



A picture of myself Ann Hulme nee Hedges aged 4 in 1951 in the first Nash Healey off the Panelcraft production line at Woodgate, near Birmingham, Warwickshire.

The car's registration number was PET 1 and it was given to a 16 year old singer called Petula Clark by Donald Healey the car's designer as a publicity stunt. Pet Clark was the pop star of her day. However, my Father, Cecil Hedges, said that Panelcraft were never paid for the car and it was the company that had given it to her and not Healey.

A chance meeting on the Queen Elizabeth, in December 1949, on their way to New York, between an American and a British motor manufacturer paved the way for unique export achievement and unprecedented commercial arrangement. According to the Motor Magazine, 11<sup>th</sup> April. 1951.

A mutual interest in photography by Donald Healey and George W. Mason, President of the Nash-Kelvinator Corporation of America led to a project whereby engines and transmissions built in America by Nash Motors were installed into chassis and the bodies produced by Panelcraft Sheetmetal Co. Ltd. at Woodgate, next door to GKN, in Warwickshire.