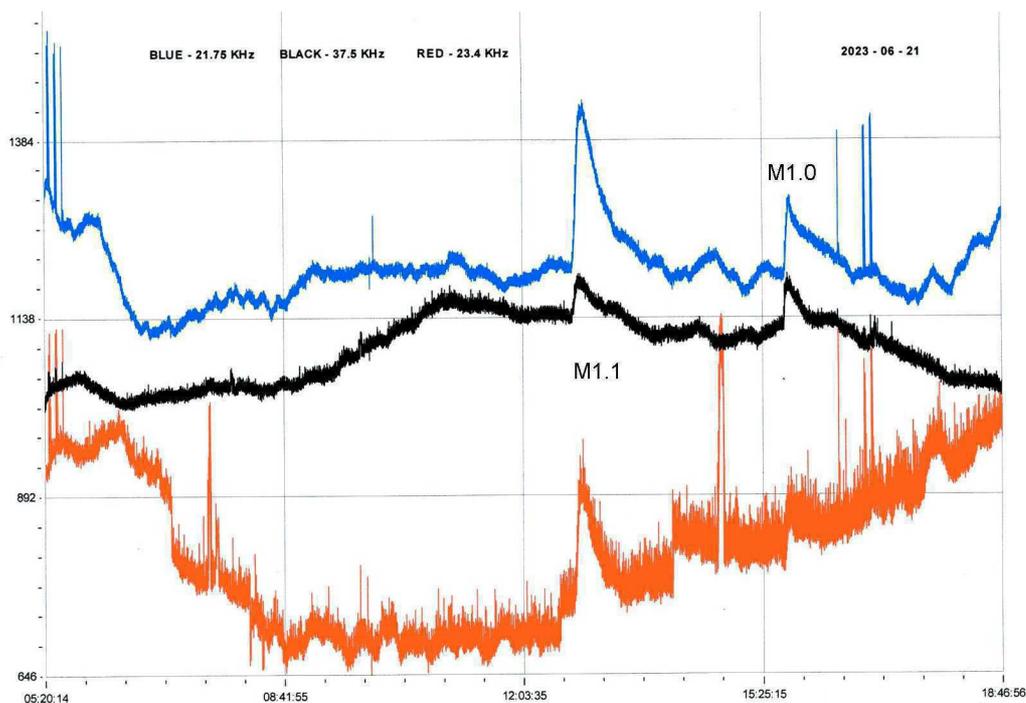
VLF SID OBSERVATIONS.

June has been another very busy month for solar activity, with a total of 124 SIDs recorded from 105 flares. Many flares were again multi-peaked and overlapping, making analysis very tricky. We recorded another X-class flare, the fourth so far in 2023, just in time to be recorded before the mid summer sunset. It was also the only one shown in the GOES X-ray data.

