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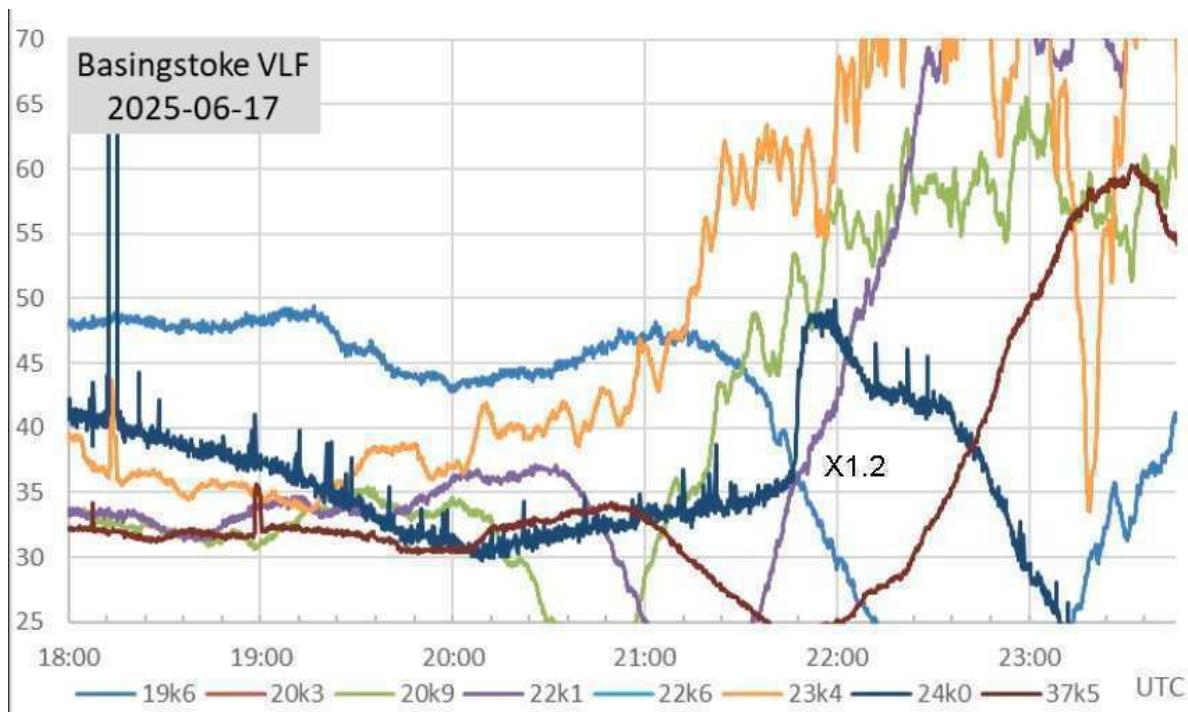
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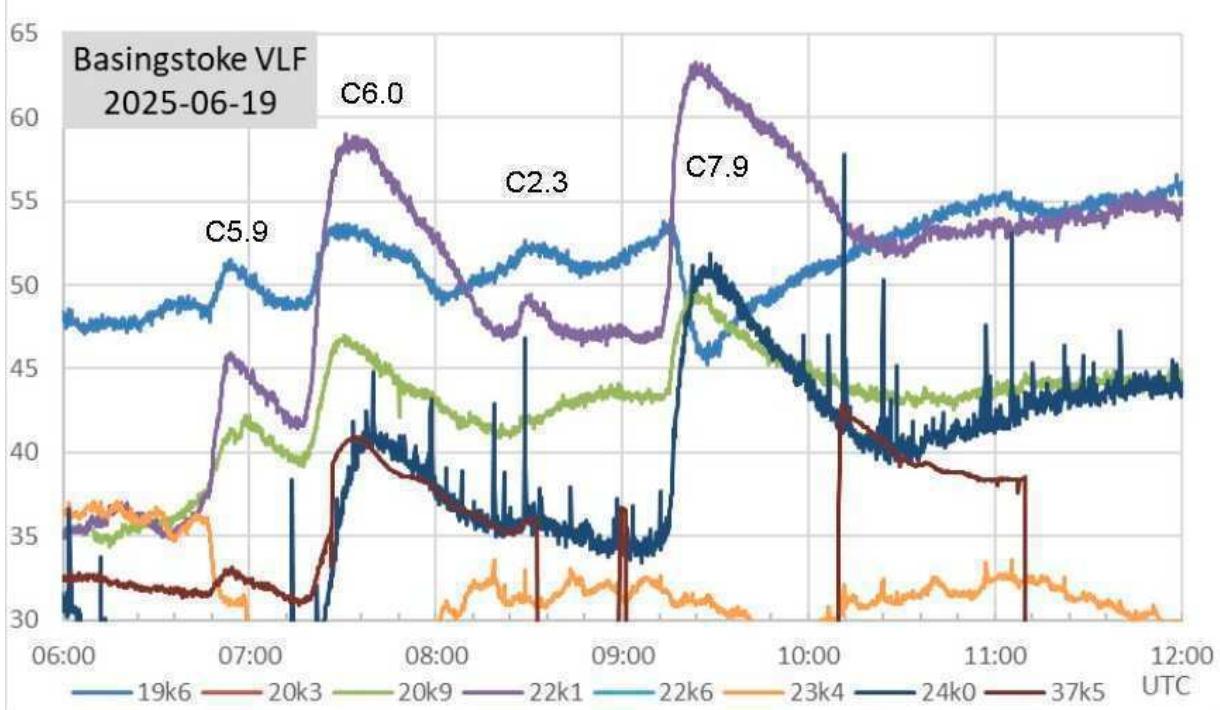
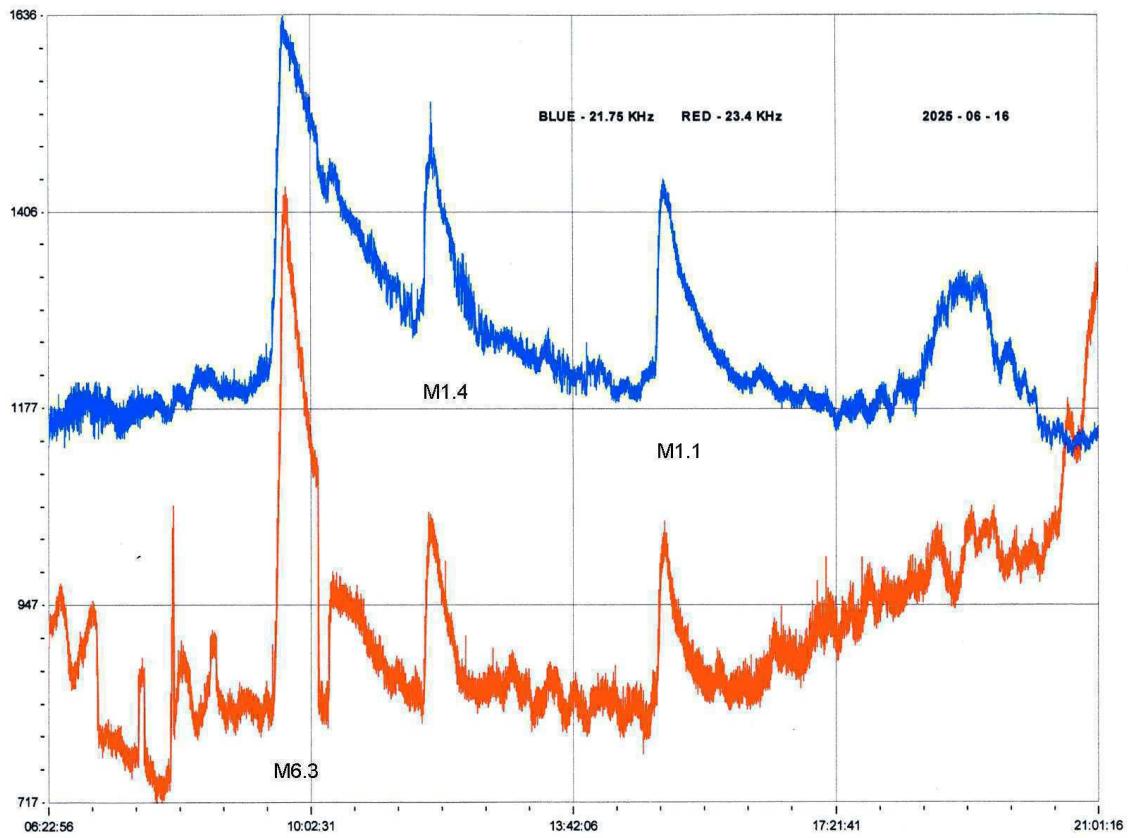
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VLF SID OBSERVATIONS.

