

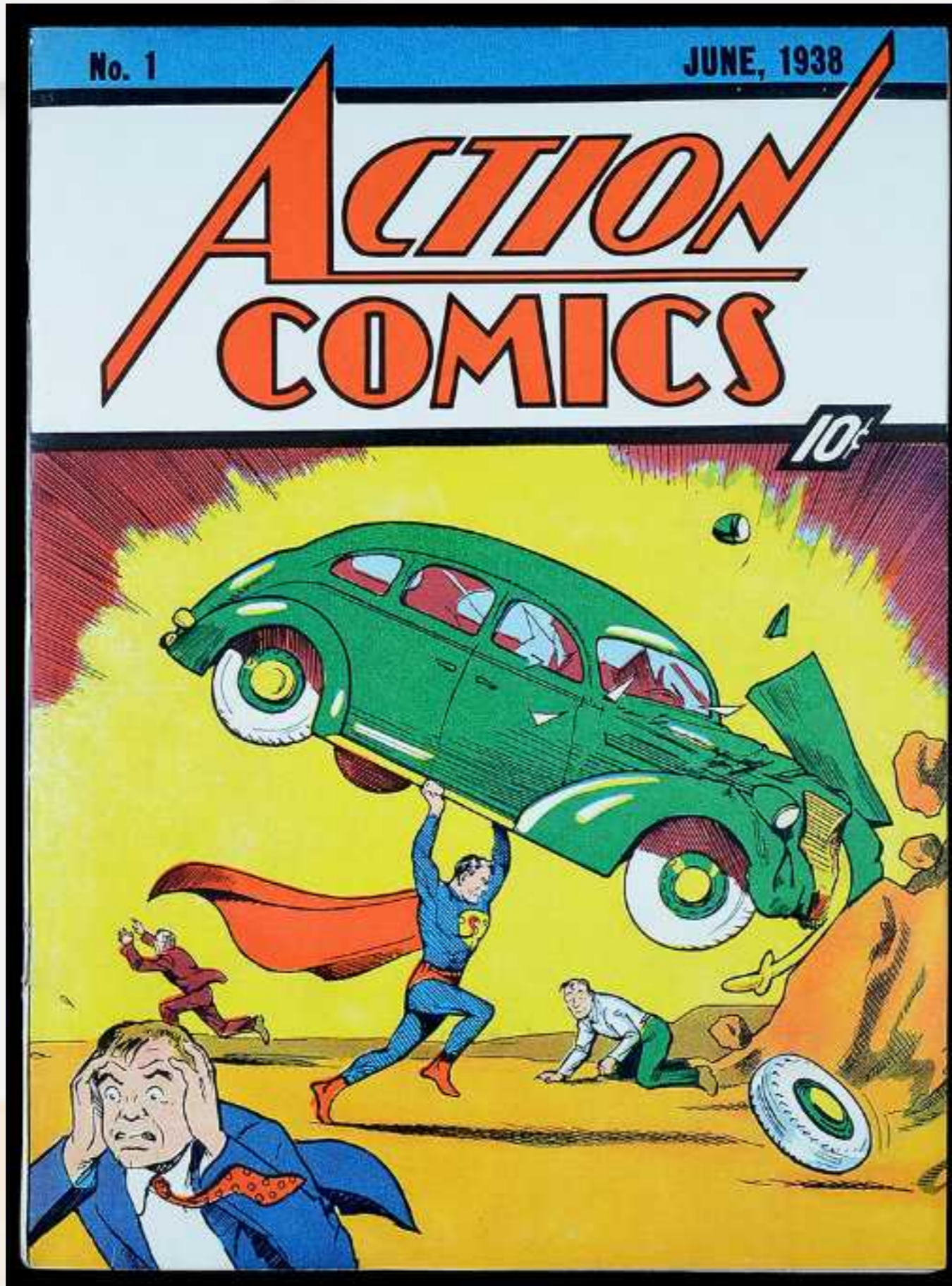
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Action Comics #1 (cover dated June 1938) is the first issue of the original run of the comic book/magazine series Action Comics. It features the first appearance of several comic book heroes, most notably the Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster creation, Superman, and sold for 10 cents (equivalent to \$2 today). It is widely considered to be both the beginning of the superhero genre and the most valuable comic book in the world. Action Comics would go on to run for 904 numbered issues (plus additional out of sequence special issues) before it restarted its numbering in 2011. It returned to its original numbering with issue #957, published on June 8, 2016 (cover-dated August) and reached its 1,000th issue in 2018. On August 24, 2014, a copy graded 9.0 by CGC was sold on eBay for \$3,207,852 USD; it was the first comic book to have sold for more than \$3 million for a single original copy.



