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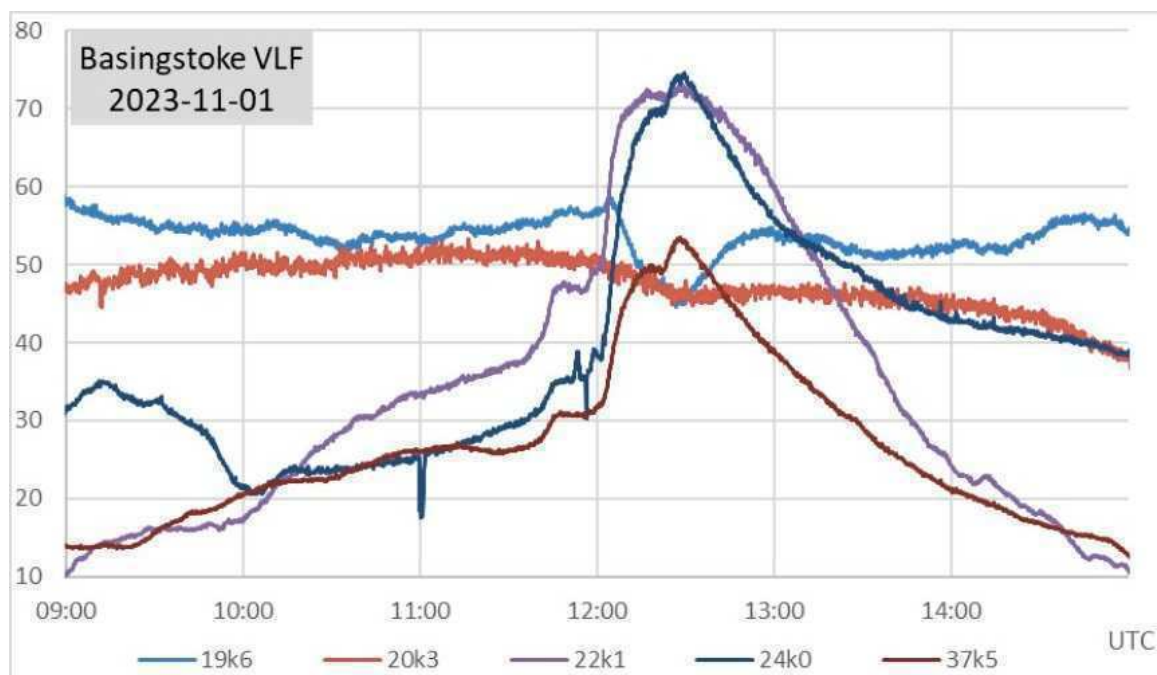
RADIO SKY NEWS

2023 NOVEMBER.

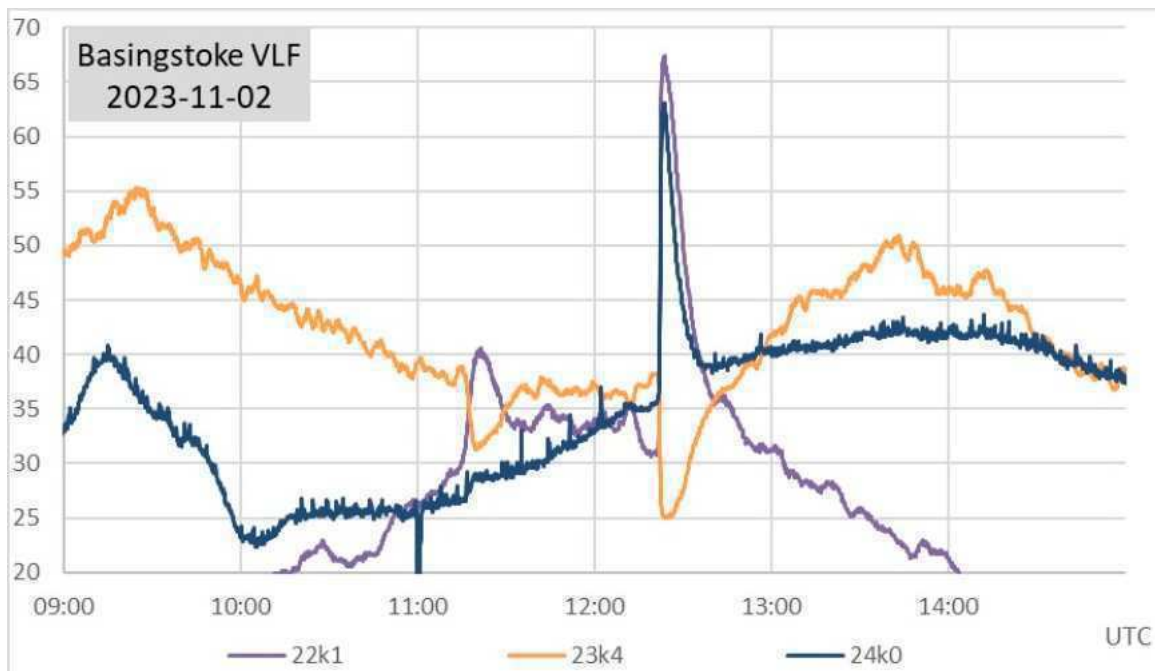
VLF SID OBSERVATIONS.

Activity in November remained at a similar level to that recorded in October, although with fewer C-class flares and more of M-class. The volcanic activity in the Grindavik area of Iceland has led to 37.5kHz being off-air, I imagine that the ground movements could severely upset the aerial system as well as disrupting power supplies. A major increase in the strength of the 22.1kHz signal was widely recorded at 13UT on the 24th, my own receiver then saturating as the sunset took over. This seems to be a transmitter effect as no other signals were affected.

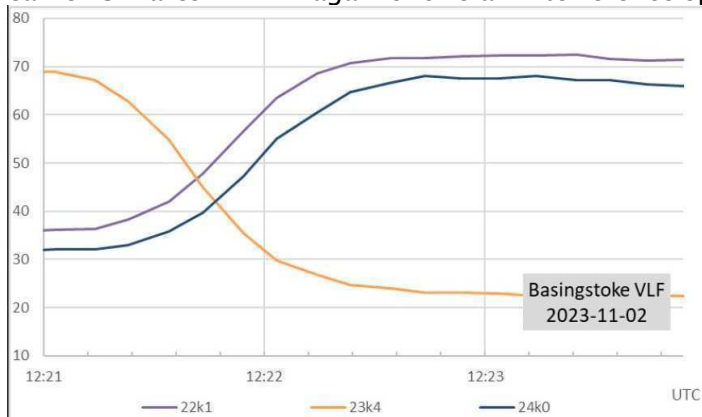
In the October summary I illustrated a small 'SID-like' feature in Paul Hyde's recording from October 24th. Detective work by Mark Edwards has shown that this was indeed a genuine SID from a flare of about C1 magnitude, but omitted from the SWPC list.