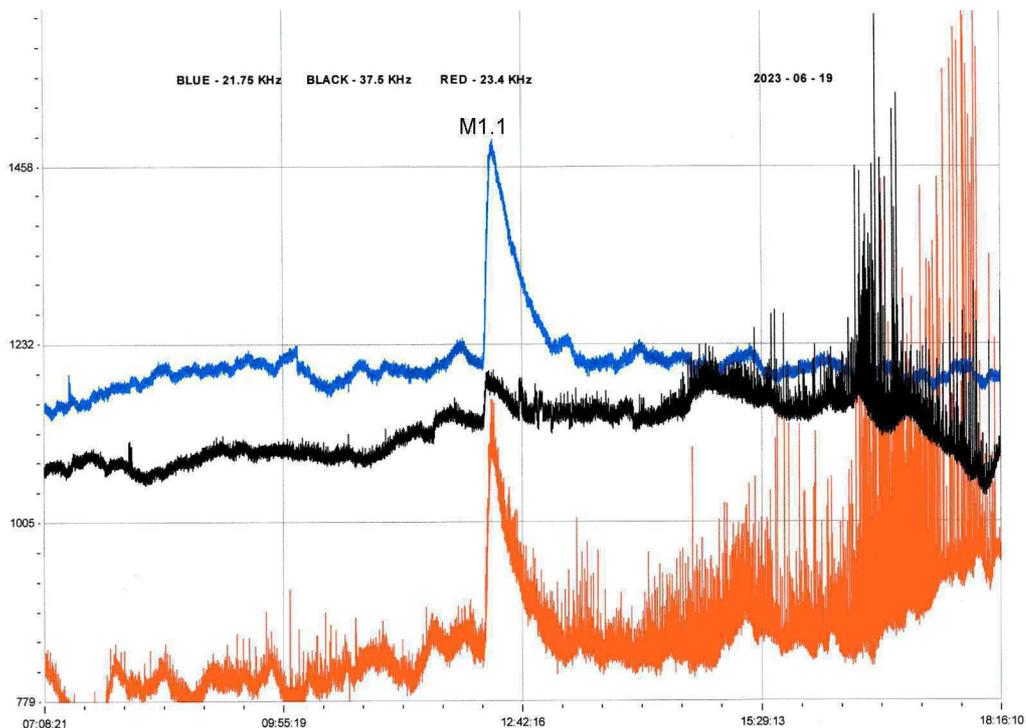


This recording by Paul Hyde shows activity on the 20th, ending with the X1.1 flare. The first SID was from two flares, one unclassified, the other listed as C8.6. This has produced different SID shapes on the signals shown, appearing as a single event at 20.9kHz, and clearly twin at 37.5kHz. 23.4kHz has remained unaffected through most of this period. It does show a small dip aligned with the M1.1 flare, and a slightly larger dip for the X1.1. A total of four active regions were responsible for this activity

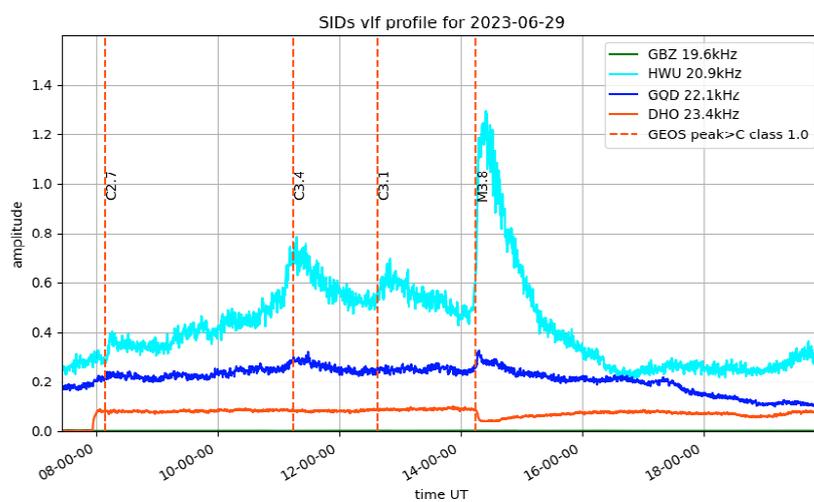
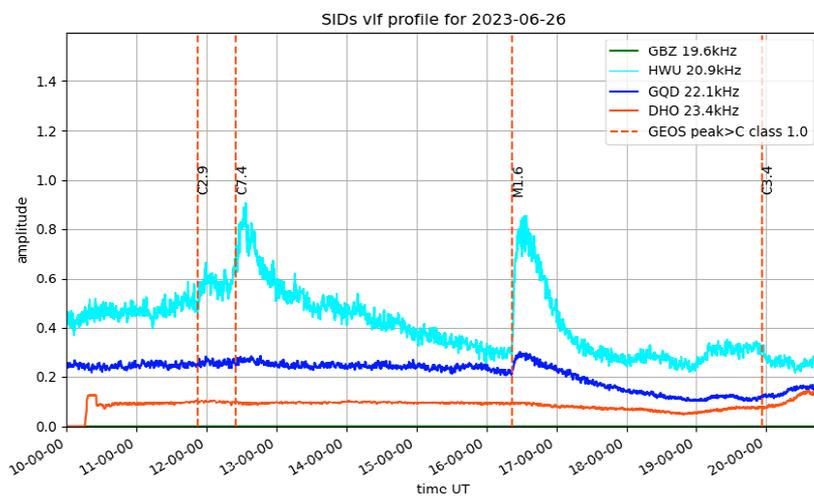
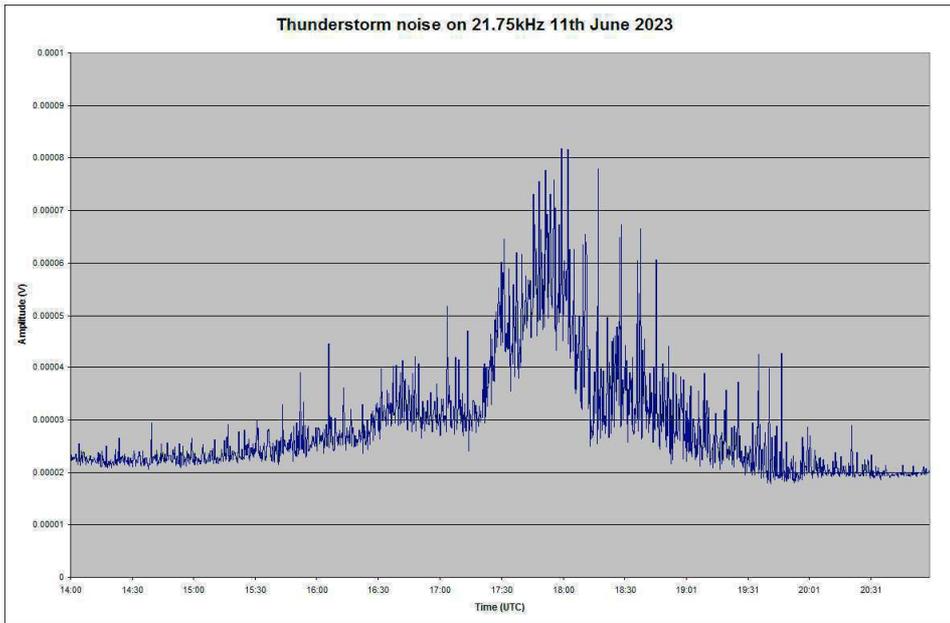
There were two M-class flares widely recorded on the 21st, shown in this chart by Colin Clements:



Both flares have produced clear SIDs at 21.75kHz and 37.5kHz, while 23.4kHz has been affected by long lasting thunder storms. These caused interference over several days, although Colin was not aware of them at the time. His recording from the 19th shows much stronger interference:

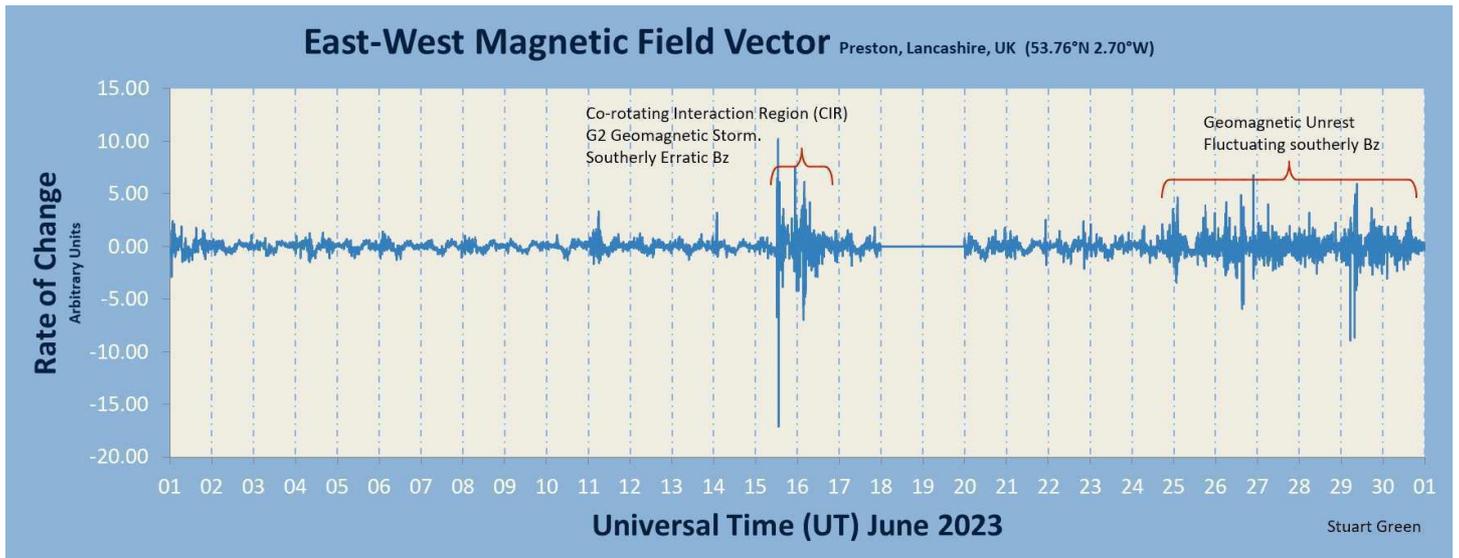


The M1.1 flare is well clear of the noise, which built up later in the afternoon. 37.5kHz also shows the storm. Colin's recording of the strong activity on the 20th was completely lost on these signals with even stronger interference from the storms. Most of the UK was affected by the storms sometime during this period, so Mark Edwards made a recording at 21.75kHz on the 11th. His recording shows the storm peaking between 17:30 and 18:30. This storm was local to Mark, rattling doors in the house! Lightning discharges around the globe are the classic source of 'spherics' recorded via D-layer propagation.