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*Bob  
Watkins*



Hi Steve

My son lives in Auckland and during a function held at the Auckland Bowls club he had a conversation with their President. Where he told him of our club here in Taunton and my involvement with regard to our coaching team.

As a gesture of friendship he kindly sent to me their club Badge.

The Auckland Bowls Club is the oldest club outside the UK (unless anyone knows differently) and has a strong, friendly and active membership. If any of our members are planning to go to New Zealand, I am sure they will receive a warm welcome and may even get a game or two.

In response to this kind gesture I have sent him one of our club badges and I hope that this will open up a potential affiliation where we can exchange news and events which could be a feature for our newsletter. It would be great, if you think this is news worthy, to share this with our members via our newsletter and I will send him a copy which he may wish to share with their membership.

Kind Regards

Bob

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Daylight solutions enrich the recreational experiences people have when using sports facilities. Natural light in a well-being environment assists in keeping users comfortable when exercising. Communal facilities are better utilised when your building has evenly distributed illuminance levels, and lots of fresh air. A connection to the outside is proven to improve mood and the overall well-being of people.

Well-lit and ventilated sports facilities help you stay active for longer. A connection to the outdoors can also keep people using your sports facilities in winter months when the amount of daylight exposure is maximised throughout the day. This connects people to nature as they exercise and creates an inviting space.

External associations and professional bodies have clear expectations when it comes to lighting. A combination between artificial and natural light is often required in design. Consistency of light is of high importance to ensure sporting activities remain fun. This is especially true when objects move between light and dark spaces, a potential cause of harm or injury. Hanging lights can also impede vision with unwanted glare when looking up. But by combining an even distribution of light can be achieved as seen from our photographs and the completion of the installation of our new lighting system at TDBC.

Minimal lux level requirement for most sports activities:

- 200 to 300 lux levels

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- Up to 1000 lux levels

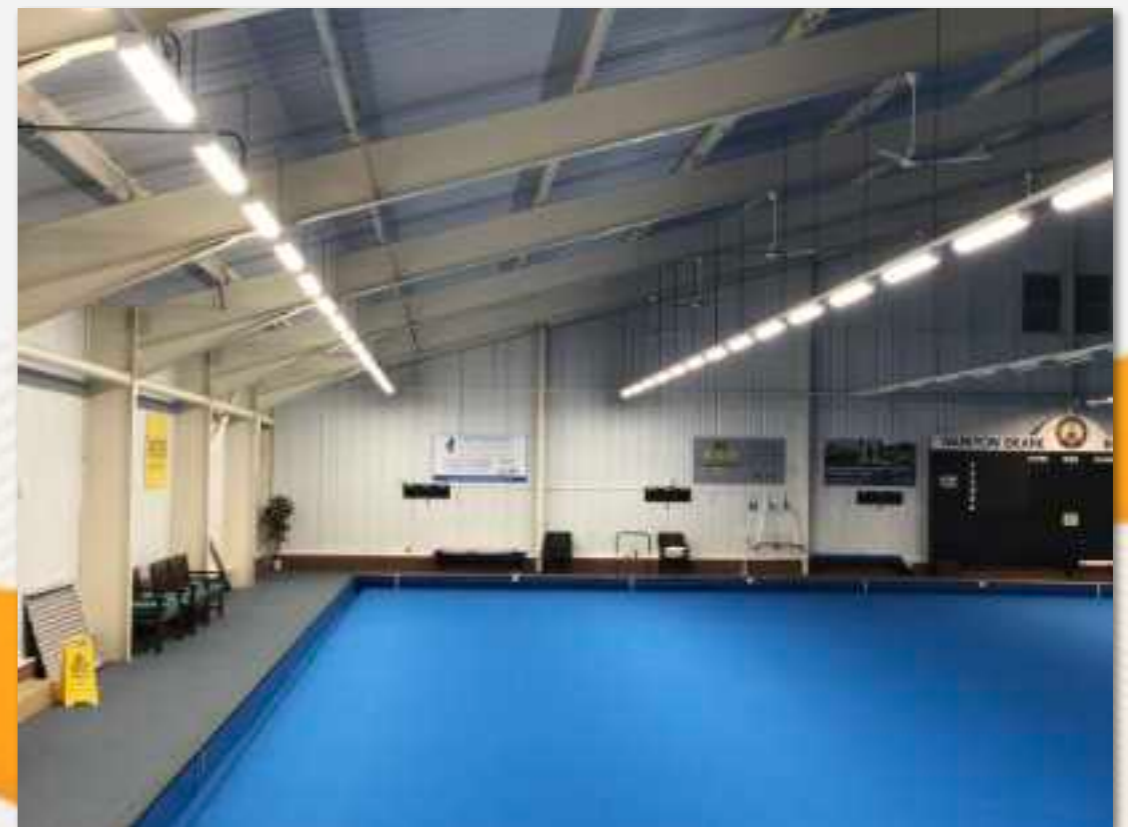




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### Disability Bowls England SW Regional Singles

The club was delighted and honoured to be chosen to host this event on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

On a lovely sunny day, eight bowlers from across the region took part, in two groups of four each playing three matches, with the winner of each group progressing to the national finals at Leamington Spa.

Starting at 09.30, all matches were keenly contested and it was not until the last match had been played that the winners were known,

The winners were Anthony Page and Jamie Pugsley, who will now play in the Singles Play Off at Leamington Spa on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

A number of club members, volunteered to facilitate the day and help with marking games, catering etc, this enabled the event to go without a hitch and show cased the club in a good light.

There is a special mention for Brian Hawkins, whose knowledge in giving information to the visually impaired player was invaluable,

Many thanks to all the club members who helped run a very successful event,

**Tony Foxwell, Myra & Robert Duncan**





## Game On ...

### Club Summer Competitions Draw is now LIVE

Thanks to everyone who entered the Club's Summer Competitions. There are 61 entrants - 42 outdoor and 19 indoor. We are running 11 competitions outdoors and 7 indoors.

The draw is live on Bowlr and on the Competitions Noticeboard. The play by dates are as follows:

- Round 1 – 18 June 2023
- Quarter Finals – 16 July 2023
- Semi Finals – 13 August 2023
- Finals – 9 & 10 September 2023

Some competitions start at the Quarter Final stage due to lower entry numbers. That doesn't mean you have to leave it until then to play – They are 'play by' not 'play on' dates!!

Unfortunately there were not enough entries to run the following competitions –

Indoor:

- Ladies Drawn Pairs
- New Bowlers Open Singles
- Ladies Club Singles

Outdoor:

- Ladies Non Winners Singles
- New Bowlers Open Singles

If you have entered any of the singles competitions, your name has been put on a Markers list (except those who entered the New Bowlers competitions), therefore you may be approached to mark another singles game. Do not accept an invitation to mark, if for any reason you feel uncomfortable about doing it. Guidelines for Markers are available on the Competitions Noticeboard and from the Competitions Committee.

Please book your competition games on Bowlr and use the competitions scorecards. Guidelines on how to book games are available on the Competitions Noticeboard and from the Competitions Committee, as are the Competition Rules.

Good luck everyone and enjoy your games.

**Myra, Nicola & Robert - The Competitions Committee**



### Bowling Rule Tips

- 1 Definitions.... Open matches.. bowlers can be of either sex in team. Mixed matches, bowlers must be equal numbers of each sex.
- 2 The top name of the team is the challenger they should arrange the match. In pairs and triples this should be with the last named member of their opponents.
- 3 Ensure the Woods are 1 metre behind + 1 metre to the side of the mat, to give the bowler room to play and avoid accidents.
- 4 When standing at the Head, do not Stand in the line of the Jack, you should be at least one metre behind and to the side of the jack. Players should keep still and not make any noise when someone is bowling.
- 5 Do not walk through the Head, walk around.
- 6 Unless it is your Job to agree the score, stay out of the Head.
- 7 Only ask questions when you have control of the Mat.
- 8 You get control of Mat when opponents Bowl has stopped.
- 9 Do not walk up rink, until the last Bowler's bowl has stopped.
- 10 Do not stop woods before going into ditch.