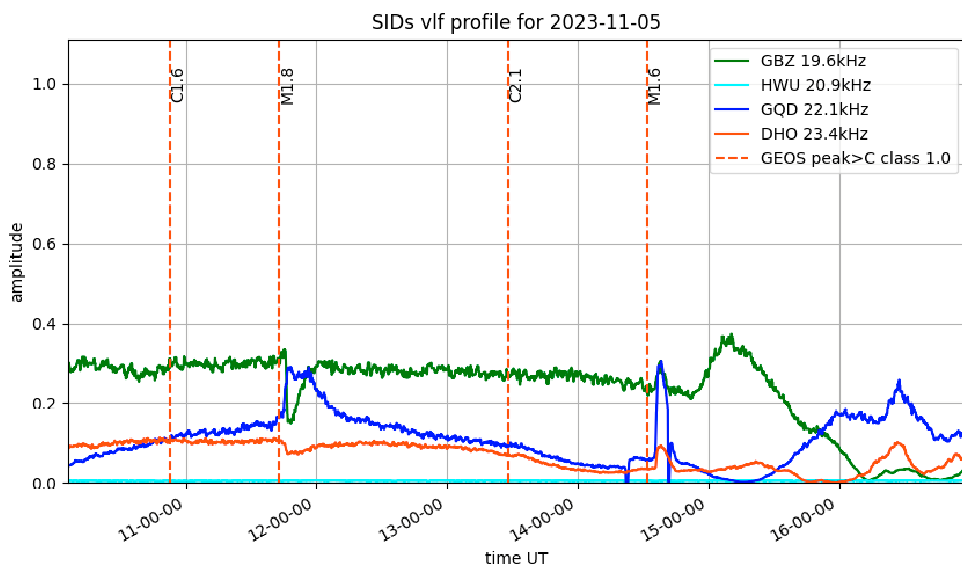
The M1.4 flare on November 1st produced a very complex array of SIDs. The GOES data shows a single event from 11:37 to 13:00UT, with a peak at 12:26. During this period we recorded five distinct SID peaks. This recording by Paul Hyde shows the complexity, with each signal showing slightly different responses. The 24kHz signal also shows a couple of interference spikes at 11:00 and just before 12:00.



In contrast, Paul's recording from the 2nd shows the very narrow M1.6 flare at 12:24, along with the earlier C-flares. 24kHz again shows an interference spike at 11:00.

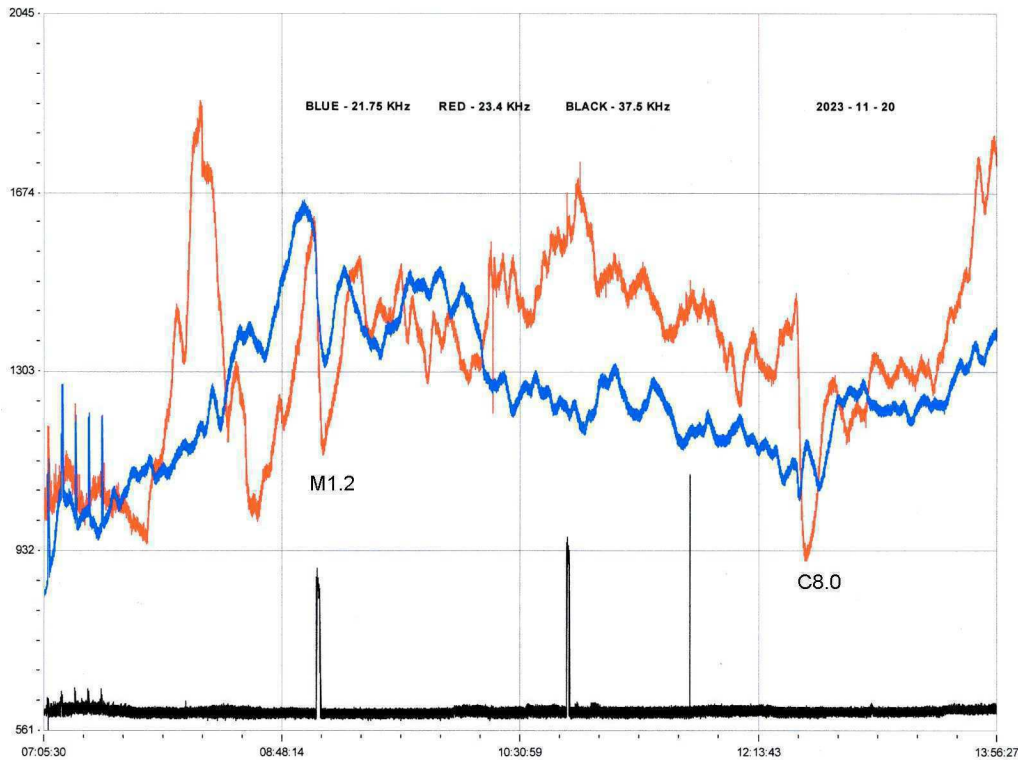


Paul re-scaled the rising stage of the M1.6 flare, showing that all three signals had a rise time of about 70 seconds, very rapid indeed. The GOES data gives timings of start: 12:18, peak: 12:22, end: 12:26, and an optical (H-alpha) class of "Brilliant".