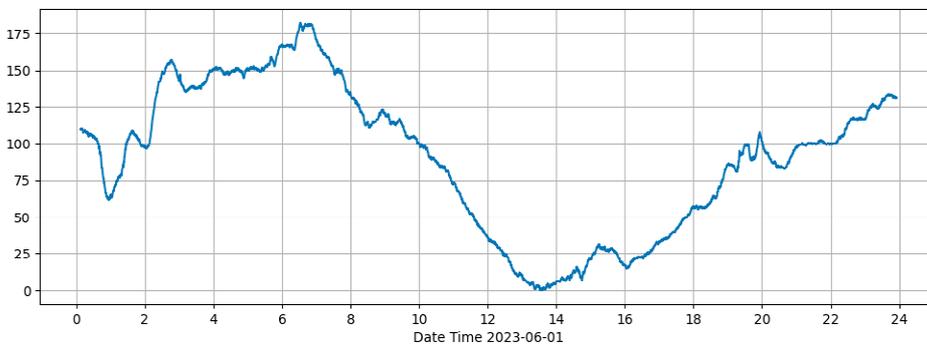
The strong activity continued through to the end of the month, these two charts showing Mark Prescott's recordings from the 26th and 29th. 20.9kHz shows the strongest response to the flares, both of the M-class flares having very rapid rise times.

MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.



Stuart Green's monthly summary of magnetic activity is in great contrast to our list of energetic flares. Many of these, as well as some filament eruptions, did produce CMEs, but mostly directed well away from Earth. Stuart's chart shows the rate of change of the magnetic field over time, while our magnetometer recordings show the actual field over time. Looking at the Bartels diagram shows that there were periods of disturbance through most of the month, but fairly weak and not very turbulent. Callum Potter's recording from the 1st shows a sample:

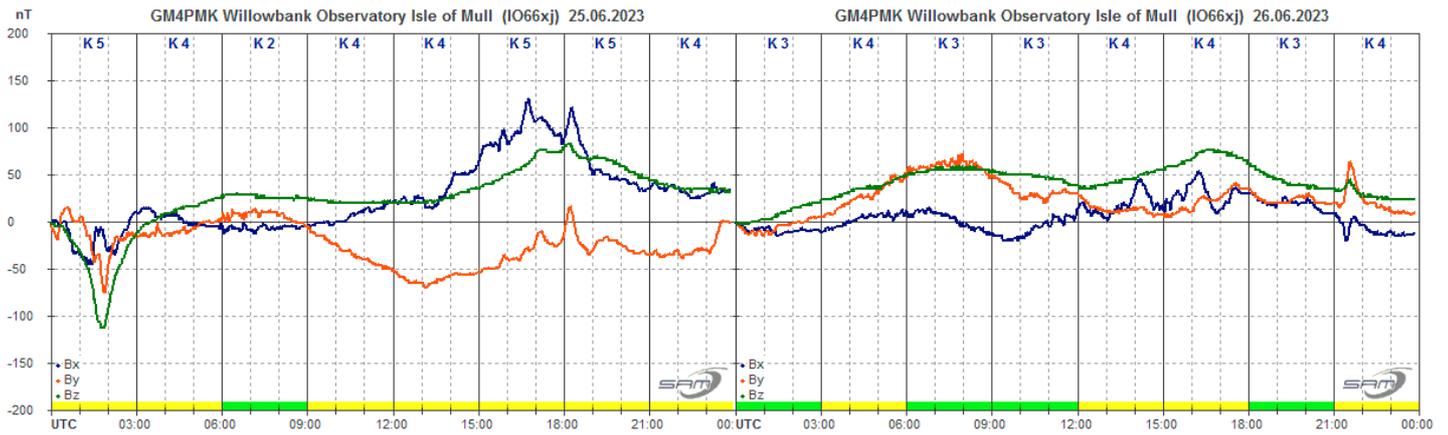
Wasbister Magnetometer (59.17N, 3.06W)



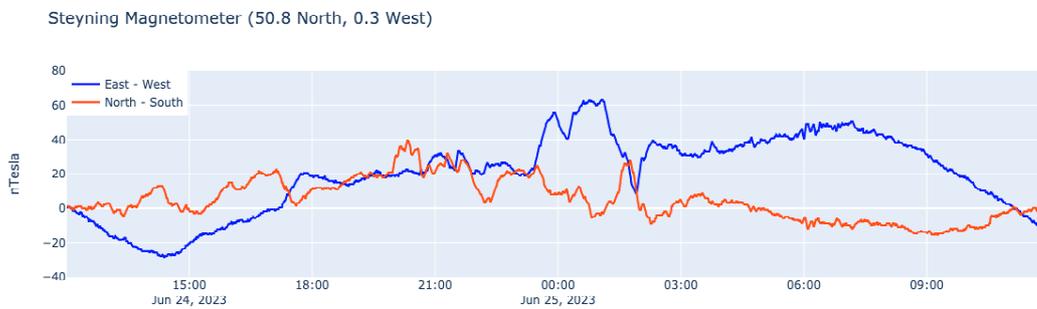
Steaying Magnetometer (50.8 North, 0.3 West)



Nick Quinn's recording from the 15th shows a more active period, produced by a high speed wind rather than a CME. Nick also caught some aurora on a newly installed meteor / NLC camera. I suspect that this could have been seen elsewhere in the UK, given that Nick is located near the south coast. Sadly, light pollution probably prevents most of us from noticing it by eye.