**Nicola - The Competitions Committee**

## Highlights in June and early July

Here are some upcoming fixtures held at TDBC which have the potential for an enjoyable couple of hours of spectating.

### Outdoors:

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Uffculme Friendly	2.30pm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Walker Cup Cornwall v Hereford	1.30pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen Camel Friendly	2.30pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Turnbull Cup TDBC v Banwell	6.15pm
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellington Friendly	2.30pm

### Indoors:

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jubilee Shield v Taunton Vivary	2.00pm
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Devon Tiverton Friendly	2.00pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Taunton Vivary Friendly	2.00pm

**Amanda Birkett - Fixture Secretary**



### Club News - 25 years Ago Today

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# Music was my first love....

## School's Out

Back in the Spring of '72 I could have been immersed in revision for my forthcoming mock O Levels and then the real thing. Instead I was chasing girls and avoiding as much homework as possible. My poor Dad was my headmaster. Poor me actually, it wasn't easy being the Head's son. He'd already had to cane me twice and I was to get in even more trouble in my final years.

So what an anthem Alice Cooper's 'School's Out' was to become for me and so many other kids.

It was 50 years ago last April that the single was released after coming out on his Fifth Album. Went to number one in the UK charts and enjoyed enormous success around the world. It's widely regarded as his signature song. My other favourite of his is 'I wanna be Elected'.

Another Mark, an old school chum of mine, was visiting for the Somerset v Lancs cricket last week. We always get round to playing and talking music. Gilsey we call him used to be a Sports correspondent for the South China Morning Post and then the Times Group Newspapers in London. He always loves to regale us with his Alice Cooper story. Gilsey interviewed Cooper for the Times Saturday Supplement and got published on Sept 9th 2006.

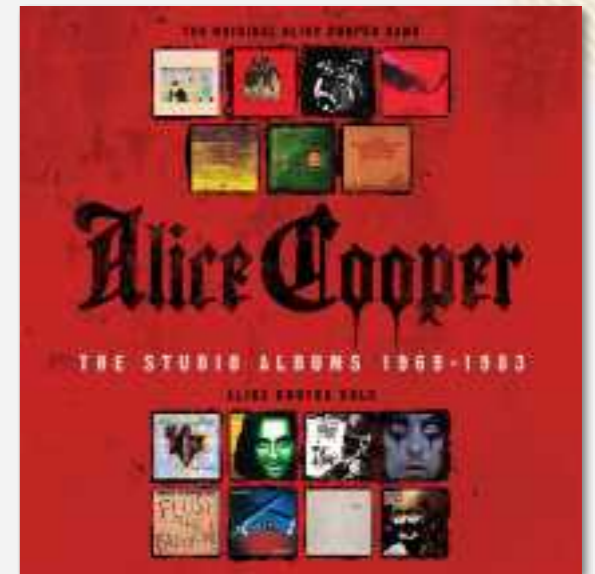
## Play a round with Alice

### Mark Giles on the rocker who tees-off teetotal with his life back on course

Yes, the article was mainly about Cooper's love of Golf. He's very good and plays off 5. He's also teetotal (excuse the golf pun) and being sober has got his life back on course. Well I've been teetotal for over 15 years now but my golf never improved due to arthritis. But having taken up bowls 13 years ago I'm fairly certain I play better sober than otherwise.

Alice Cooper has sold over 50 million records. He's still going strong at 75 years old.

I'd like to raise a San Miguel Zero toast to my 'rebel hero' Alice and my old school chums from the mid 70's. **Mark x**