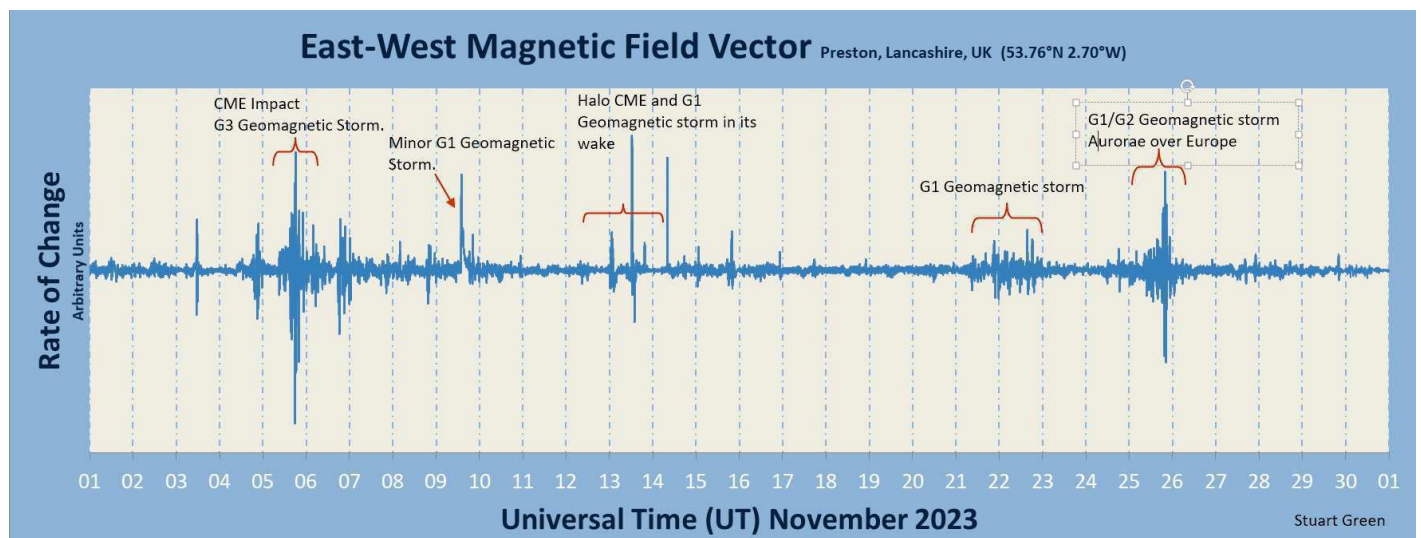


The strongest flare of the month was the M1.8 at 11:43 on the 5th, shown here by Mark Prescott. It was followed by an M1.6 flare at 14:34, both producing strong SIDs at 22.1kHz. Mark has indicated the timings of the two weak C-class flares, but they have not produced a clear VLF response. The effects of the early sunsets in November can be seen after 15:00.

Some very noisy days were recorded, Colin Clements' recording from the 20th being a very noisy example. I have marked the M1.2 and C8.0 flares, both fairly distinct at 23.4kHz, but barely discernible from the background at 21.75kHz. 37.5kHz was off at the time, and shows just a few interference spikes.

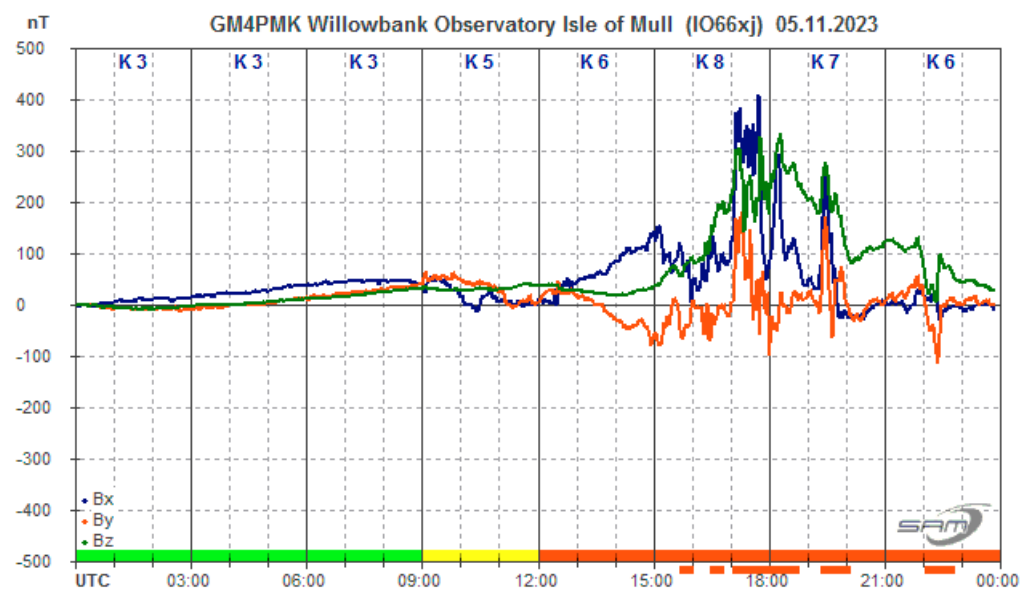
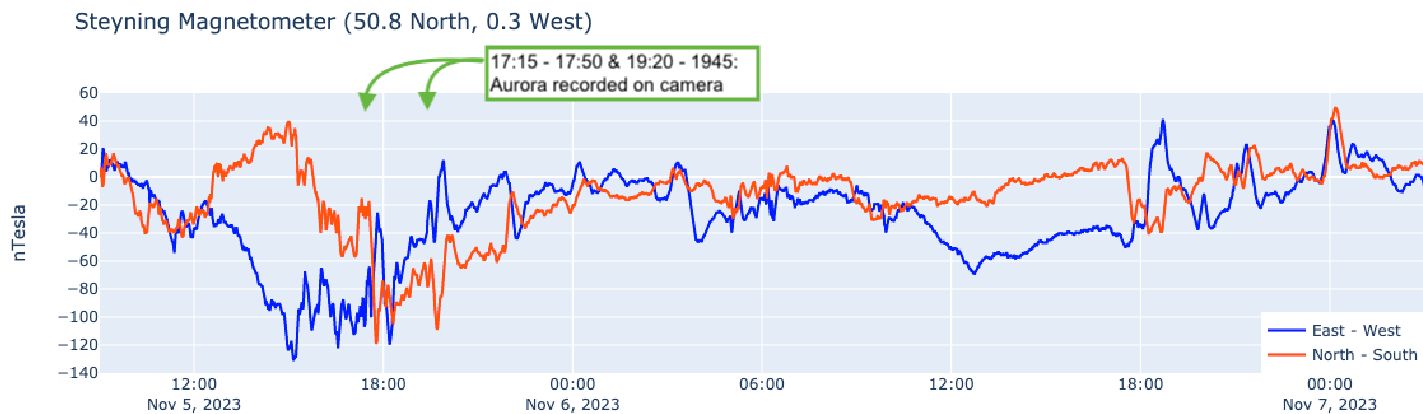


MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.

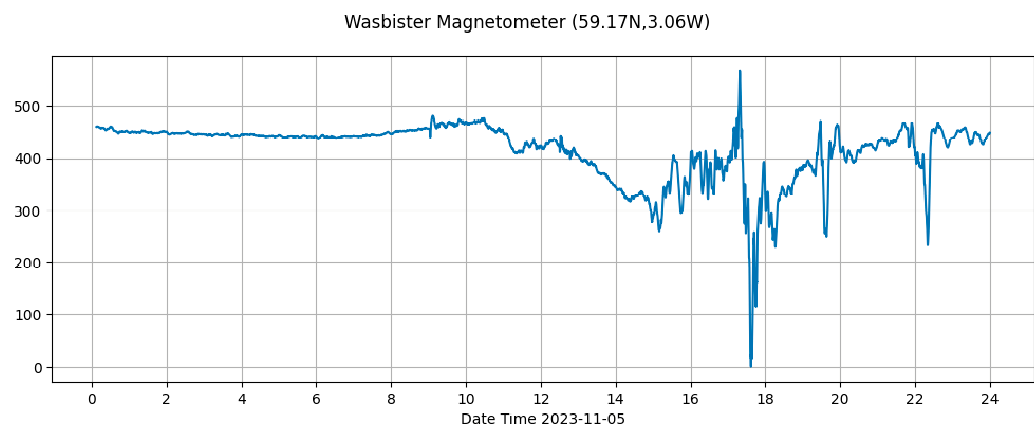


Stuart Green's monthly summary shows several periods of magnetic activity against a rather quiet background. The strong flaring at the start of the month produced a number of CMEs that combined to give a

