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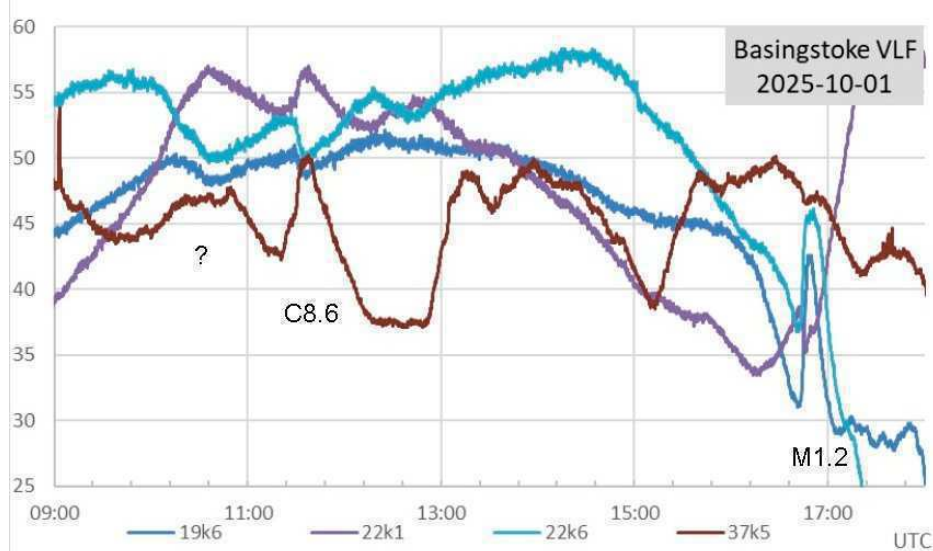
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RADIO SKY NEWS

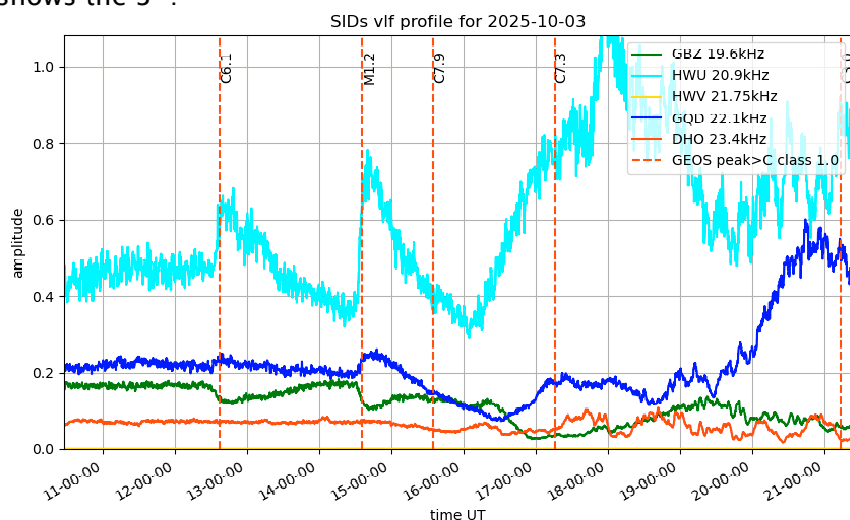
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VLF SID OBSERVATIONS.

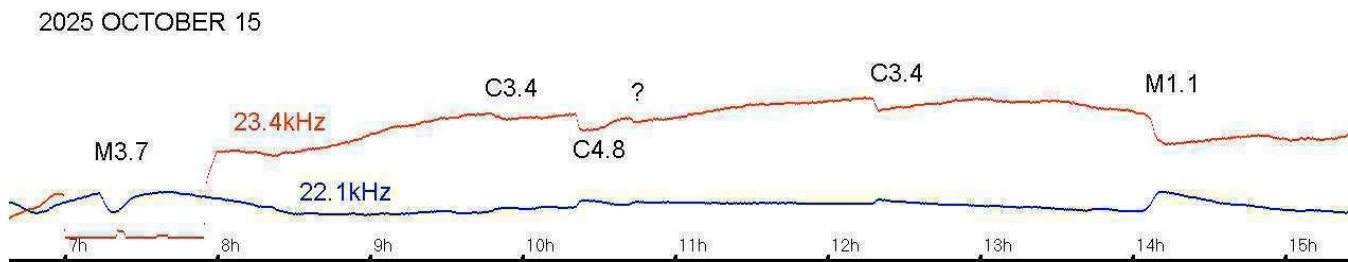
Flaring activity in October was a little higher, with 29 C and 14 M-class flares recorded as SIDs. Most of this activity occurred over the 9th to 18th, with nothing recorded after the 20th. There were a few flares at the start of the month, Paul Hyde's recording showing the 1st:



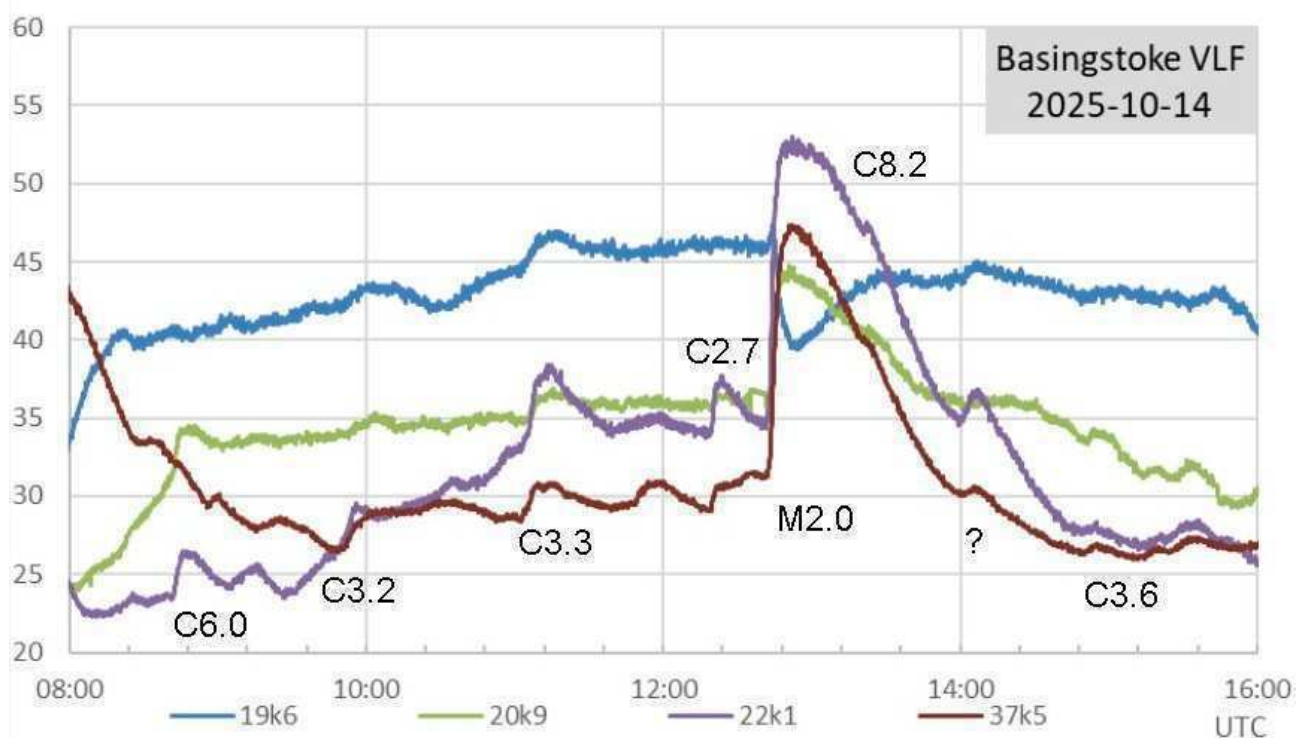
37.5kHz shows additional peaks around 13 to 15UT, most likely from magnetic activity. Mark Prescott's chart shows the 3rd:



The strong M1.2 flare mid-afternoon shows well at all of the frequencies on Mark's recording. The C7.3 was rather too late, hidden by the early October sunset.

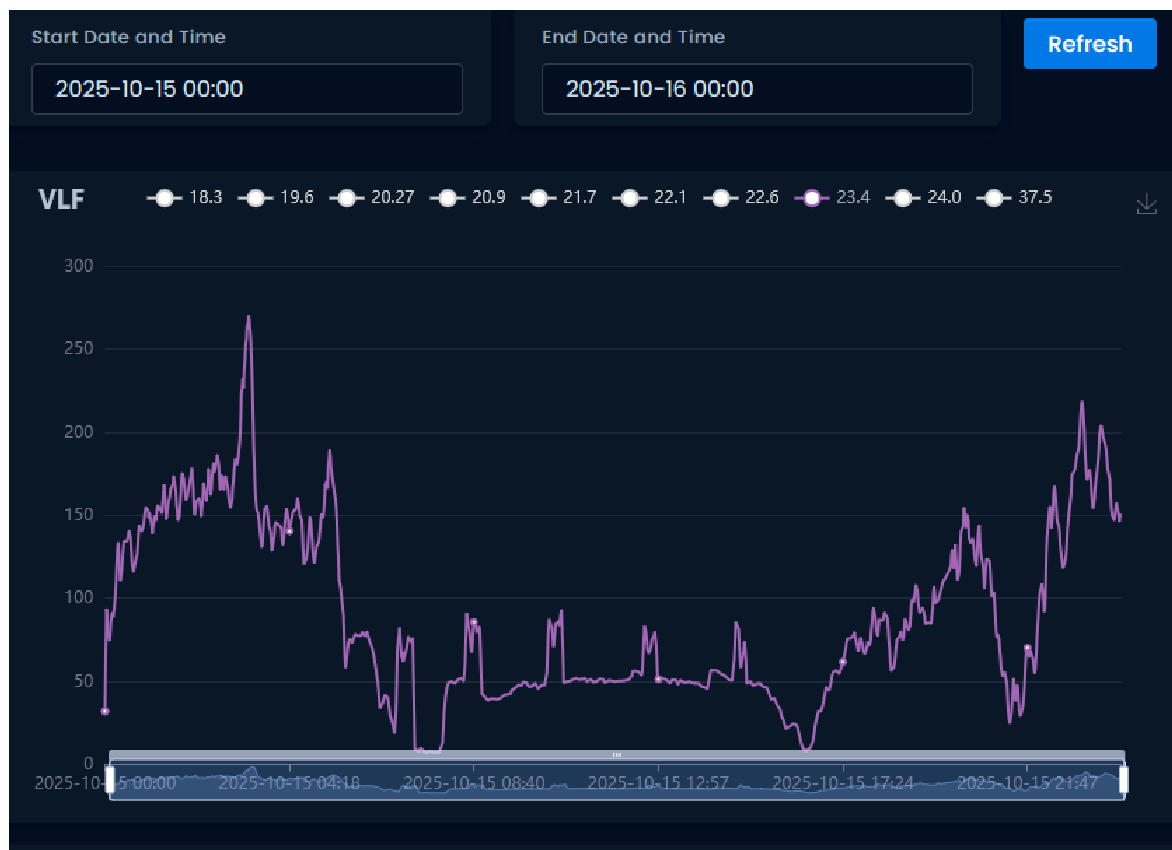


The strongest flare was the M3.7 peaking at 07:19UT on the 15th. My own recording shows a dip in the 22.1kHz signal, but 23.4kHz was taking its usual morning break. The M1.1 flare later in the afternoon has a good matching pair of SIDs. The chart also shows the undocumented event at 10:44, marked with a ?. This shows on both signals, and was recorded by other observers, so appears to be genuine.



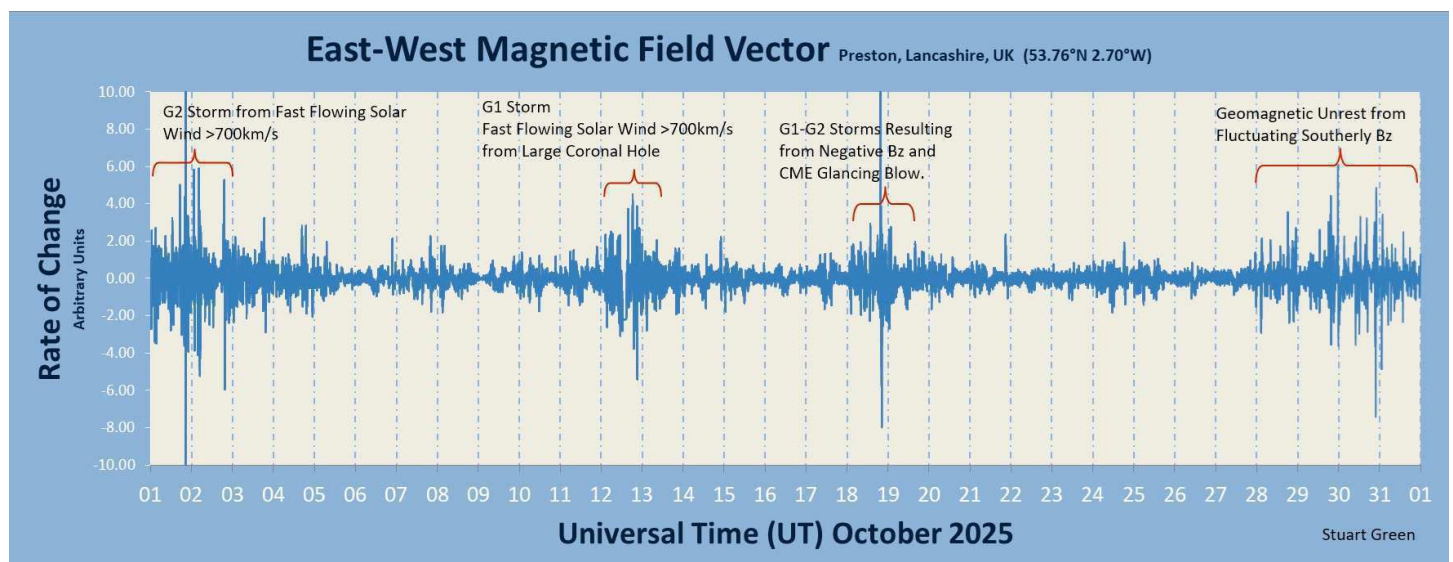
The 14th was also very active, shown in Paul Hyde's recording. The M2.0 flare was widely recorded, but the C8.2 flare has been hidden in its decay phase. There is a smaller event just after 14:00. It is listed in the satellite data, but without any magnitude. The small C3.6 at 15UT was also missed, as sunset was starting to affect most of the signals.