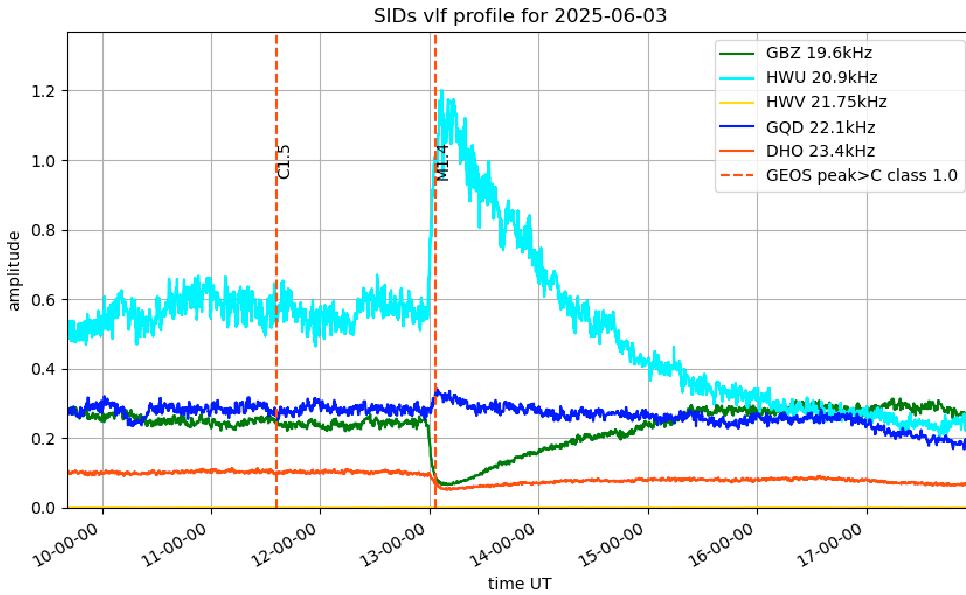
Solar flaring activity in June was quite low with just 50 classified flares recorded as SIDs. This is the lowest since 2025 January when 45 were recorded. Our day time in June is considerably longer than in January, so it probably represents even lower activity than the numbers suggest. The satellite data shows that there were two X-class flares, an X1.9 close to midnight on the 19th and an X1.2 at 21:53UT on the 17th. Paul Hyde recorded this one on the 24kHz signal from Cutler, USA. His recording shows a clear SID, fading into the sunset. All of the other signals were well past their local sunset times, and are mostly very noisy.