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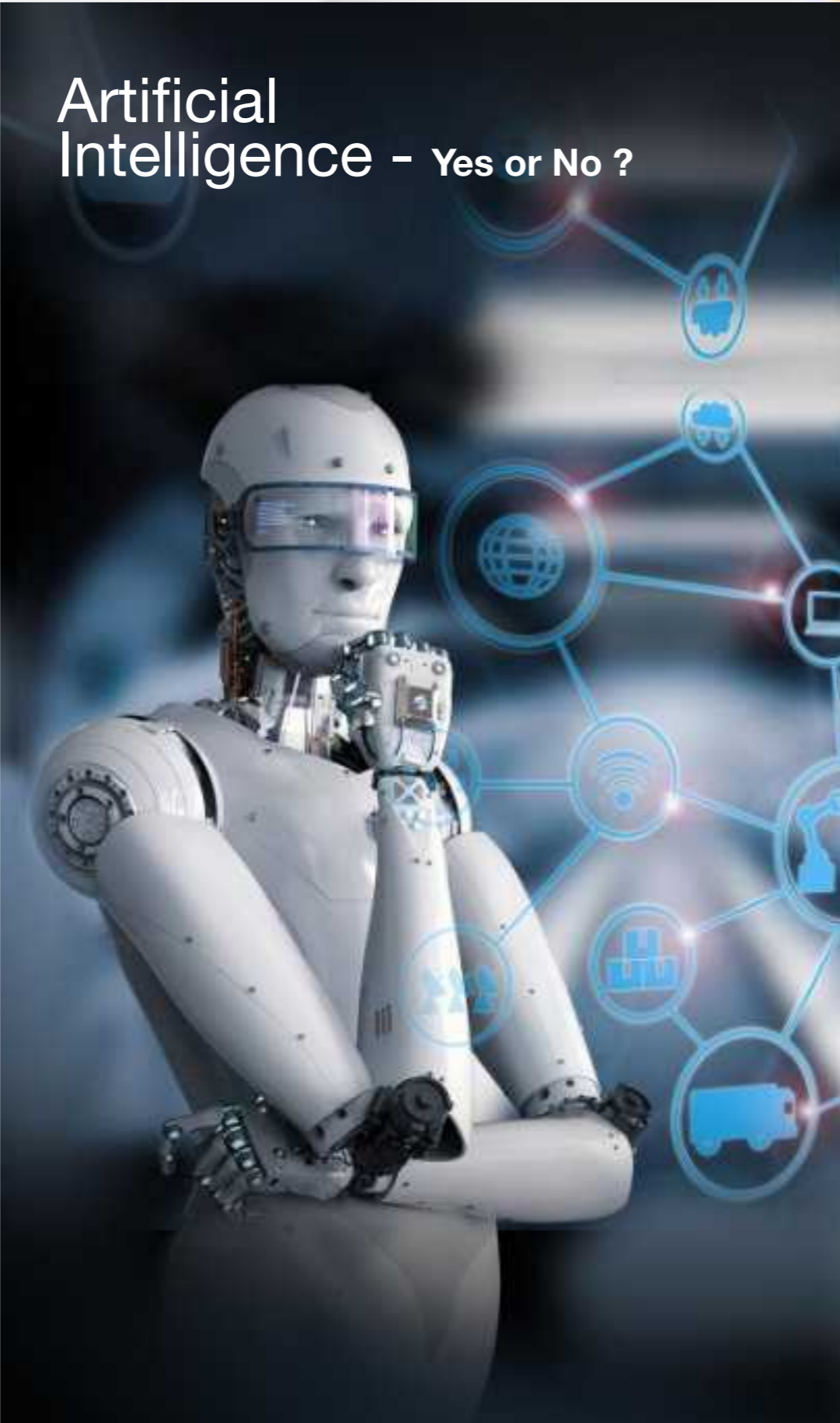


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# Artificial Intelligence - Yes or No ?



With all the hype around Artificial Intelligence, robots, self-driving cars, etc, it can be easy to assume that AI doesn't impact our everyday lives. In reality, most of us encounter Artificial Intelligence in some way or the other almost every single day. From the moment you wake up to check your smartphone to watching another Netflix recommended movie, AI has quickly made its way into our everyday lives. According to a study the global AI market is set to grow up to 54 percent every single year. But what exactly is AI? Will it really serve good to mankind in the future? Well, there are tons of advantages and disadvantages, before we jump on to the advantages and disadvantages of Artificial Intelligence, let us understand what is AI in the first place. From a birds eye view, AI provides a computer program the ability to think and learn on its own. It is a simulation of human intelligence (hence, artificial) into machines to do things that we would normally rely on humans. An artificial intelligence program is a program that is capable of learning and thinking. It is possible to consider anything to be artificial intelligence if it consists of a program performing a task that we would normally assume a human would perform. Let's begin with the advantages of artificial intelligence.

