

Couple refuse to ring changes

British Telecom engineers got a shock when they went to move a telephone from a farmhouse in Lincolnshire in 1989. They found that the 'phone was a 1930 candlestick model, worth £400. It had been in use since 1931. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, wanted it moved to their new retirement bungalow in a nearby village.

British Telecom said that they did not normally reconnect old 'phones but, in this case, they agreed to do so. It is thought to be the only one of that kind still working in the United Kingdom.

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A. True / False / Maybe

1. BT agreed to reconnect the 'phone.
2. The 'phone was made in 1930.
3. The 'phone cost Mr. and Mrs. Evans £400 in 1931.
4. The owners of the farmhouse were Mr. and Mrs. Evans.
5. The farmhouse is in Lincolnshire.
6. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were moving to a new bungalow.
7. The bungalow is in Lincolnshire
8. The 'phone had been in use for 58 years.



B. Fill in the missing word

1. The 'phone was 1930 candlestick model.
2. They agreed to so.
3. Mr. and Evans wanted it moved.
4. British engineers got a shock.
5. Had been in use since 1931.

C. Complete these words (from the article)

farm _ _ _ _ _

normal _ _

engine _ _ _

candle _ _ _ _ _

bung _ _ _ _ _

tele _ _ _ _ _

D. Abbreviations

Which words in the article are these short for ?

'phone

U.K.

Lincs.

B.T.

didn't

it's