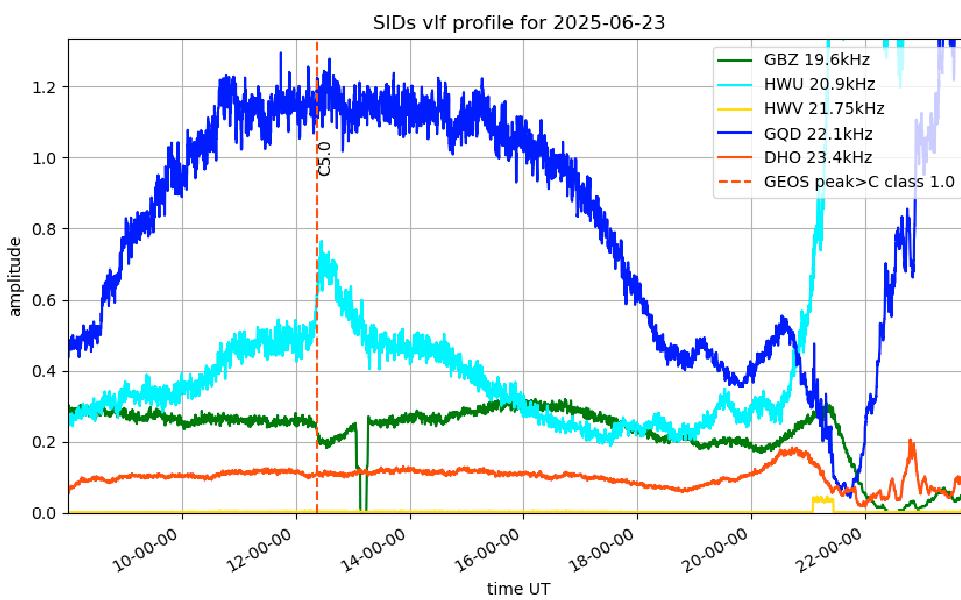
Most of June's activity was around mid-month, with a very quiet period in the last week when nothing was recorded. There were mostly just C-flares in the first two weeks, followed by four days of stronger flaring leading up to the X1.2. Colin Clements' recording shows the run of M-flares on 16th. 23.4kHz (red trace) has a short signal drop-out just after 10:02, an effect becoming more common on this signal. 21.75kHz also shows a minor drop-out at the same time.



Paul Hyde's recording shows the run of C-flares on the 19th. The small C2.3 flare produced clear SIDs on both 19.6kHz and 22.1kHz, while the longer paths are much less clear. 23.4kHz shows its usual break between 07 and 08UT, and appears very noisy and unresponsive to the flares.



Mark Prescott's recording from the 3rd shows the M1.4 flare peaking at 13:05UT, along with the much weaker C1.5. 20.9kHz shows a very strong SID from the M1.4, with smaller SIDs on the other signals. The C1.5 has a very weak effect at 20.9kHz, but is rather lost in the noise. 22.1kHz also shows a very small dip matching the C1.5, but it does not look very SID-like. Mark's recording from the 23rd shows a very strange diurnal curve at 22.1kHz compared with its flat shape on the 3rd. The other signals on his recording look fairly normal, responding well to the C5.0 flare at 12:26. My receiver saturated on the 23rd which was rather unusual, but I have no other recordings for comparison.

