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## DAILY DIARY

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### Day Five Of The 2008 Edinburgh Peoples Festival

#### HAMISH HENDERSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Last night's Hamish Henderson Memorial lecture with Timothy Neat was another triumph for the Edinburgh People's Festival. In retrospect this was a lecture we should have put together years ago in our previous festivals.

You got the impression that Timothy Neat, who knew Hamish for more than 30 years, could have spoken for more than the hour allocated to him. He was able to give us an insight into Hamish Henderson's character and shed greater light on his considerable achievements. The second volume of his biography on Hamish entitled 'The Making of the People 1953-2002' is due out next Spring. What an interesting period that is for the Edinburgh Peoples festival as it represents the precise gap between the first People's Festival and the second.

More than 40 people attended this our first Hamish Henderson Memorial Lecture and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will certainly have been impressed by what we had to offer. The level of the events we have presented this year has been our best ever, being consistently high quality and on a par with anything you would see elsewhere – and pay a small fortune for.

Thanks to Johanna for her superb chairing of the event.

Now on to Wester Hailes for the debate .....

Colin Fox  
People's Festival Chairman