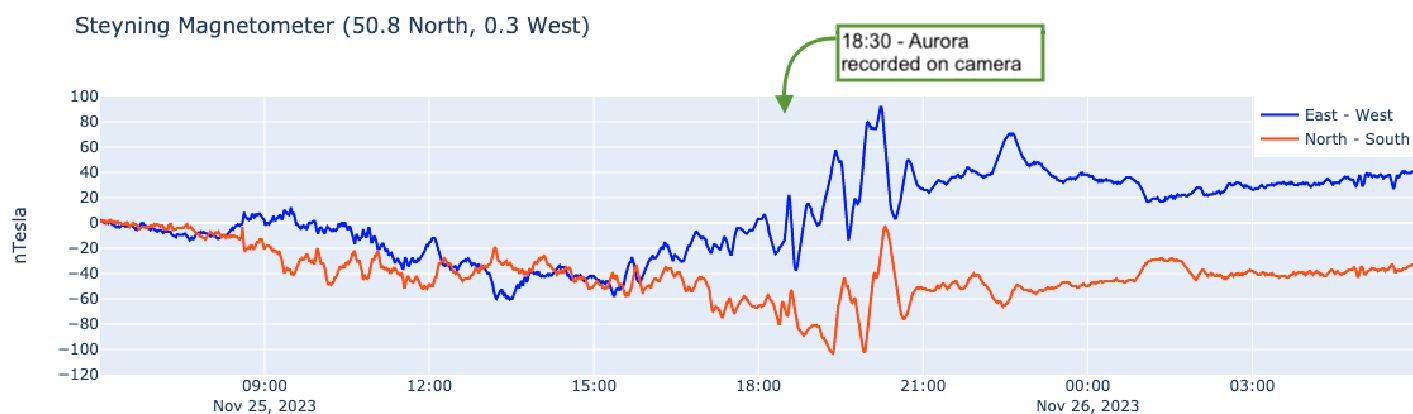
very active period starting on November 5th. Auroral ‘fireworks’ were seen widely in the UK and Europe. Nick Quinn near the south coast caught these on his cameras, and recorded the magnetic disturbance:



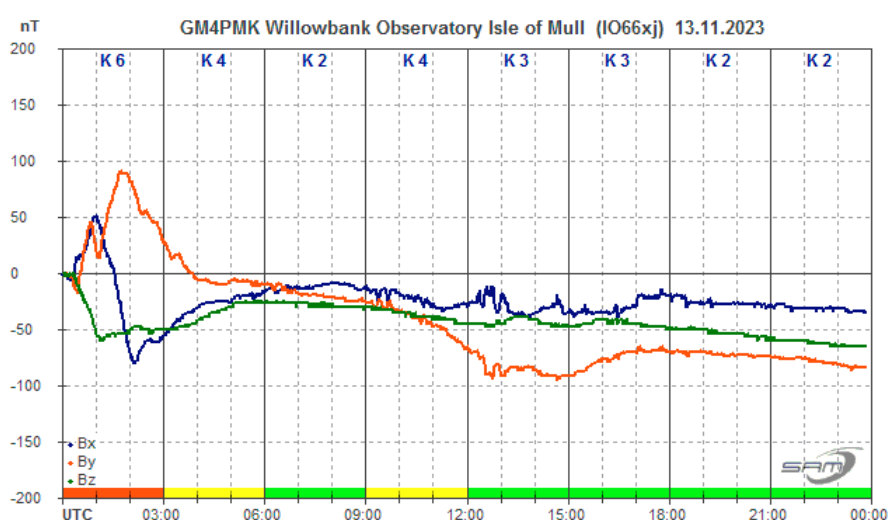
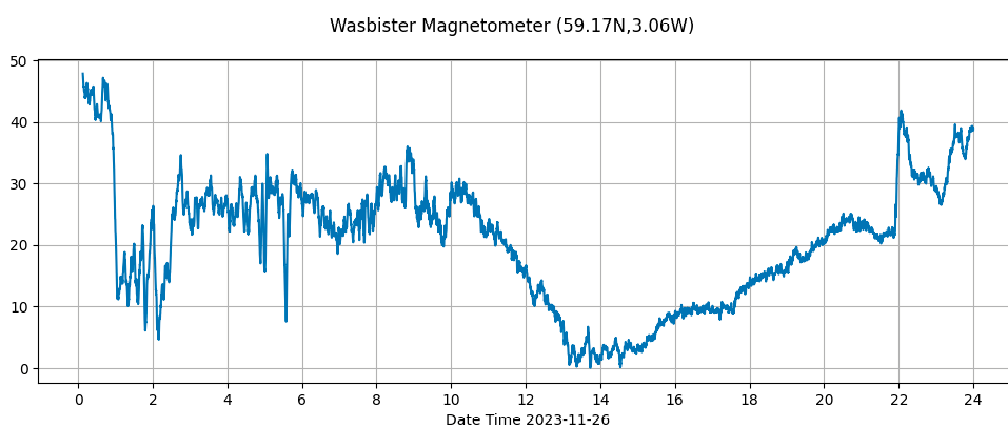
Roger Blackwell on the Isle of Mull recorded a stronger disturbance during the afternoon of the 5th, with a hint of CME impacts at 09:00 and 12:30 in the Bx (blue trace).



Callum Potter further north in Orkney recorded an even stronger disturbance around 17 to 18UT, and also the possible CME impacts.