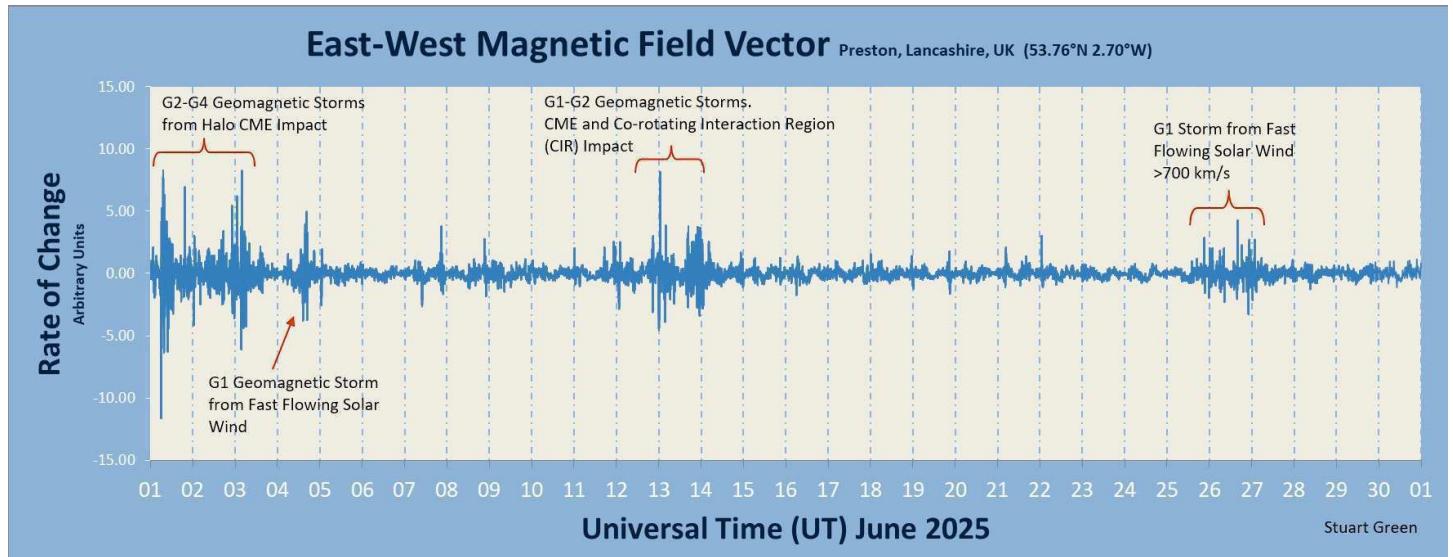


Mark has also included comparison charts for the M6.3 flare on the 16th (shown on the next page). The top panel shows HWU 20.9kHz with clean 'shark's Fin' SIDs for all three of the flares. The lower panel is GQD 22.1kHz with a rather noisier signal. The M6.3 flare at 09:45 shows what we have called a 'spike and wave' SID, where the signal goes through an in phase / out of phase interference pattern. Mark notes that in geophysics language this is known as a +90° peak/trough wavelet, more accurately describing the effect.



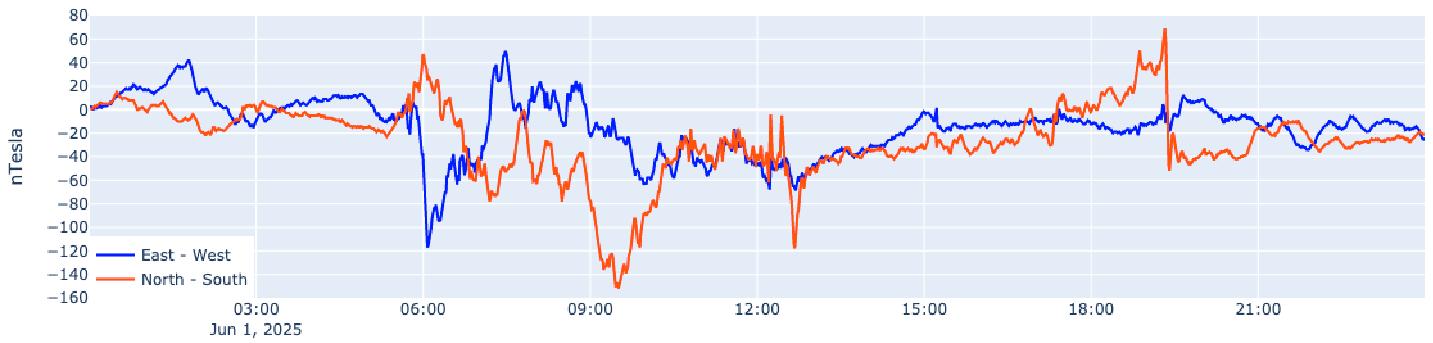
We often get interference problems at VLF, the lower cut-off for CE compliance being 150kHz, but tracking the source can be a problem. Colin Briden noticed a pulsing signal at 38.64kHz, with a related signal at 41kHz. Rotating the loop aerial had no effect, indicating a local source. After much time switching off various items of domestic equipment, the source was found to be an electric toothbrush charger!

MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.