Over the years many forms of VLF interference have been reported, but we now have a new one. Andrew Thomas had a new heat pump fitted recently, its control electronics in line with his VLF loop aerial. The CE regulations did not cover frequencies below 150kHz, allowing some solar panel installations to cause problems. The circuitry in a heat pump would be very different, but appears to be a problem. Andrew's 23.4kHz signal recorded on the 15th is shown on the next page:



The pulses are clearly visible, much stronger than the flares. Andrew is experimenting with ways to avoid the problem.

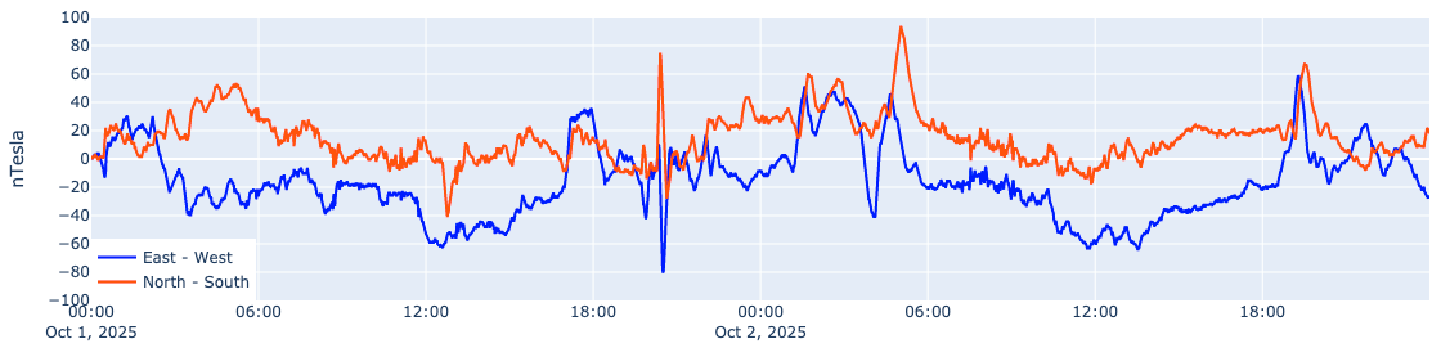
MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS.



Stuart Green's summary of magnetic activity in October shows a few periods of strong disturbance. Most of this was associated with fast solar winds from coronal holes. The September summary showed an active period on the 29th and 30th from a coronal hole. This continued into October with a very active period on the 1st and 2nd. Nick Quinn's recording shows this disturbance, including a strong spike at about 20:30UT. Satellite data does show a number of CMEs at the end of September, although it is not clear whether this spike

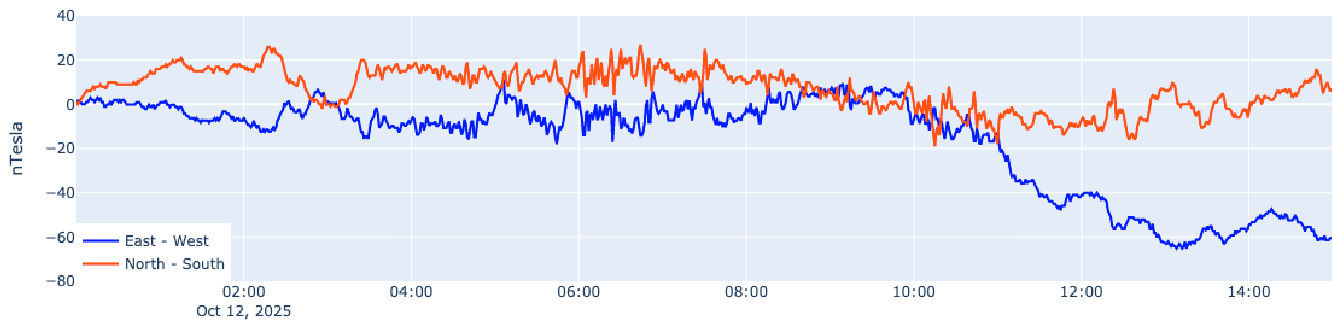
is from a CME arrival. Some of this disturbance was seen on the 37.5kHz signal in Paul Hyde's recording on page 1. Activity then faded out during the 3rd.

Steyping Magnetometer (50.8 North, 0.3 West)

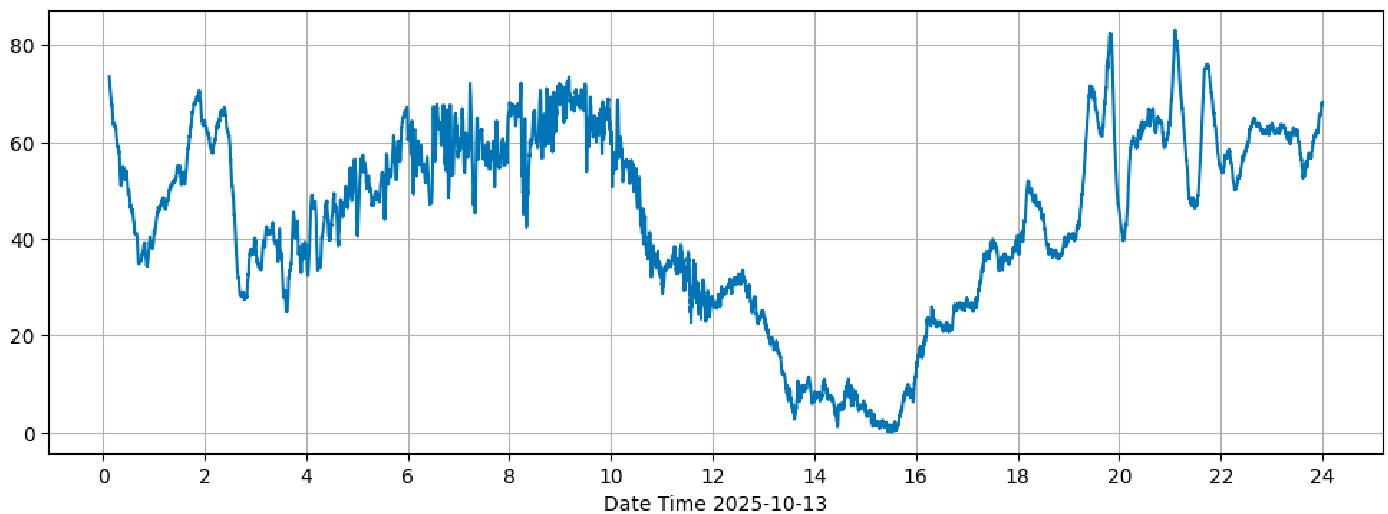


High speed solar wind from a large coronal hole produced more disturbance on the 12th and 13th, shown in recordings by Nick Quinn and Callum Potter:

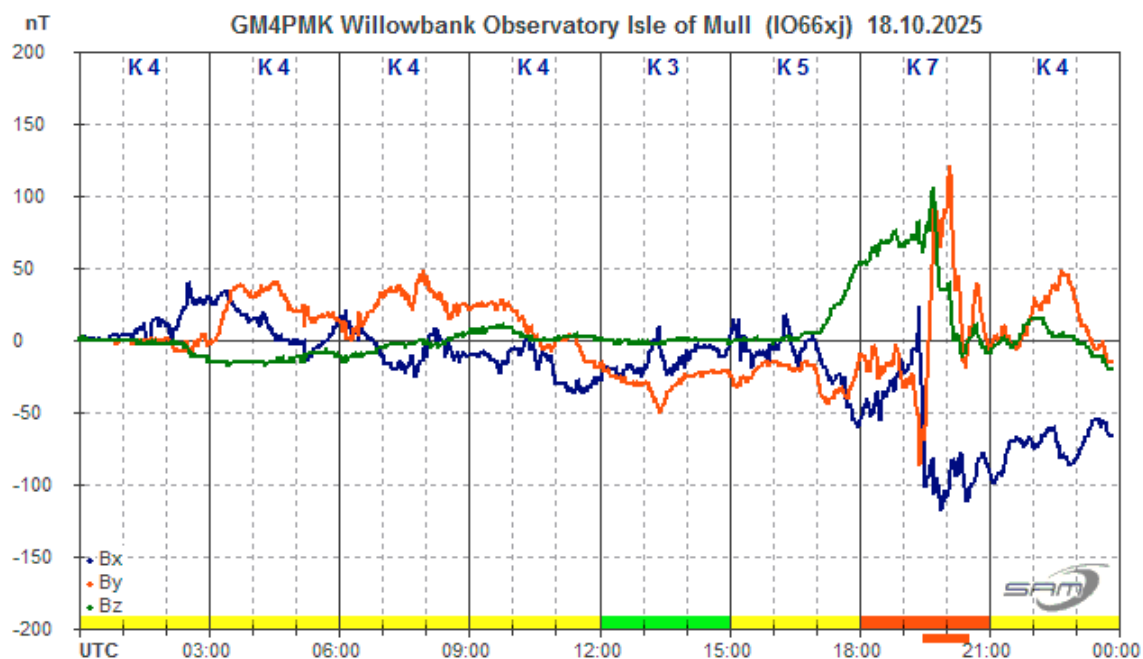
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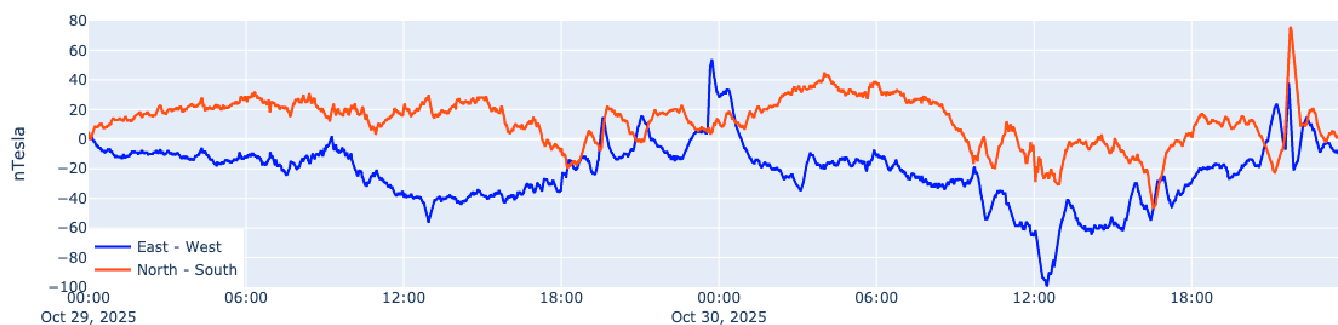


A very rapid turbulence is seen from 04 to 08UT on the 12th, slowing down in the afternoon. This was repeated on the 13th, the rapid turbulence lasting a little longer. The magnitude of the disturbance increased to ± 20 nT after 19UT, but had faded out by the end of the day.

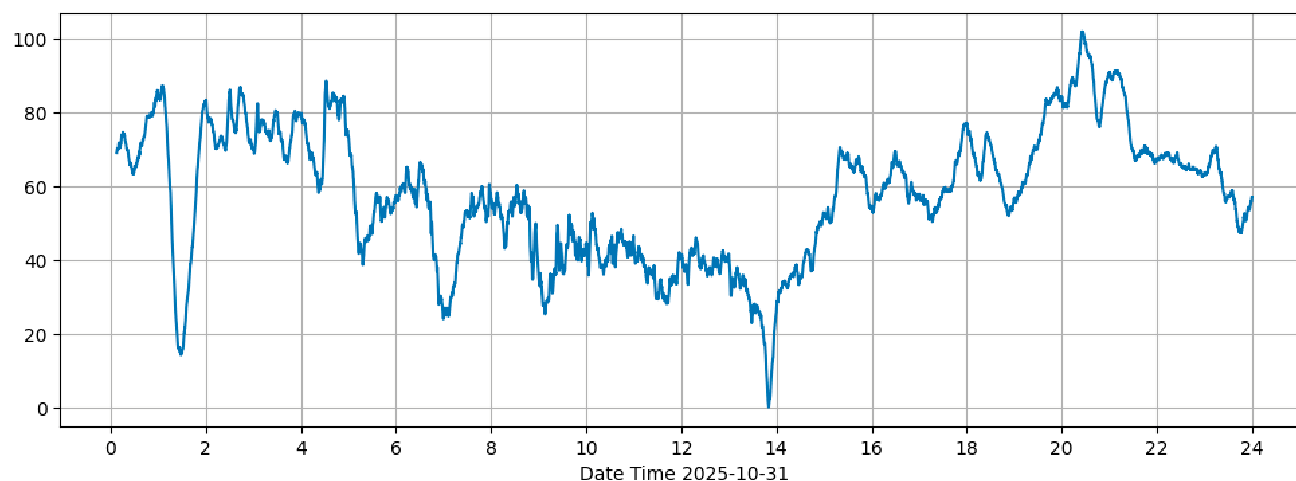


More coronal hole high speed winds produced a minor disturbance early on the 18th, shown in Roger Blackwell's recording. A glancing blow from a CME arrived later, with a strong ± 100 nT spike in the magnetic field around 19:30. This did not last long, activity fading out early on the 19th.