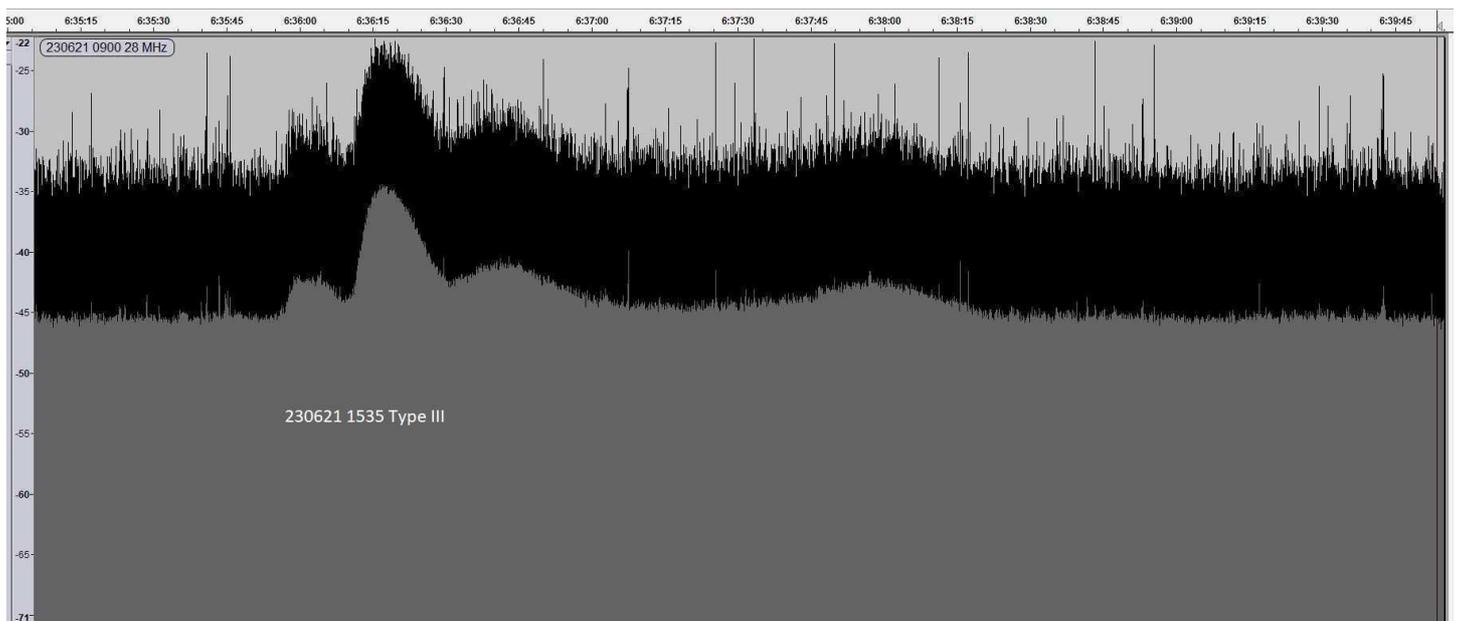


Roger Blackwell's recording from the 25th and 26th shows further disturbance from a combination of high speed winds and glancing CMEs. The SID timing tables show many stronger flares around this time, including the X1.1 on the 20th. Nick Quinn's recording from the 24th / 25th also shows this activity:

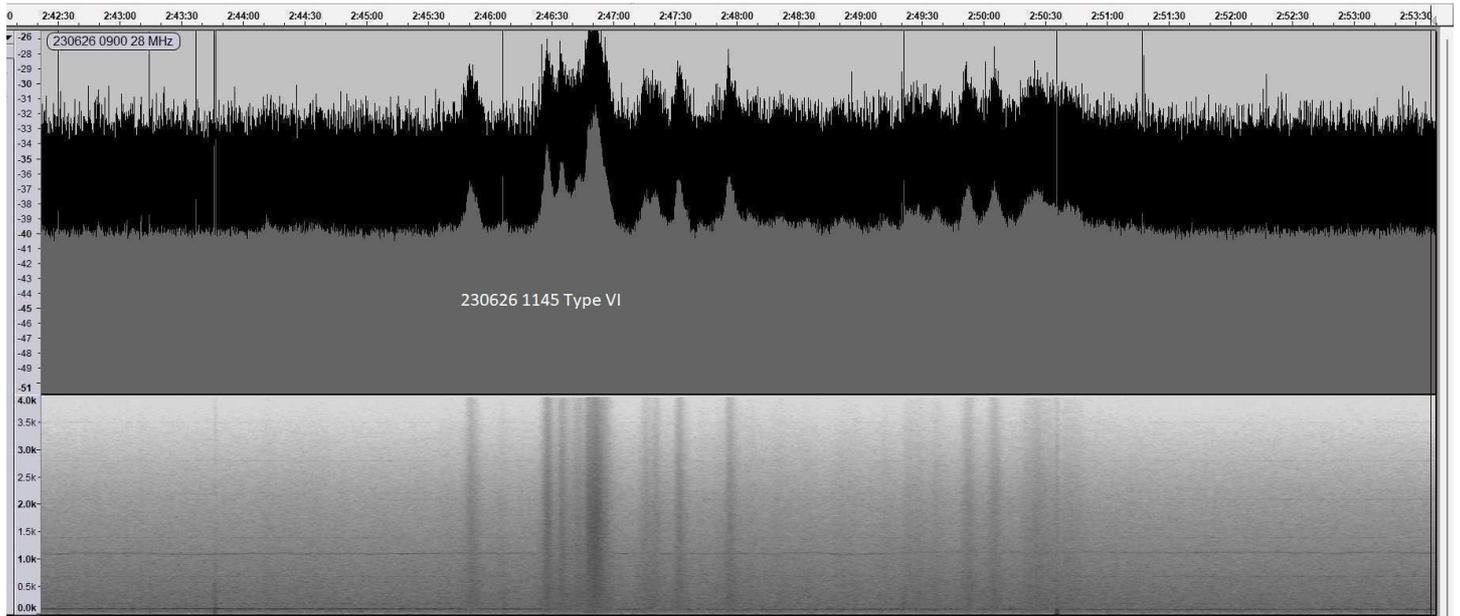


Magnetic observations received from Roger Blackwell, Stuart Green, Callum Potter, Nick Quinn and John Cook.

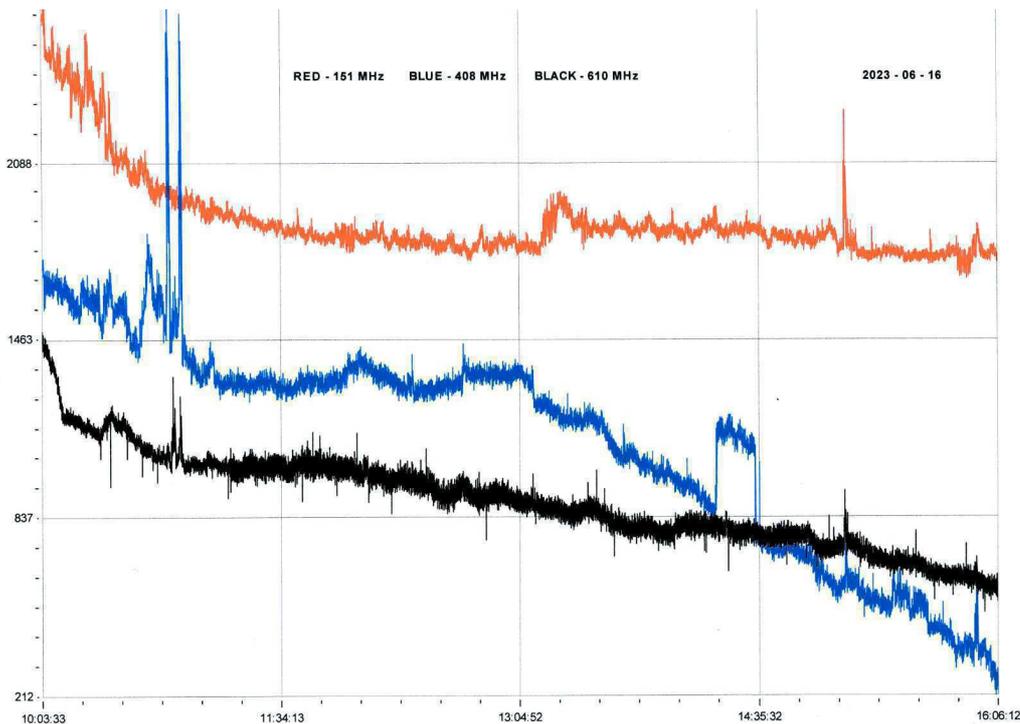
SOLAR EMISSIONS.



First I must apologise for incorrectly attributing last month's solar emission charts. They are of course from Colin Briden. This chart from Colin shows a 28MHz type III burst matching the M1.1 flare recorded at 15:35 on the 21st. This lasts for about 1 minute, with an amplitude rise of about 10dB.