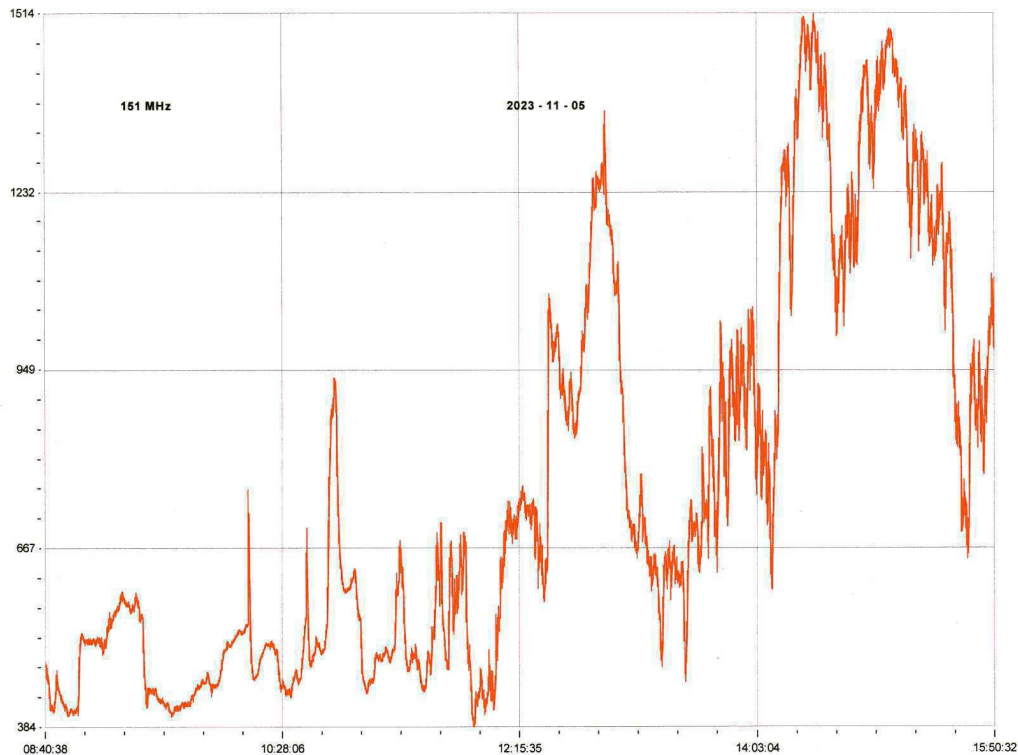
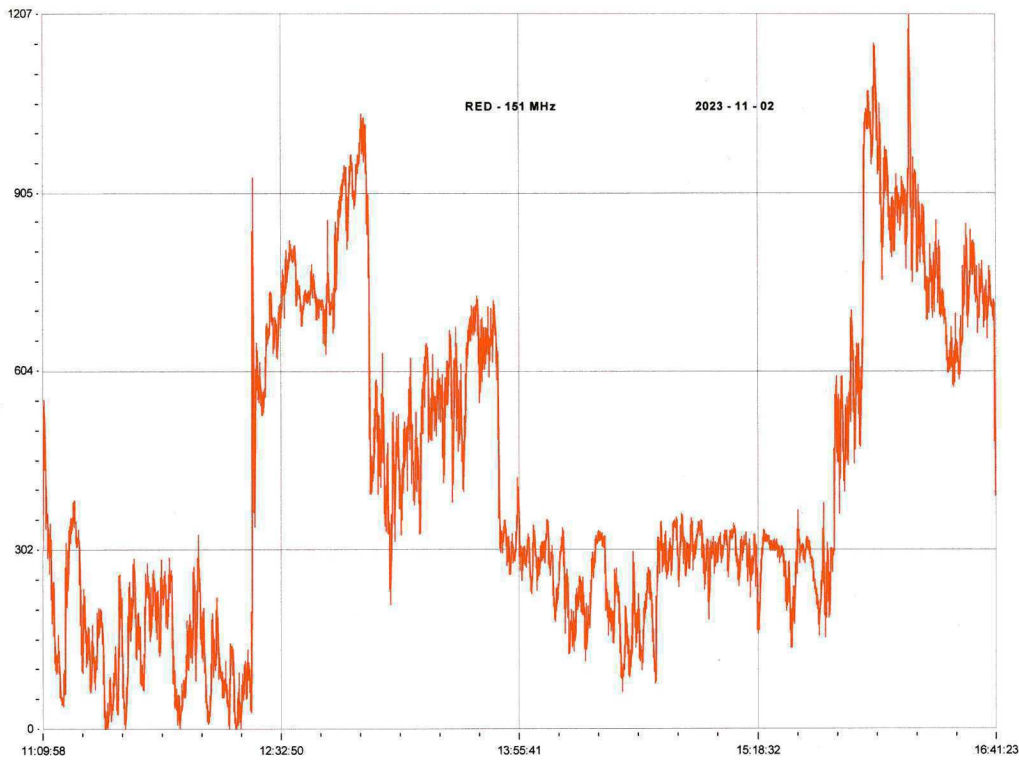
Magnetic activity increased again towards the end of the month, with multiple CMEs and coronal hole winds contributing. Nick Quinn's recording from the 25th also shows that aurora were again recorded near the south coast. A possible CME impact is visible just before 09UT. The disturbance continued on the 26th, recorded by Callum Potter:



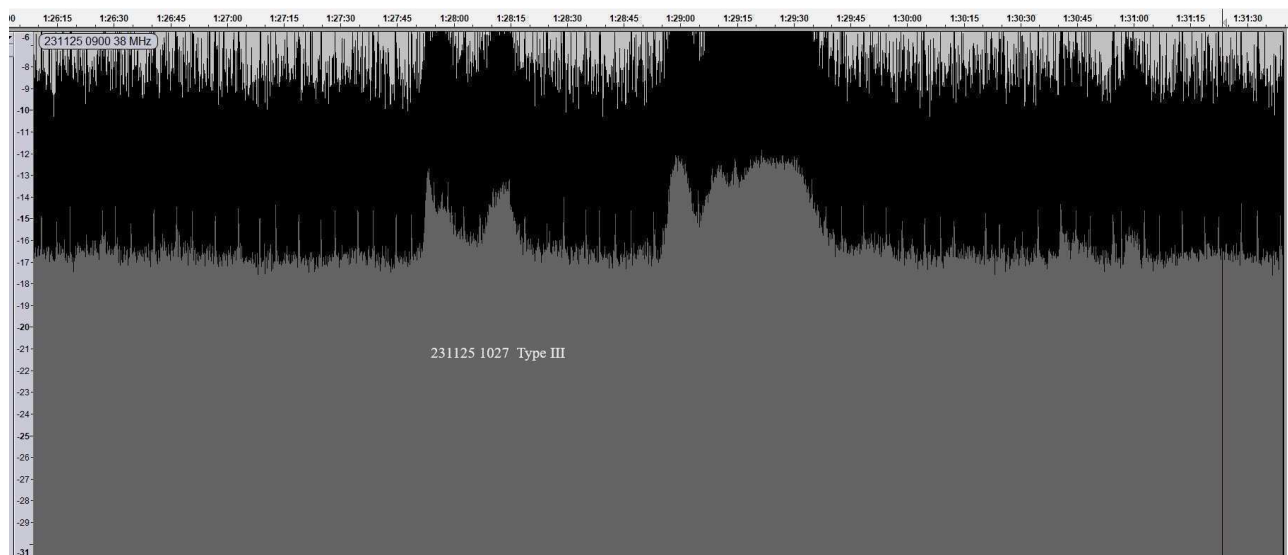
Activity on the 13th was much weaker and less turbulent, with no aurora reports. Roger Blackwell's recording shows an initial disturbance of about ± 100 nT compared with the 400..500 nT seen earlier in the month.