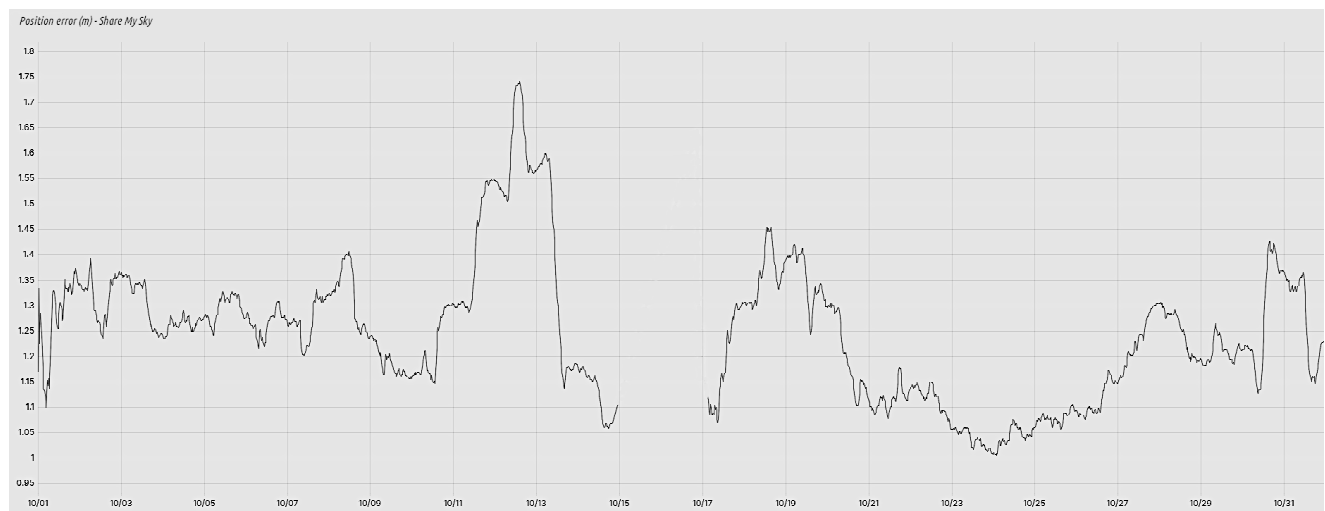
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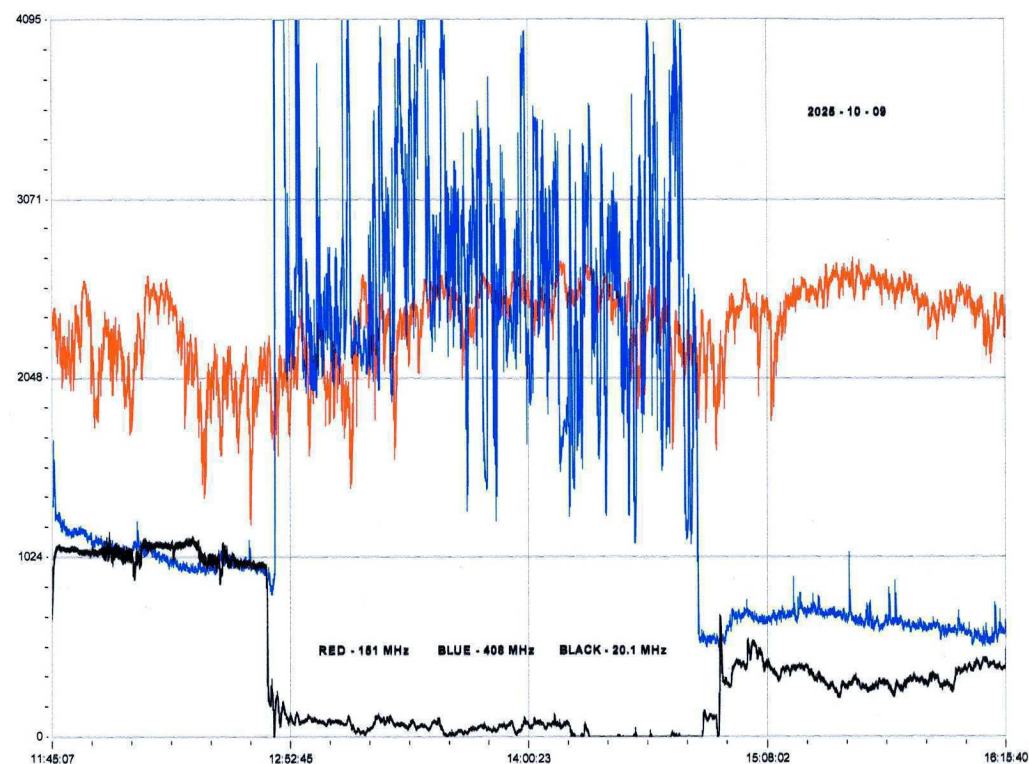
Solar wind speed increased again at the end of October, shown in recordings from Nick Quinn and Callum Potter, above. A minor disturbance began early on the 29th, increasing around midnight, and continuing on the 30th and 31st. There was another period of rapid turbulence from 08 to 13UT on the 31st, the activity fading away by the end of the day.