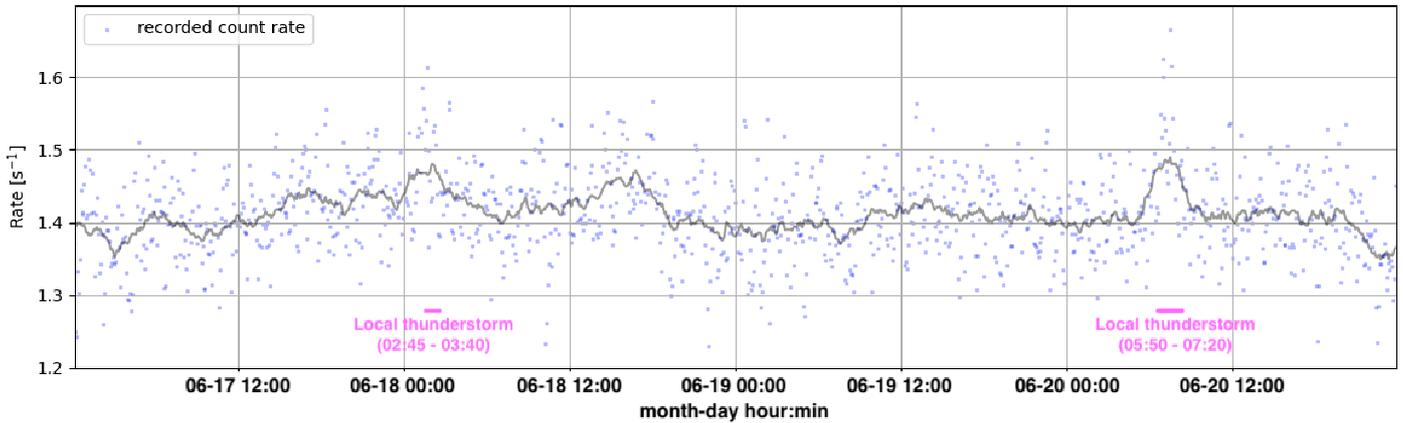
This recording shows a more complex type VI burst associated with the C2.9 flare at 11:45 on the 26th. Its multiple peaks last about 5 minutes, with an amplitude of about 8dB. The lower panel shows the spectrum recorded. The 28MHz data sampling rate gives a very large data file with a bandwidth of 24kHz. This is decimated down to 4kHz, enough to eliminate any non solar interference and save some memory space. This 4kHz bandwidth spectrum is shown in the chart, clearly identifying the individual spikes in the signal.



Colin Clement's VHF recording from the 16th shows a fairly small noise signal at 408MHz (blue) and 610MHz (black) possibly associated with the M1.0 flare peaking around 10:40. There is also a small time difference between these signals. 151MHz (red) has not been affected, but does show a small signal at 13:20, matching the smaller C2.7 flare. The source of the 408MHz burst between 12 and 14UT is not clear. He also recorded a stronger 610MHz burst matching the C4.8 flare at 10:25 on the 8th.

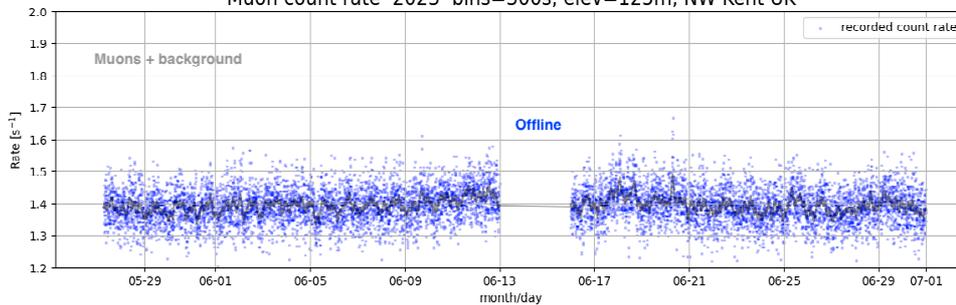
MUONS.

Muon count + background 2023-06 bins=300s, elev=125m, NW Kent UK

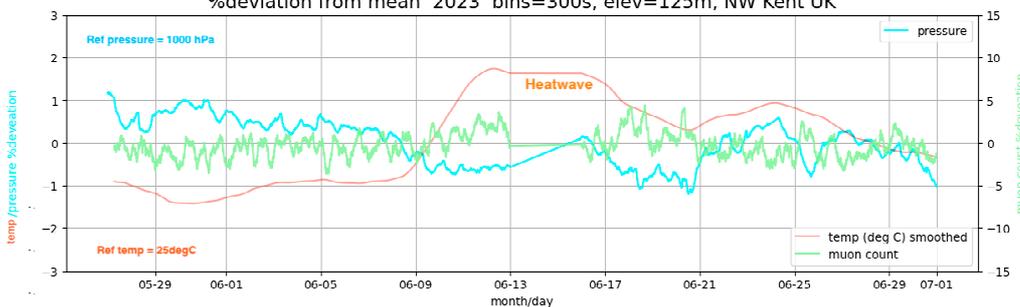


Thunderstorms have already been mentioned as a source of interference to our VLF recordings, but Mark Prescott has also noticed an effect in his Muon counts. A fairly strong local storm on the 20th produced a big increase in the muon count that initially caught his attention. A smaller increase was also noticed in the early morning of the 18th matching a local storm. Investigating, Mark has found work that shows that an increase or a decrease in muon counts can be associated with thunderstorms.

