

**The Mayas – Masters of Time:
ancient Maya astronomy, calendars, prophecies and games.**
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**2.30pm Saturday 21st March 2025 at Trinity Methodist Church,
Chelmsford CM1 2XB. Visitors and prospective members warmly
welcomed – £5. Booking not required**

Ian Mursell returns to us after his brilliant talk on the Aztecs in 2023. An introduction to ancient Maya civilisation, focussing on their advanced knowledge of time, astronomy, mathematics, writing and rainforest natural resources; the 2012 end-of-the-world fallacy; two contrasting ancient games – the ritual ballgame Pok-ta-pok (possible ancestor of basketball) and the board game Patolli (possible ancestor of Monopoly).



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