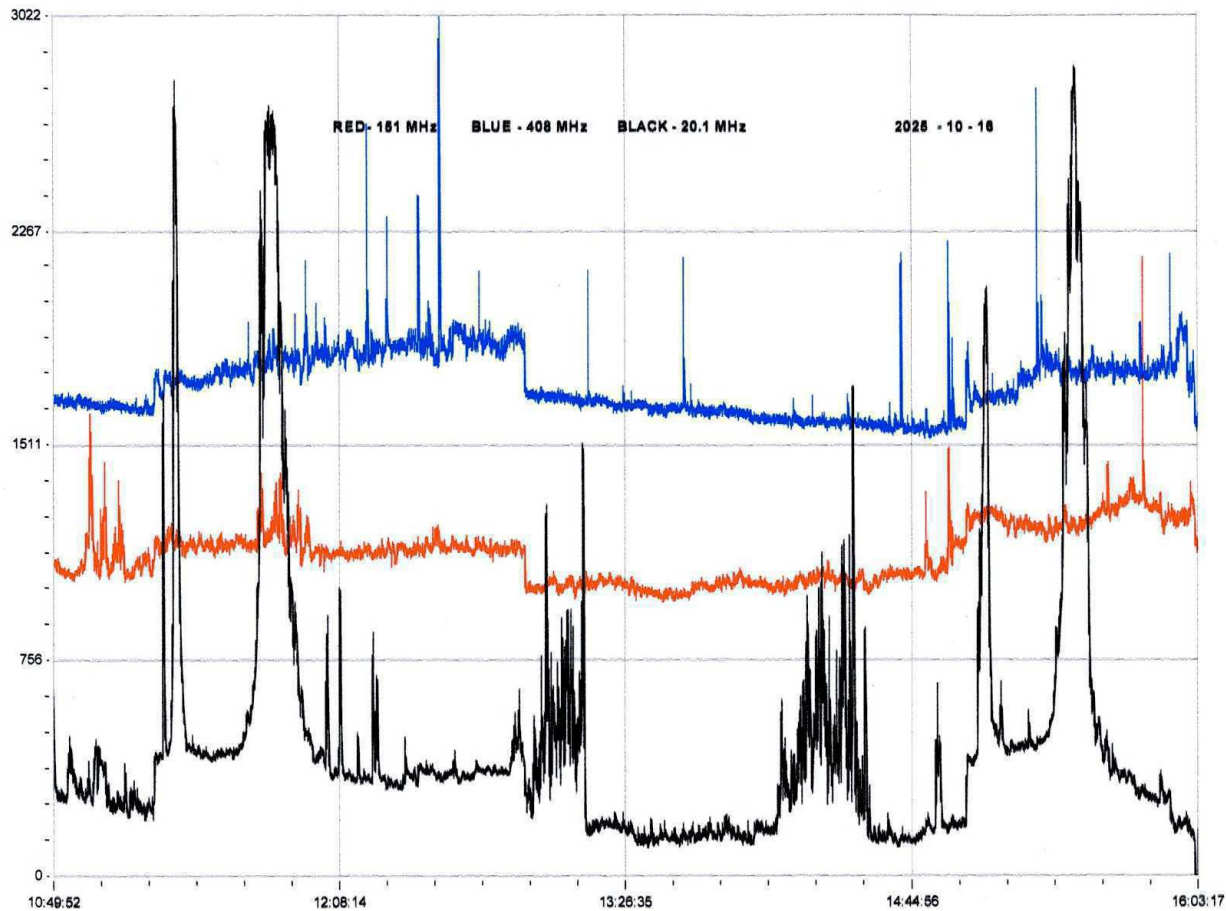
Thomas Mazzi has made a chart of GPS positioning errors through October from his Share My Sky project. The vertical axis shows the error in metres, covering 1m to 1.8m at the top. The magnetic disturbance at the start of October shows some minor effects, but the storm over the 11th to 13th has produced a larger error. The other magnetic storms also show significant effects on positioning accuracy.

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

SOLAR EMISSIONS

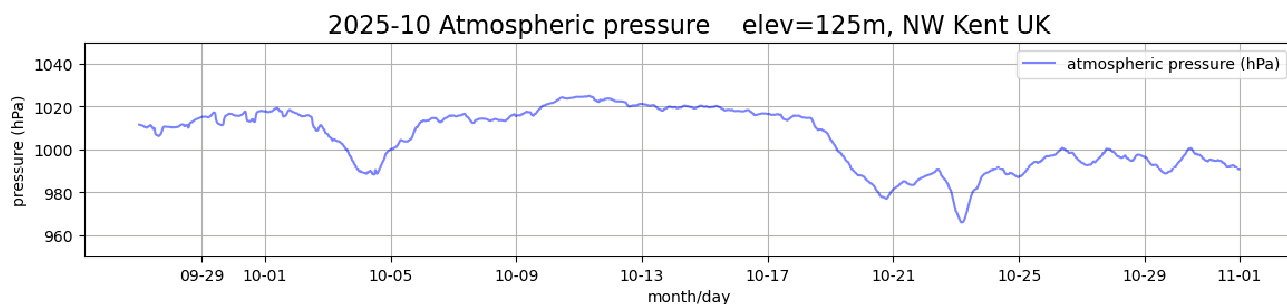


Colin Clements recorded this strong 408MHz burst from the M2.0 flare on the 9th. 151MHz (red) shows only a minor effect, while 20.1MHz (black) has actually dropped during the flare. His usual 610MHz antenna is now shaded due to the low winter sun, and so has switched to a loft-mounted 20.1MHz antenna. There were also some strong signals on the 16th:



Activity on the 16th was much higher, 20.1MHz showing bursts for all of the flares that we recorded. The early C8.4 has a very strong signal, while the M1.3 (14:10UT) is weaker but with more rapid variation in strength. The last event on the chart does not seem to link directly to flare timings, so its source is unclear. Colin also recorded radio noise on the 3rd, 13th, 15th, 17th and 18th, with a very noisy 20.1MHz burst for the M1.5 flare on the 18th.

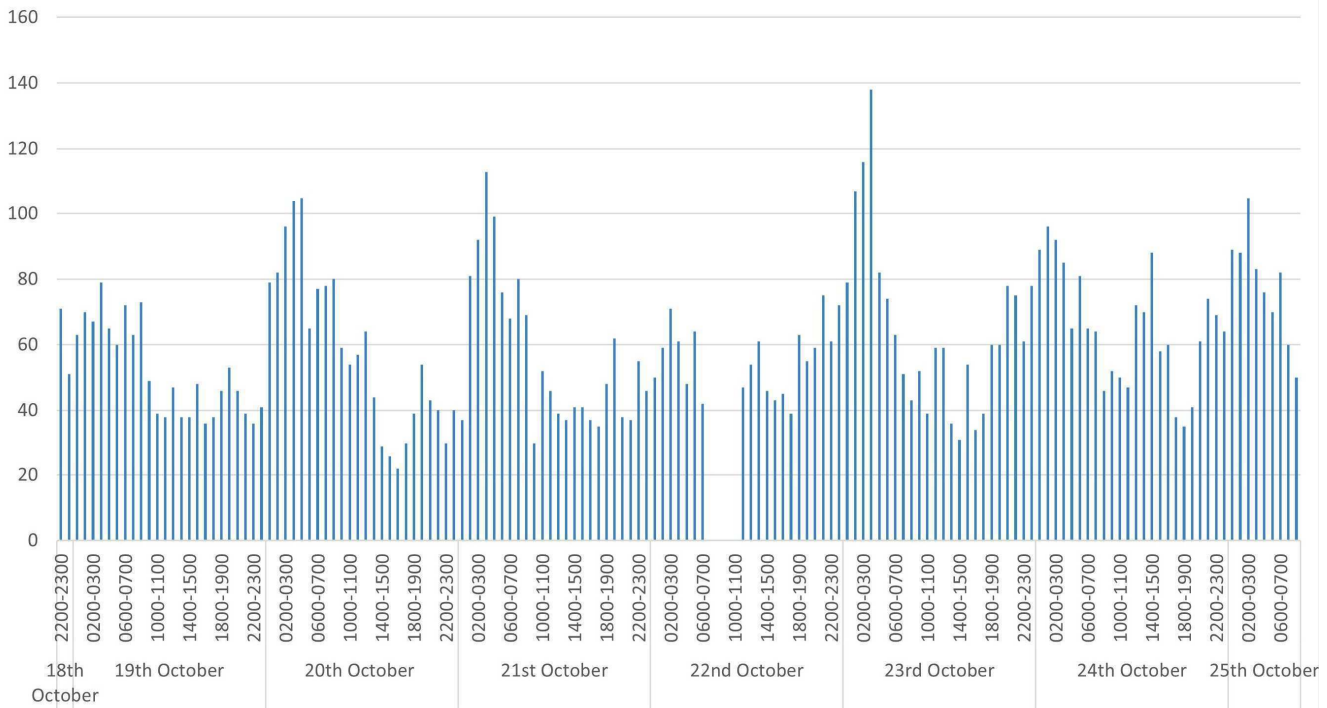
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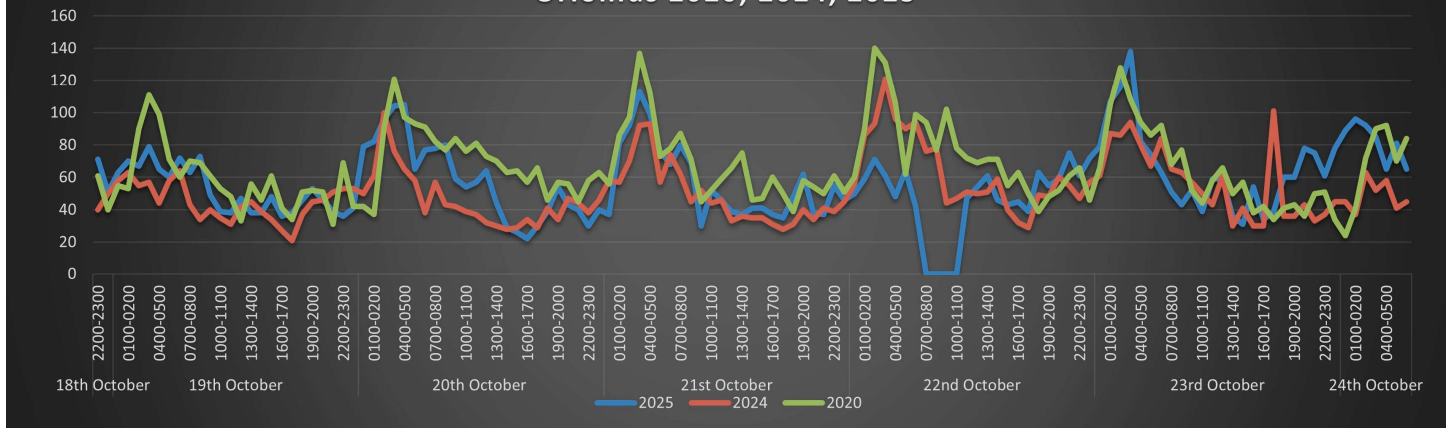
Mark Prescott recorded some very large atmospheric pressure variations during October, particularly low from the 20th to 27th. This has had a very strong impact on his Muon measurements.