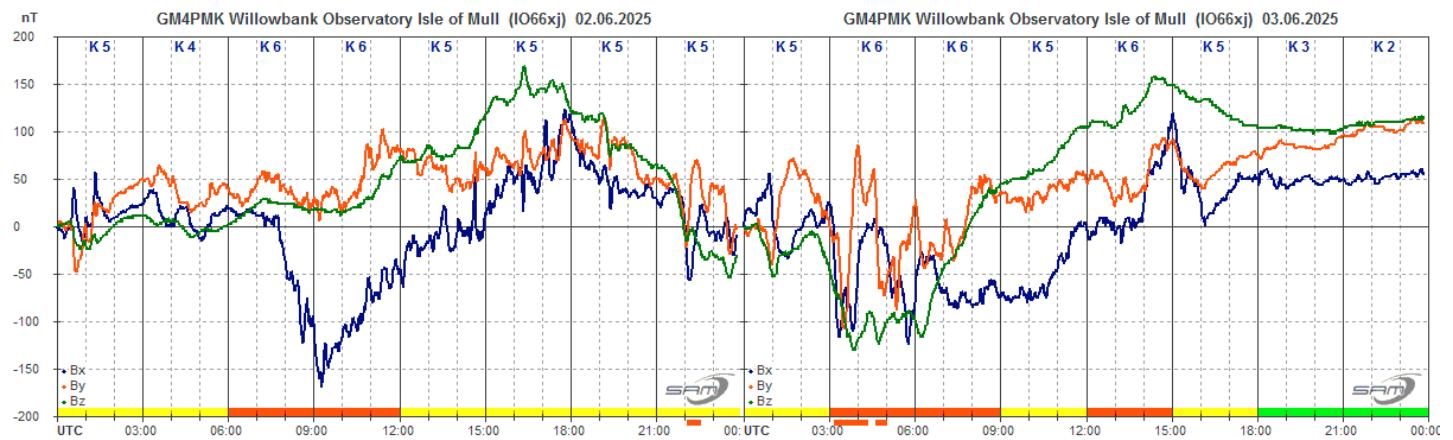


Stuart Green's summary of the magnetic activity in June shows a rather quiet month, matching the pattern of SID numbers recorded. May ended with a strong coronal hole solar wind, the disturbance continuing into the first few days of June. This was a combination of an earlier CME and a fast solar wind. Nick Quinn's recording from the 1st shows a strong disturbance starting about 06UT continuing through most of the day:

Steyning Magnetometer (50.8 North, 0.3 West)

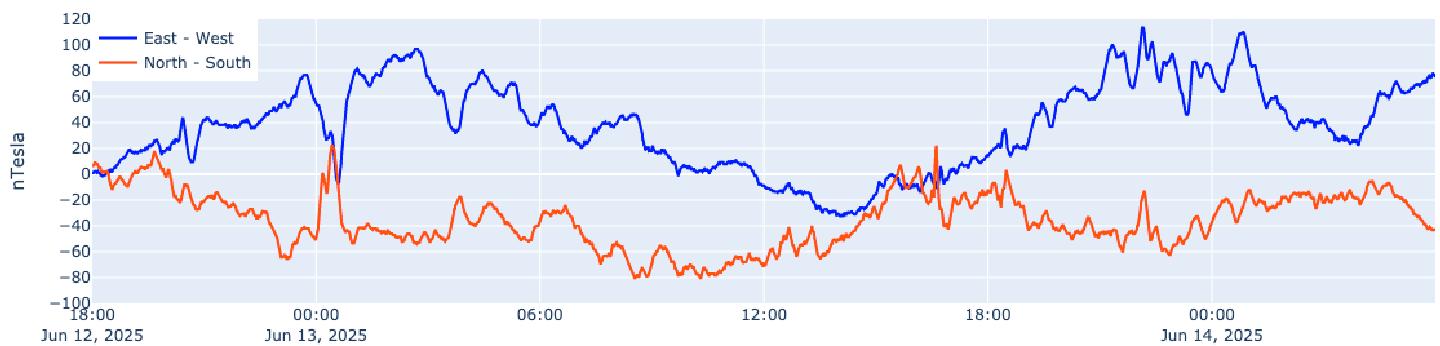


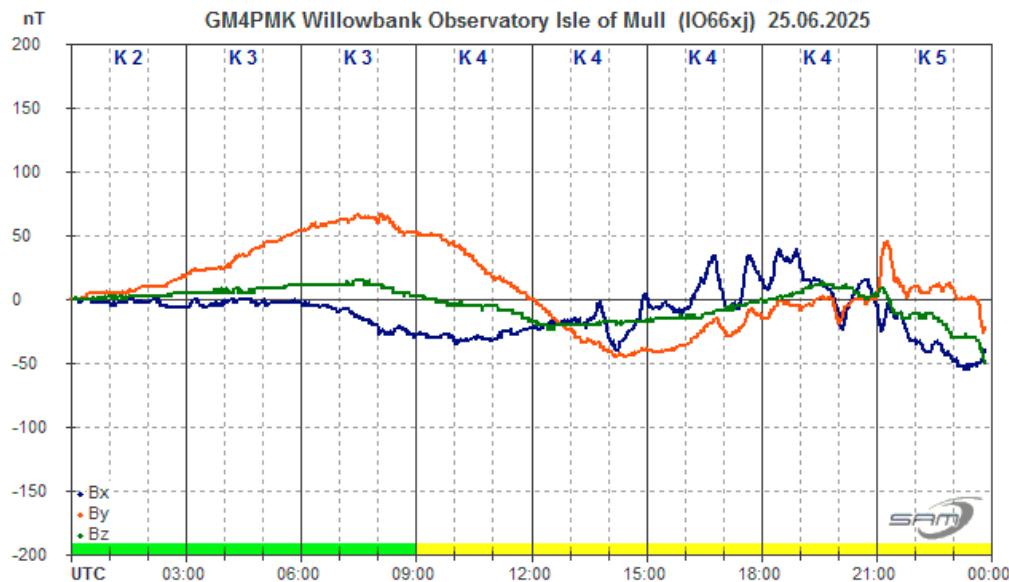
There is a very sharp change in the North–South axis at 19:20, also seen in the other recordings. This appears to be the arrival of a CME reported in the STCE bulletin from an M8.1 flare at 00:00UT on May 31st. There is also a smaller spike at about 12:30 that may also be linked to the CME impact.