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

SOLAR EMISSIONS.

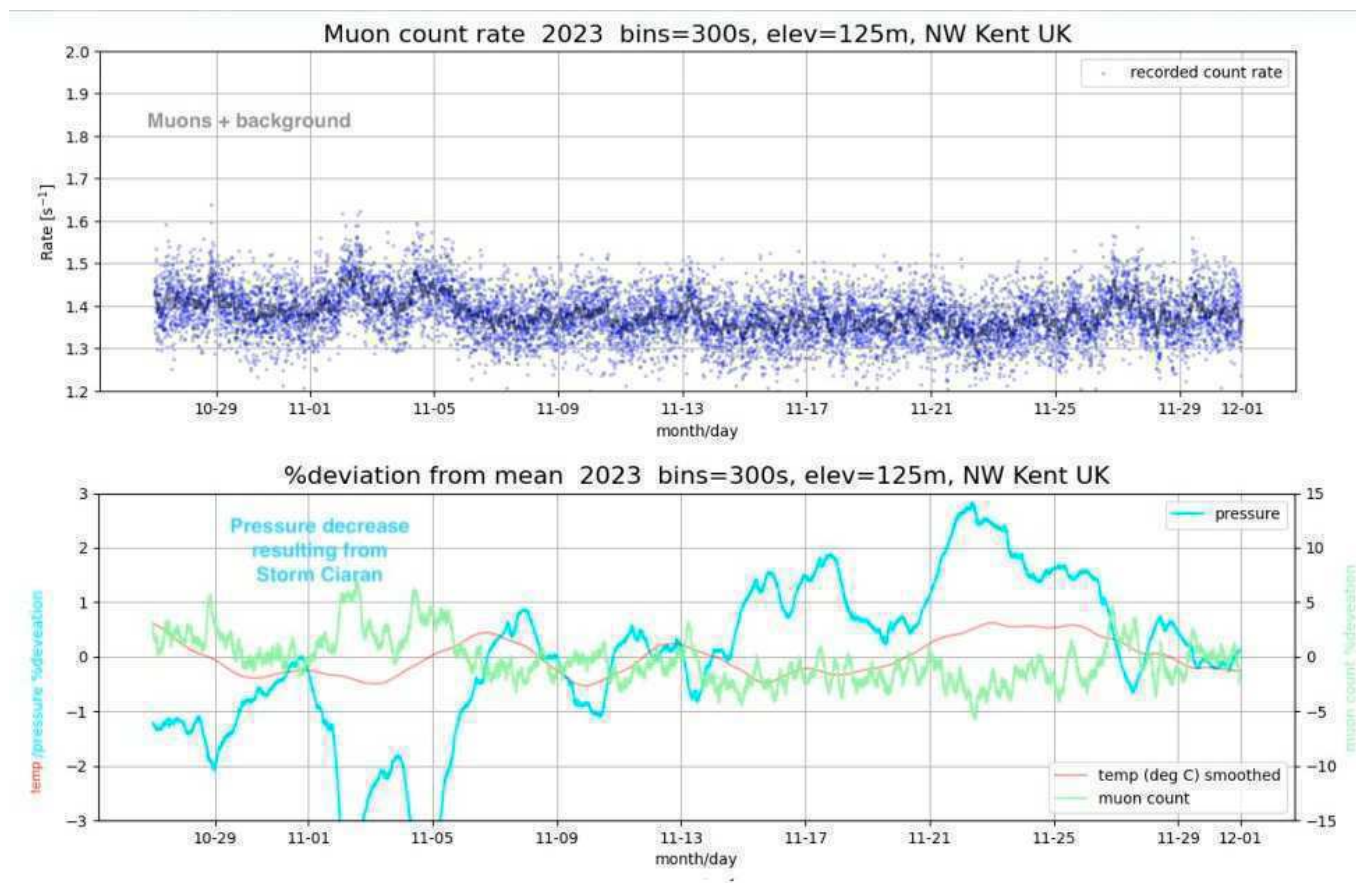


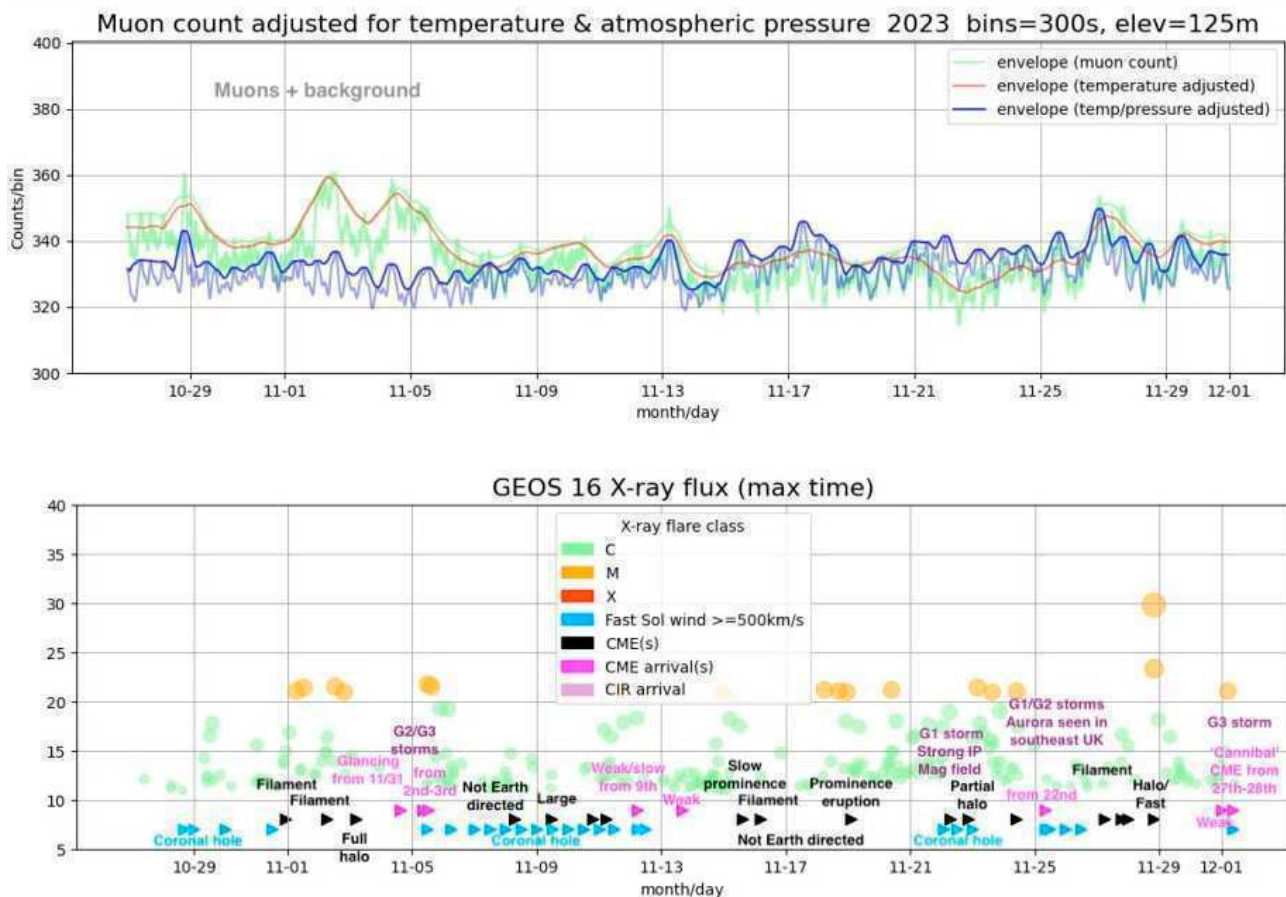
Colin Clements recorded some significant 151MHz solar noise during the strong flares on the 2nd and 5th. The aerial is now loft mounted and horizontally polarised, which seems to give a wider beam width for a fixed azimuth aerial. It is tricky to identify individual flares, as there were also plenty of smaller events that we did not record.