ORIONID METEORS

Orionids Meteor Shower 2025

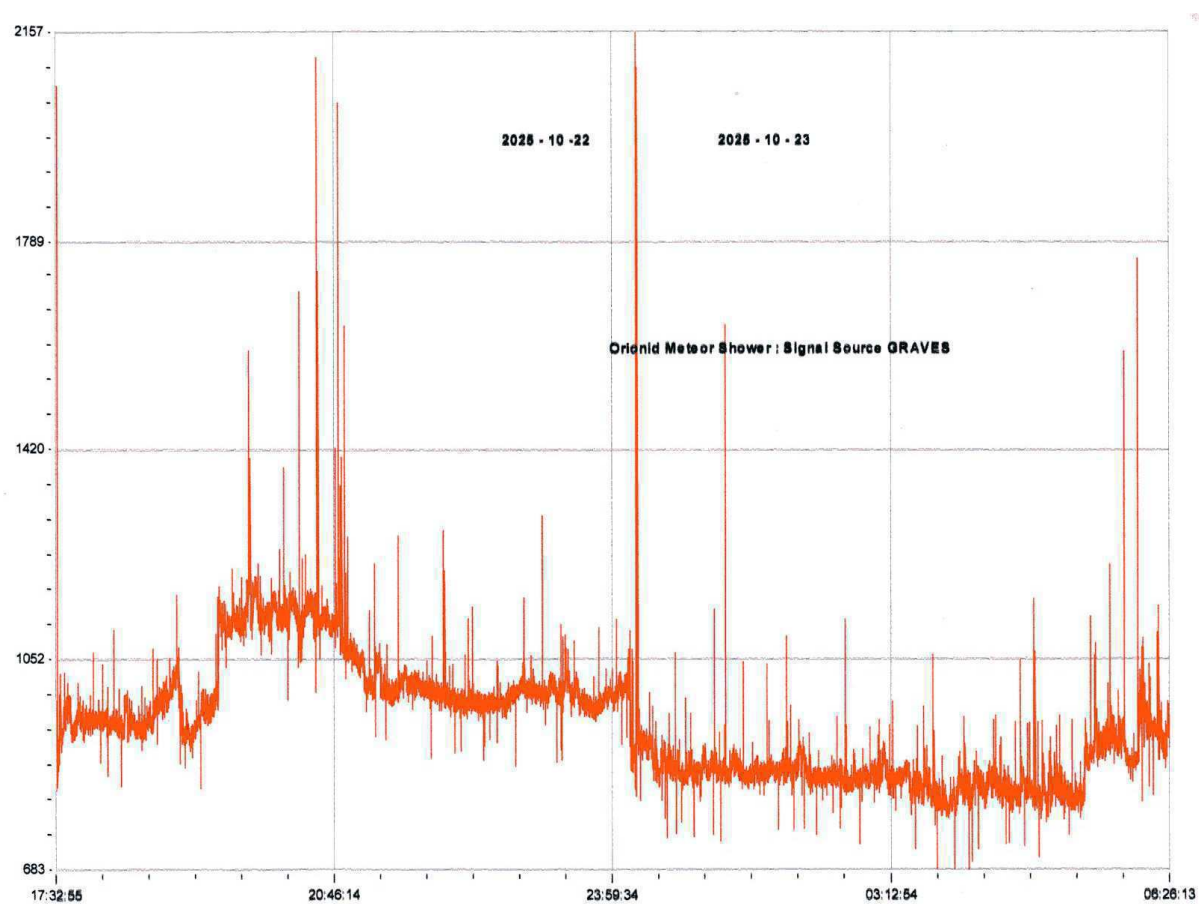
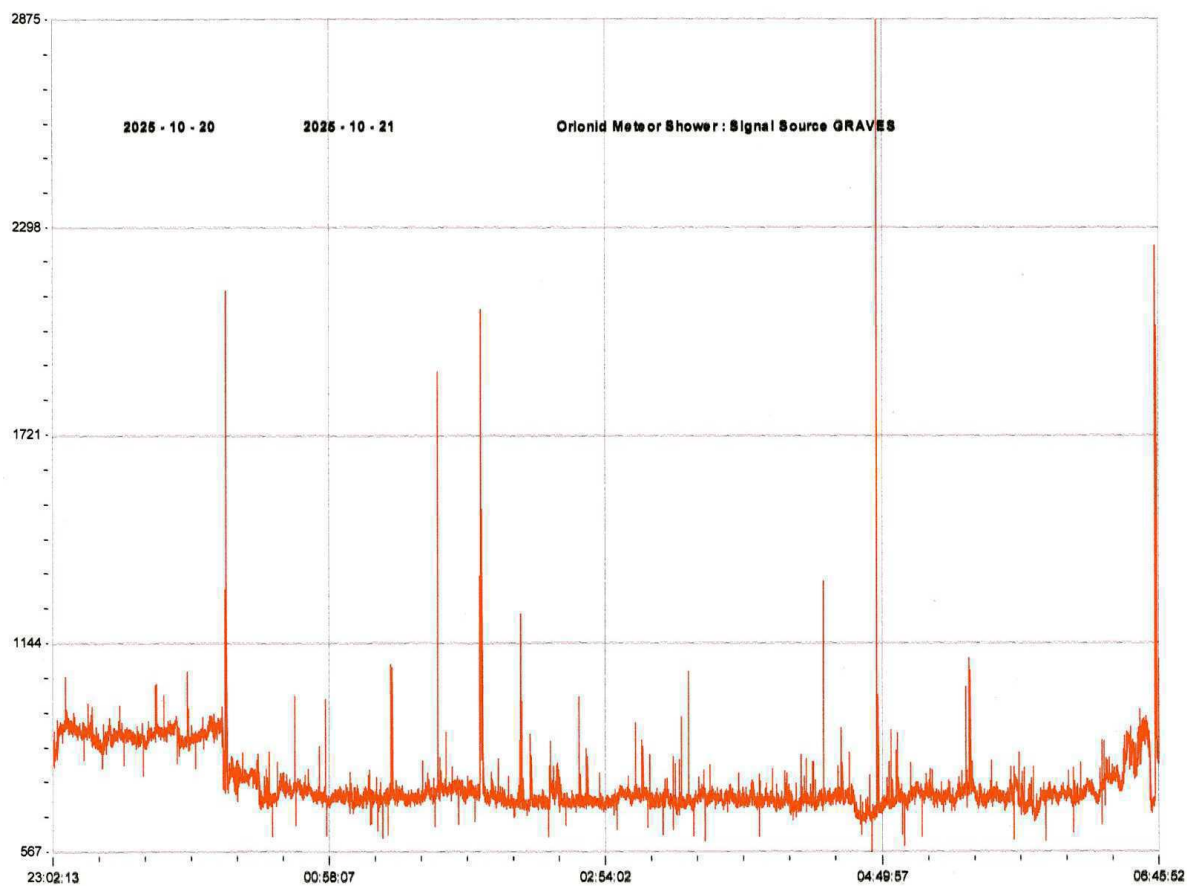