Strong activity continued through the 2nd and 3rd, shown in Roger Blackwell's recording. This was aided by another coronal hole with a fast solar wind. There was a short active period in the afternoon of the 4th, but the disturbance then faded out over the next few days. Magnetic activity remained fairly quiet until the 12th, when another mixture of coronal hole winds and glancing CME impacts produced some mild disturbance. Nick Quinn's recording starts at 18:00 on the 12th, ending at 06:00 on the 14th, and shows some rapid turbulence with fairly small changes in the magnetic field.

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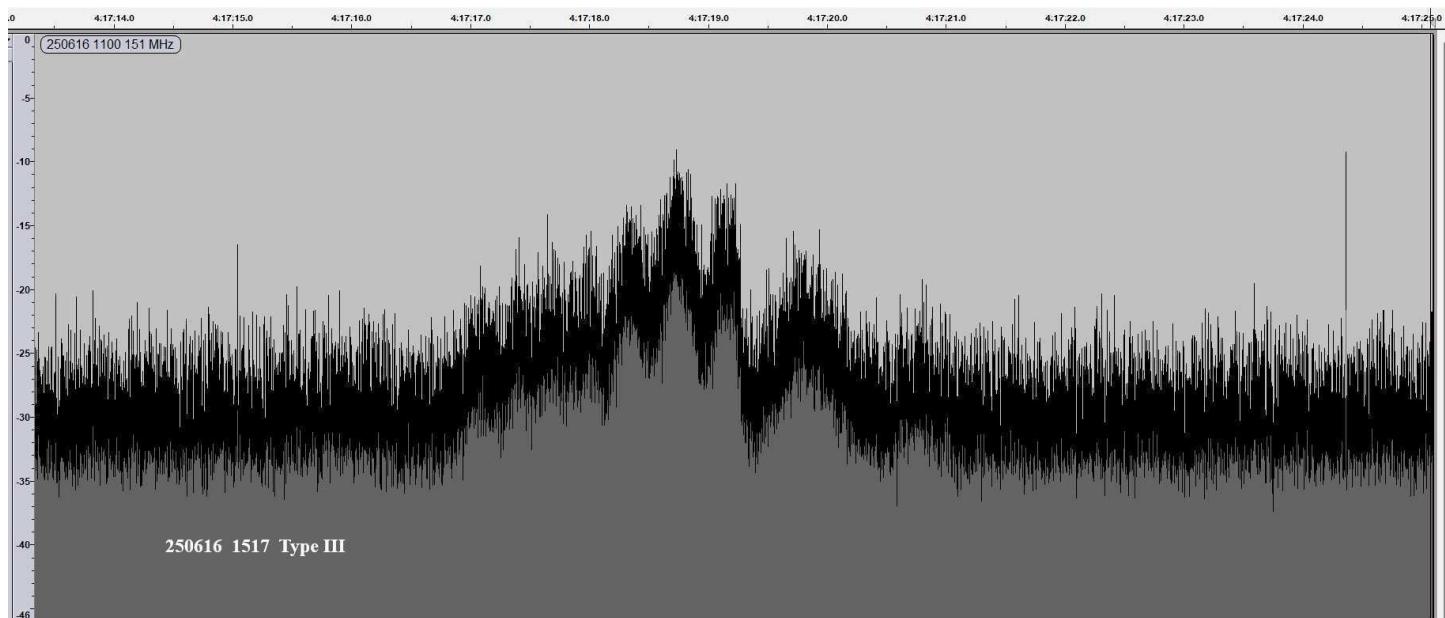




Roger Blackwell's recording shows the mild disturbance starting on the 25th, produced by further periods of faster solar wind. Unfortunately his magnetometer had several periods off-line, and so the following few days are missing.