Colin Briden recorded a type III noise burst starting at 10:27 on the 25th. The SWPC does not list a flare at this time, but the recording is very distinct and does not appear to be interference. This was recorded at 38MHz, as the 28MHz band has become very noisy with other radio signals.

MUONS.

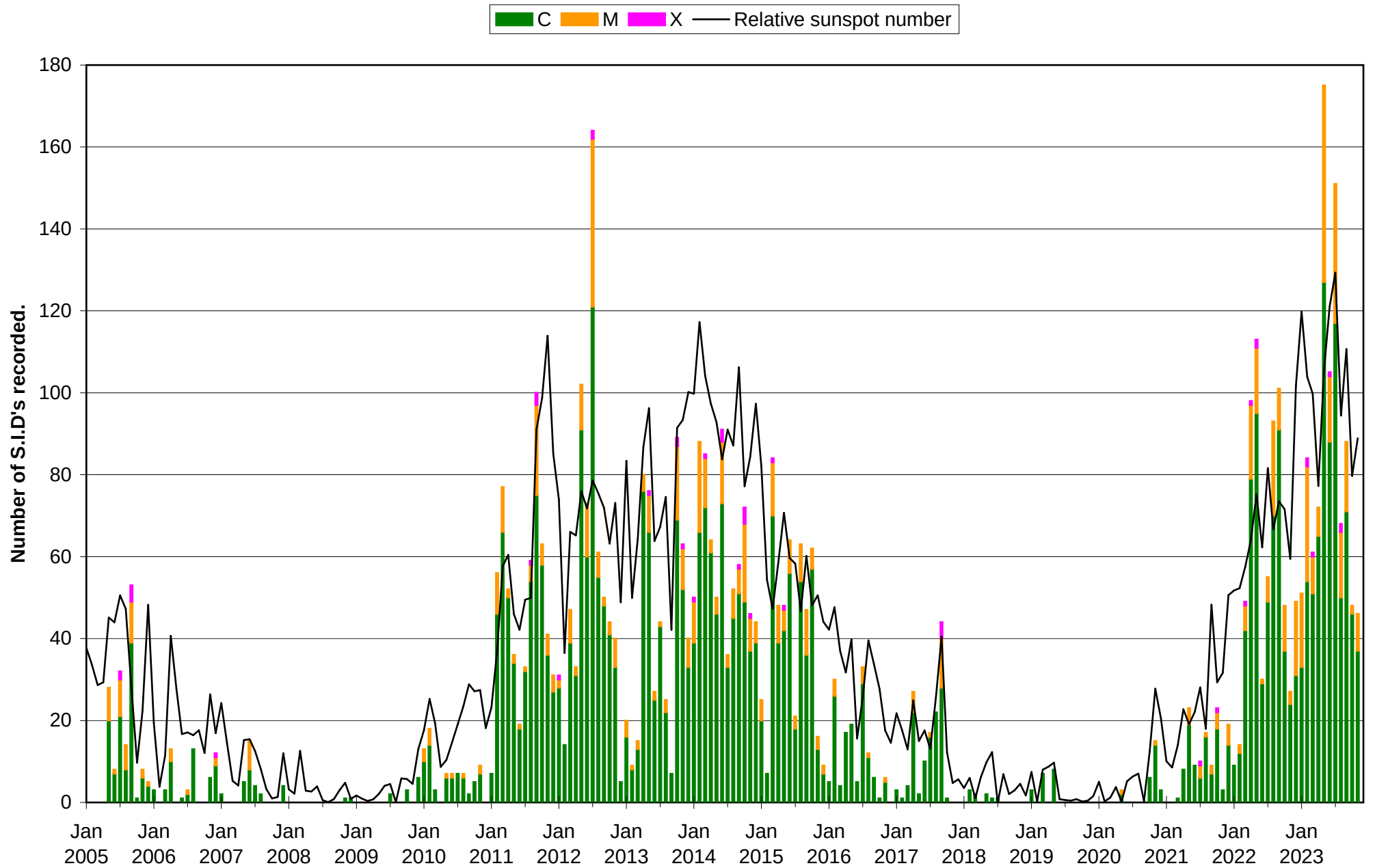




Mark Prescott has provided his muon counts for November. A very prominent feature is the very low atmospheric pressure recorded during storm Ciaran from the 1st to the 5th. My own barometer showed some of the lowest pressures that I have seen. Its effects on the muon count are clear in the top chart, the lower chart showing how effective the correction is. This was also the period of high solar activity, which may have been hidden by the storm. The CMEs towards the end of the month do seem to have increased the muon counts slightly.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

VLF flare activity 2005/23



BARTELS DIAGRAM

ROTATION	KEY:		DISTURBED.		ACTIVE		SFE	B, C, M, X = FLARE MAGNITUDE.											Synodic rotation start (carrington's).																								
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	Xray class	Observers	John Cook (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)				Roberto Battaiola 20.3kHz				Paul Hyde (22.1kHz/24kHz)				Mark Edwards (24.0/18.3/19.6kHz)				Colin Clements (23.4kHz/21.75kHz)			
			Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.58m frame aerial.				Modified AAVSO receiver.				Spectrum Lab / PC 1.5m frame aerial.				Spectrum Lab / PC 2m loop aerial.				Tuned Radio Frequency receivers, 0.76m screened loop aerial.			
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1	?	3									11:38	11:46	?	-	11:43	11:48	?	-				
1	?	1									11:56	11:59	?	-								
1	?	3									12:01	12:17	?	-	12:00	12:20	?	-				
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24	M1.1	6					09:19	09:34	10:14	2+					09:20	09:33	09:49	1+				
24	C7.5	10	10:40	10:43	10:51	1-	10:34	10:43	11:01	1+	10:38	10:44	10:55	1-	10:39	10:44	10:57	1-				
26	C2.7	3									12:55	13:00	13:12	1-	12:53	12:59	13:02	1-				
29	C3.8	1													14:32	14:37	15:01	1+				