Orionids 2020, 2024, 2025

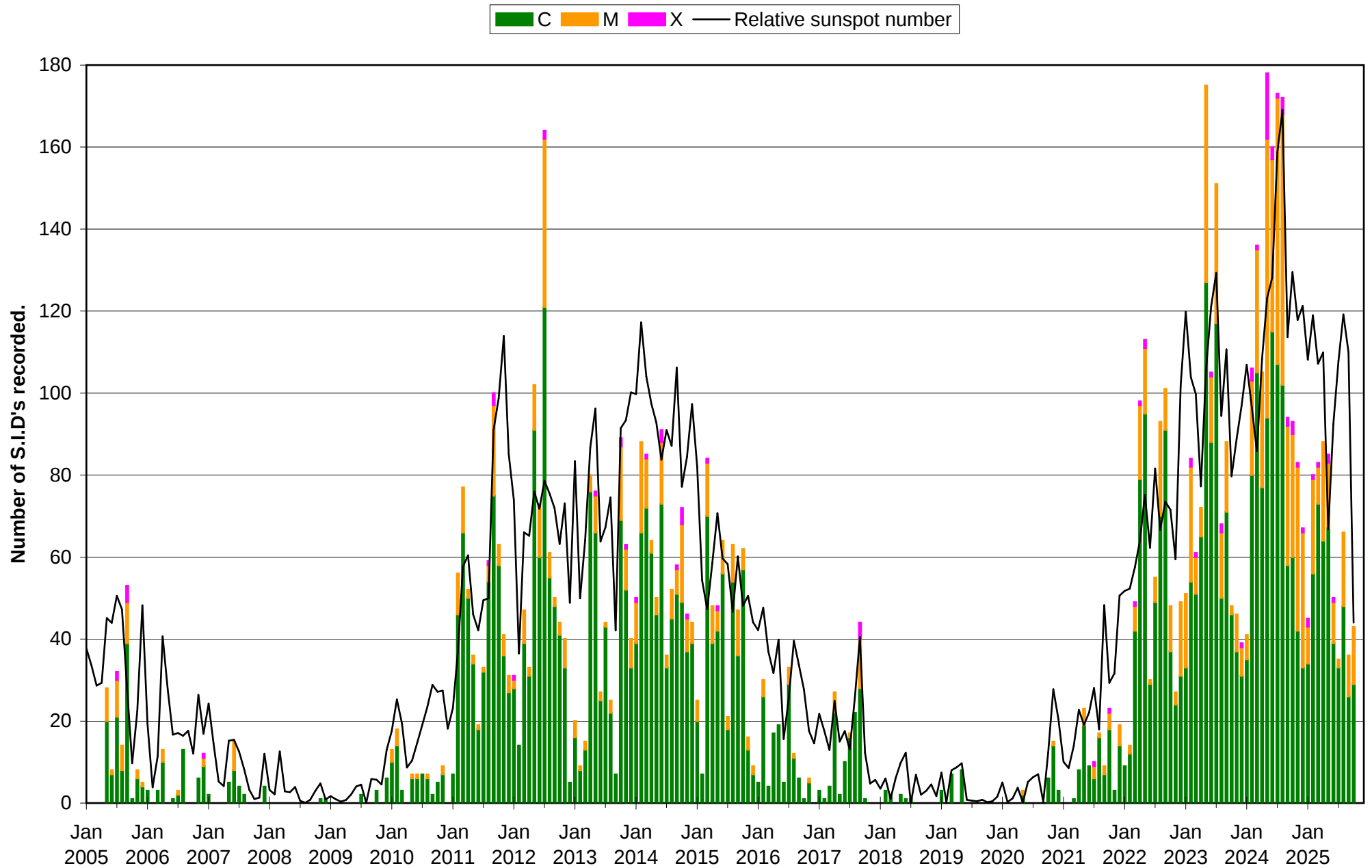


Chris Bailey made recordings of the Orionid meteors using the Graves radar signal. This seems to have taken a break during the morning of the 22nd. The peak in activity was around 04–05UT on the 23rd, with more peaks recorded from the 20th to 25th. The lower chart compares counts from 2020, and 2024 with 2025. General activity seems to have been lower this year, although the peak is at a similar level.

Colin Clements also made recordings, shown on the next page. The first chart covers 23UT on the 20th to 06:45 on the 21st, the second from 17:30 on the 22nd to 06:26 on the 23rd.



VLF flare activity 2005/25



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	Xray class	Observers	John Cook (23.4kHz/22.1kHz)	Roberto Battaiola 21.75kHz	Paul Hyde (22.1kHz/24kHz)	Mark Edwards	Colin Clements (21.75kHz/23.4kHz)
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