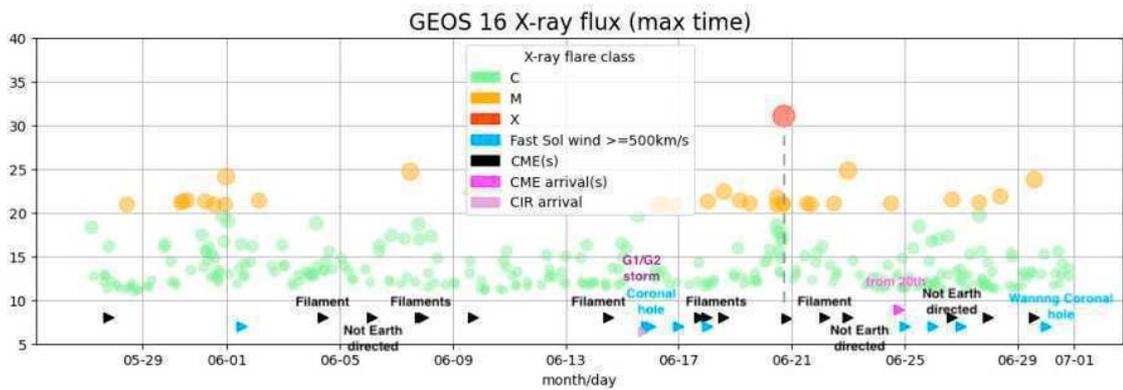
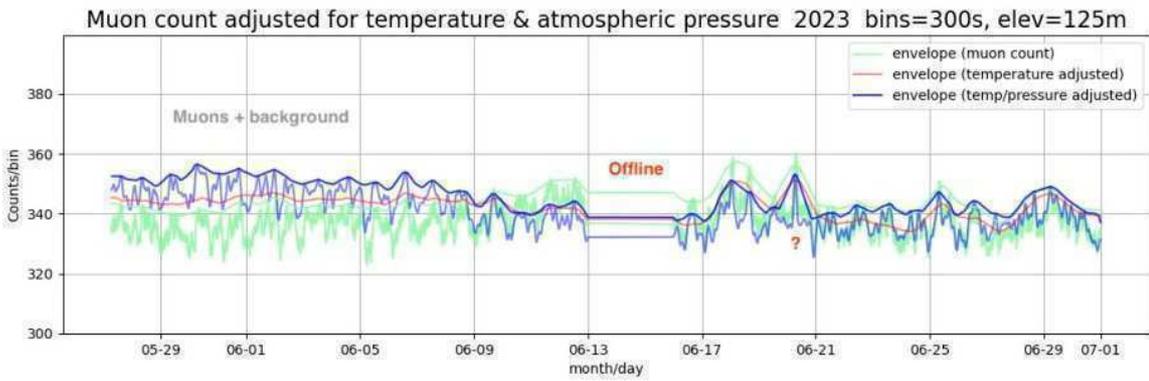
Muon count rate 2023 bins=300s, elev=125m, NW Kent UK



%deviation from mean 2023 bins=300s, elev=125m, NW Kent UK



There was also a strong heatwave in the South East of the UK in mid June, marked in red on the lower panel, above. There was also a power failure that led to a loss of three day's data from the 13th. The thunderstorms followed the heatwave, seen as sharper spikes in the count data. The second half of the month was also magnetically more active, the 25th / 26th showing a small rise in muon counts.



The temperature and pressure adjusted chart shows just gentle variations up to the 13th, with much more activity from the 17th. The thunderstorms are clear, with the addition of the X1.1 flare just a few hours later on the 20th. The high speed solar wind and glancing CMEs have created a little more variation through to the end of the month.

DAY	Xray Glass	Observers	John Cook (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)				Roberto Battaiola 20.9kHz				Paul Hyde (22.1kHz/24kHz)				Mark Edwards (24.0/19.6/37.5kHz)				Colin Clements (21.75kHz/37.5kHz)			
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DAY	Xray class	Steve Parkinson (Various)				Andrew Thomas (19.6/20.9/22.1kHz)				Phil Rourke (23.4kHz)				Mark Prescott (20.9kHz)				John Elliott (18.3kHz)			
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21	C5.1					10:45	10:52	11:04	1												
21	M1.1	12:38	12:48	13:50	2+	12:37	12:48	14:15	3	12:40	12:46	13:58	2+	12:42	12:51	13:51	2+				
21	M1.0	15:36	15:40	16:17	2	15:36	15:41	15:59	1					15:39	15:44	16:51	2+				
21	?																				
21	C5.5																				
22	C4.1																				
22	M1.1	11:05	11:23	12:30	2+	11:01	11:23	12:29	3	11:05	11:24	12:29	2+	11:0							

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