One of the biggest advantages of Artificial Intelligence is that it can significantly reduce errors and increase accuracy and precision. The decisions taken by AI in every step is decided by information previously gathered and a certain set of algorithms. When programmed properly, these errors can be reduced to zero.

An example of the reduction in human error through AI is the use of robotic surgery systems, which can perform complex procedures with precision and accuracy, reducing the risk of human error and improving patient safety in healthcare.

Another big advantage of AI is that humans can overcome many risks by letting AI robots do them for us. Whether it be defusing a bomb, going to space, exploring the deepest parts of oceans, machines with metal bodies are resistant in nature and can survive unfriendly atmospheres. Moreover, they can provide accurate work with greater responsibility and not wear out easily.

One example of zero risks is a fully automated production line in a manufacturing facility. Robots perform all tasks, eliminating the risk of human error and injury in hazardous environments.



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There are many studies that show humans are productive about 3 to 4 hours in a day. Humans also need breaks and time offs to balance their work life and personal life. But AI can work endlessly without breaks. They think much faster than humans and perform multiple tasks at a time with accurate results. They can even handle tedious repetitive jobs easily with the help of AI algorithms.

An example of this is online customer support chatbots, which can provide instant assistance to customers anytime, anywhere. Using AI and natural language processing, chatbots can answer common questions, resolve issues, and escalate complex problems to human agents, ensuring seamless customer service around the clock.

Some of the most technologically advanced companies engage with users using digital assistants, which eliminates the need for human personnel. We all know that businesses have a customer service crew that must address the doubts and concerns of the patrons. Businesses can create a chatbot or voice bot that can answer all of their clients' questions using AI.

In practically every field, AI is the driving force behind numerous innovations that will aid humans in resolving the majority of challenging issues.

Another example of new inventions is self-driving cars, which use a combination of cameras, sensors, and AI algorithms to navigate roads and traffic without human intervention. Self-driving cars have the potential to improve road safety, reduce traffic congestion, and increase accessibility for people with disabilities or limited mobility. They are being developed by various companies, including Tesla, Google, and Uber, and are expected to revolutionise transportation.

Human beings are driven by emotions, whether we like it or not. AI on the other hand, is devoid of emotions and highly practical and rational in its approach. A huge advantage of Artificial Intelligence is that it doesn't have any biased views, which ensures more accurate decision-making.

An example of this is AI-powered recruitment systems that screen job applicants based on skills and qualifications rather than demographics. This helps eliminate bias in the hiring process, leading to an inclusive and more diverse workforce.



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We will be doing a lot of repetitive tasks as part of our daily work, such as checking documents for flaws and mailing thank you notes, among other things. We may use artificial intelligence to efficiently automate these menial chores and even eliminate "boring" tasks for people, allowing them to focus on being more creative.

An example of this is using robots in manufacturing assembly lines, which can handle repetitive tasks such as welding, painting, and packaging with high accuracy and speed, reducing costs and improving efficiency.

Today, our everyday lives are entirely dependent on mobile devices and the internet. We utilise a variety of apps, including Google Maps, Alexa, Siri, Cortana on Windows, OK Google, taking selfies, making calls, responding to emails, etc. With the use of various AI-based techniques, we can also anticipate today's weather and the days ahead.

About 20 years ago, you must have asked someone who had already been there for instructions when you were planning a trip. All you need to do now is ask Google where Bangalore is. The best route between you and Bangalore will be displayed, along with Bangalore's location, on a Google map.

One of the main benefits of artificial intelligence is this. By creating an AI robot that can perform perilous tasks on our behalf, we can get beyond many of the dangerous restrictions that humans face. It can be utilised effectively in any type of natural or man-made calamity, whether it be going to Mars, defusing a bomb, exploring the deepest regions of the oceans, or mining for coal and oil.

AI can appear deceptively human, and experts have warned there's a danger that artificial intelligence tools could be used to manipulate people. The ways AI can manipulate are similar to the ways people manipulate others, using emotional cues and responses to shape arguments. Quite a lot to think about and is superlative at certain tasks, but it can only "think" in terms of its training data. An AI tool can't innovate or create, so businesses will still rely on humans for fresh ideas.



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