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

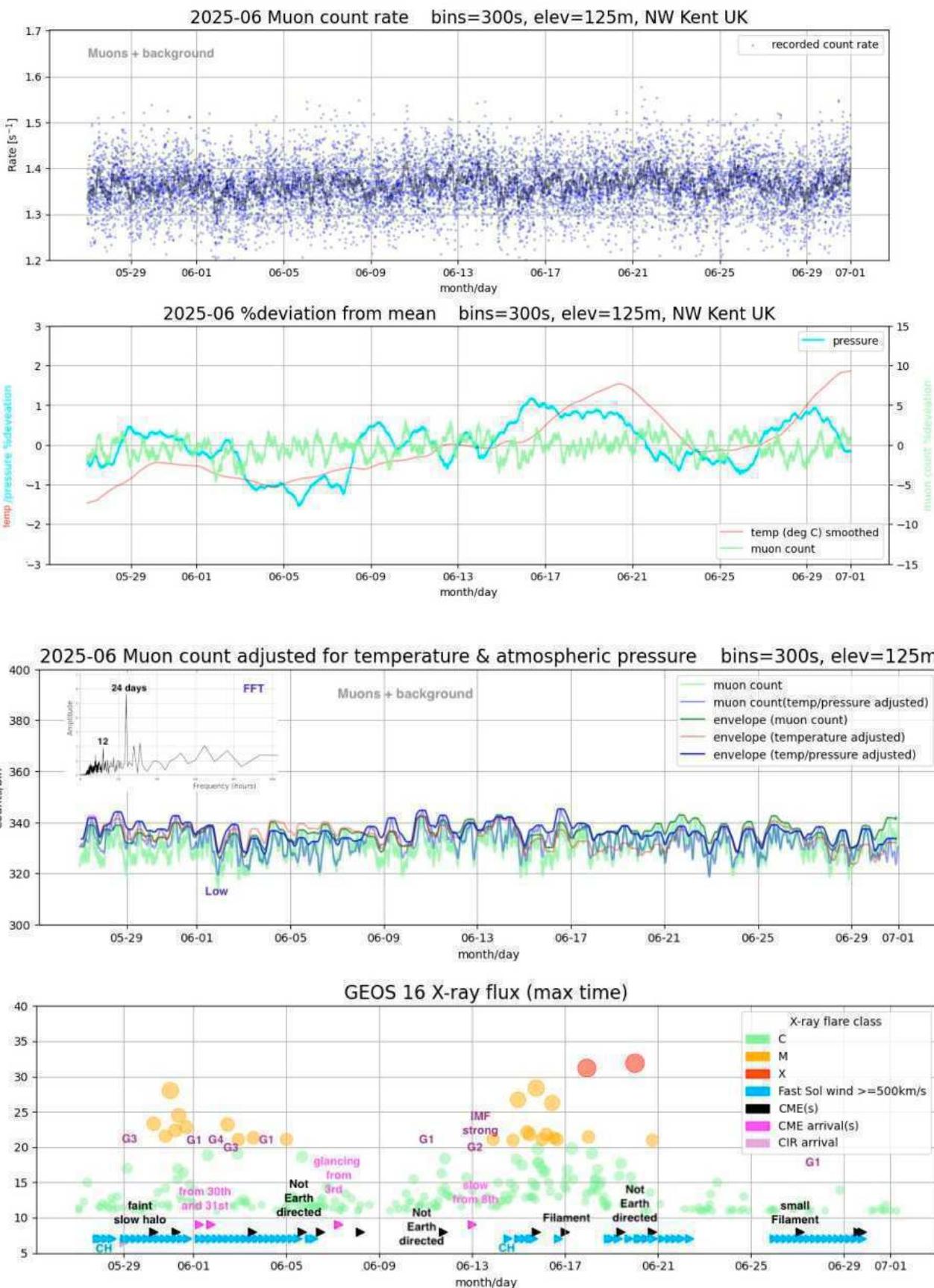
SOLAR EMISSIONS



Colin Briden recorded a type III 151MHz emission at 15:17UT on the 16th. It has an amplitude of about 15–20dB, but only lasted for about 5 seconds, much shorter than usual. Our peak timings for the M1.1 flare on the 16th were around 14:53–15:00, matching the satellite listing of the X-ray peak at 14:55. Our SID timings did show a long decay time for the flare. Colin's receiver has a sample rate of 41k cycles / second.

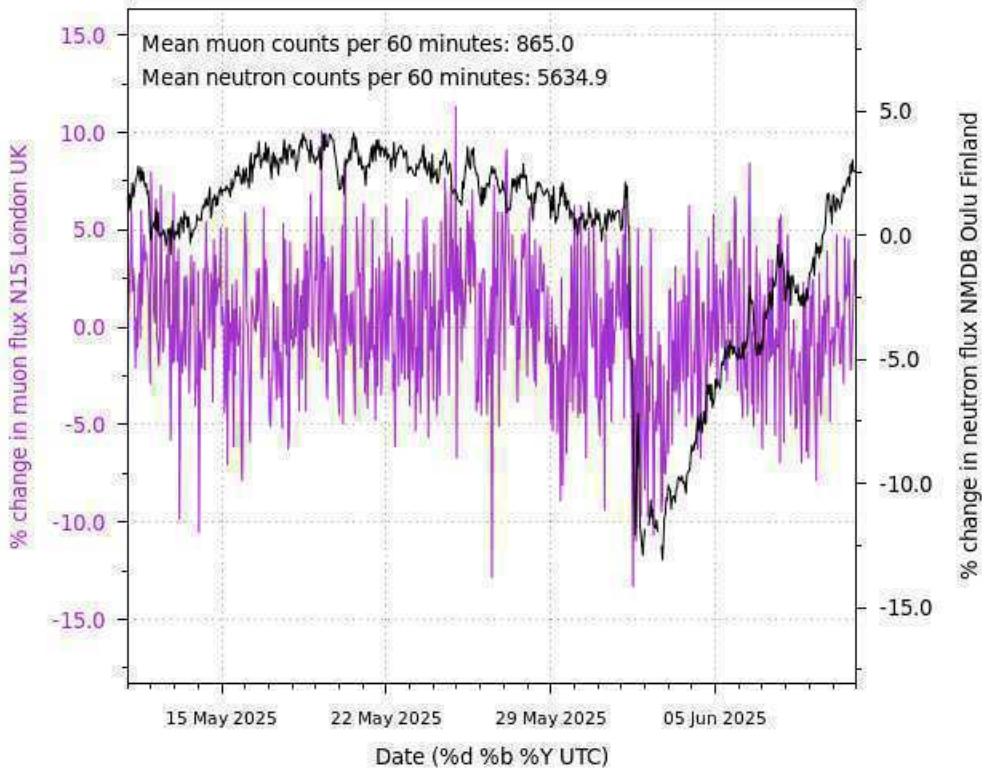
No other emissions were reported.