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	Xray class		Steve Parkinson (Various)	Andrew Thomas (18.3kHz/19.6kHz)	Phil Rourke (23.4kHz)	Mark Prescott (22.1kHz/19.6kHz)	John Elliott (18.3kHz)
			Tuned radio frequency receiver, frame aerals.	Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.6m frame aerial.	Spectrum Lab, 0.6m frame aerial.	SpectrumLab/Starbase, Active mini-whip aerial.	Tuned radio frequency receiver, 0.5m frame aerial.
DAY			START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)
1 1 1 1 1 1 1	M1.1 C3.0 ? ? ? M1.4 ?		11:42 11:48 ? -				
2 2 2 5 5 5	C3.9 C2.2 M1.6 M1.8 C2.1 M1.6		12:01 12:10 13:38 3 11:16 11:21 11:40 1 12:21 12:24 12:43 1 11:41 11:44 12:20 2 14:31 14:34 14:50 1	12:01 12:24 13:42 3 12:22 12:24 12:45 1 11:41 11:44 12:20 2	11:41 12:42 13:39 3 11:15 11:20 11:32 1- 12:20 12:23 12:50 1+ 11:39 11:43 12:34 2+ 14:31 14:34 14:52 1	12:06 12:31 13:22 2+ 11:19 11:26 11:40 1 12:25 12:27 12:42 1- 11:44 11:48 12:25 2 14:35 14:38 14:46 1-	12:00 12:20 13:50 3 11:40 11:43 12:00 1
6 8 9 10	C3.6 C6.8 C2.6 C3.2			13:54 14:04 14:16 1	08:43 08:48 09:10 1+	14:04 14:07 ? -	
11 11 11 11 11	C3.8 C6.5 C2.8 ? ?		09:15 09:16 09:21 1-	09:14 09:16 09:25 1-	09:12 09:16 09:22 1-		
13 14 14 14 14 14	C2.6 C1.5 C2.1 C2.2 C2.5 C2.7			11:42 11:44 11:54 1-	11:43 11:46 11:59 1-		
15 15 18 18 19 19	C7.6 ? C4.0 M1.1 C7.5 C3.6		12:10 12:14 12:30 1	12:09 12:14 12:29 1	12:10 12:13 12:38 1+ 10:40 10:44 10:56 1-	12:14 12:17 12:24 1-	
20 20 20 20 20 20 20	C2.1 M1.2 C4.8 C5.0 C8.0 C2.7 C3.5		09:01 09:05 09:15 1- 10:12 10:15 10:20 1- 12:29 12:33 12:53 1	08:59 09:06 09:21 1 12:29 12:33 13:00 1+	09:00 09:05 ? - ? 09:21 10:02 - 12:29 12:33 12:54 1		
21 21 21 21	C3.2 C3.5 C7.7 C3.9			13:34 13:36 13:40 1- 13:49 13:55 14:15 1+			
23 23 23 23	C5.3 C6.2 M1.0 C5.9			12:42 12:46 12:56 1- 14:31 14:37 14:50 1			
24 24 26 29	M1.1 C7.5 C2.7 C3.8		10:40 10:43 11:00 1	09:22 09:35 09:52 1+ 10:39 10:43 10:54 1-	09:21 09:30 09:54 2 10:40 10:43 10:56 1-	09:32 09:35 09:59 1+ 10:44 10:48 11:01 1- 12:59 13:03 13:12 1-	

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	Xray class		Chris Bailey	Colin Briden 45.9kHz	Richard Coffey (19.6kHz/24kHz)		
			Spectrum Lab.		Spectrum Lab, 0.55m Frame Aerial.		
DAY			START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)	START PEAK END (UT)
1	M1.1				06:27 06:39 06:51 1		
1	C3.0						
1	?						
1	?						
1	?			12:10 12:12 12:16 1-			
1	M1.4			12:22 12:24 12:49 1+	12:04 12:27 13:06 2+		
1	?						
2	C3.9						
2	C2.2						
2	M1.6				12:22 12:25 12:36 1-		
5	M1.8			11:41 11:44 12:00 1	11:43 11:45 11:49 1-		
5	C2.1			13:26 13:28 13:31 1-			
5	M1.6			14:31 14:32 14:41 1-	14:27 14:34 14:50 1		
6	C3.6						
8	C6.8						
9	C2.6						
10	C3.2						
11	C3.8			08:29 08:33 08:38 1-			
11	C6.5			09:14 09:16 09:21 1-	09:12 09:18 09:28 1-		
11	C2.8			12:28 12:33 12:36 1-			
11	?						
11	?			13:42 13:43 13:47 1-			
13	C2.6						
14	C1.5						
14	C2.1			11:43 11:45 11:57 1-			
14	C2.2						
14	C2.5						
14	C2.7						
15	C7.6			12:10 12:14 12:27 1-			
15	?			13:02 13:04 13:05 1-			
18	C4.0			10:41 10:44 10:49 1-			
18	M1.1				16:40 16:43 16:53 1-		
19	C7.5			08:31 08:34 08:55 1	08:21 08:58 09:34 2+		
19	C3.6			11:09 11:13 11:18 1-			
20	C2.1			08:31 08:34 08:38 1-			
20	M1.2			08:59 09:04 09:14 1-	09:01 09:08 09:21 1		
20	C4.8			09:22 09:25 09:28 1-			
20	C5.0			10:12 10:15 10:22 1-			
20	C8.0			12:29 12:32 12:44 1-	12:28 12:34 12:41 1-		
20	C2.7			13:04 13:10 13:17 1-			
20	C3.5						
21	C3.2			11:10 11:11 11:14 1-			
21	C3.5			13:34 13:36 13:44 1-			
21	C7.7			13:51 13:54 14:00 1-	13:52 13:55 14:04 1-		
21	C3.9			14:33 14:35 14:37 1-			
23	C5.3						
23	C6.2						
23	M1.0				14:35 14:39 15:00 1		
23	C5.9						
24	M1.1			09:22 09:27 09:31 1-			
24	C7.5			10:39 10:42 11:00 1	10:42 10:44 10:51 1-		
26	C2.7						
29	C3.8						