MUONS



Mark Prescott's Muon charts show a fairly flat count through most of June. Inset is an FFT of the chart data, showing strong 12 and 24 hour diurnal peaks. There is a small drop in the flux on the 2nd, matching the CME timing. There is another dip between the 13th and 17th which also matches the other activity recorded.

% change of muon and neutron count rate from mean count rate for the last month.
Graph is updated every day at 9.30am

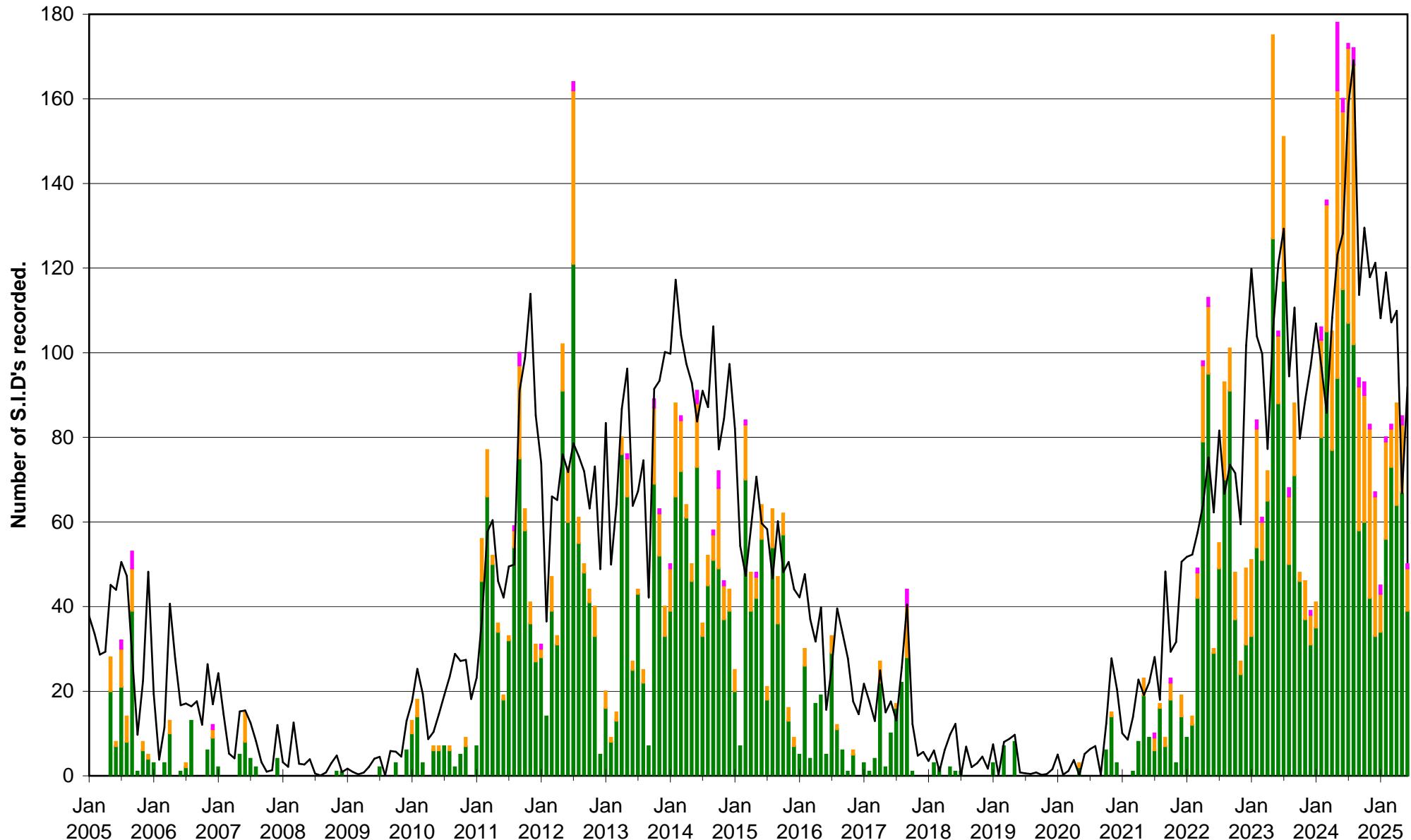


Andrew Thomas has also been recording the muon flux. His recording (purple trace) is mostly from May, but includes the first week of June showing the sharp drop on the 2nd from the CME impact. Andrew has added the Oulu (Finland) neutron data shown in the black trace. Andrew's recording method is different to that used by Mark Prescott, but the effect of the CME is similar.

Muon recording has become much easier now that the UKRAA have their sensor available, so more observations would be welcome.

VLF flare activity 2005/25

C M X — Relative sunspot number



BARTELS DIAGRAM

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