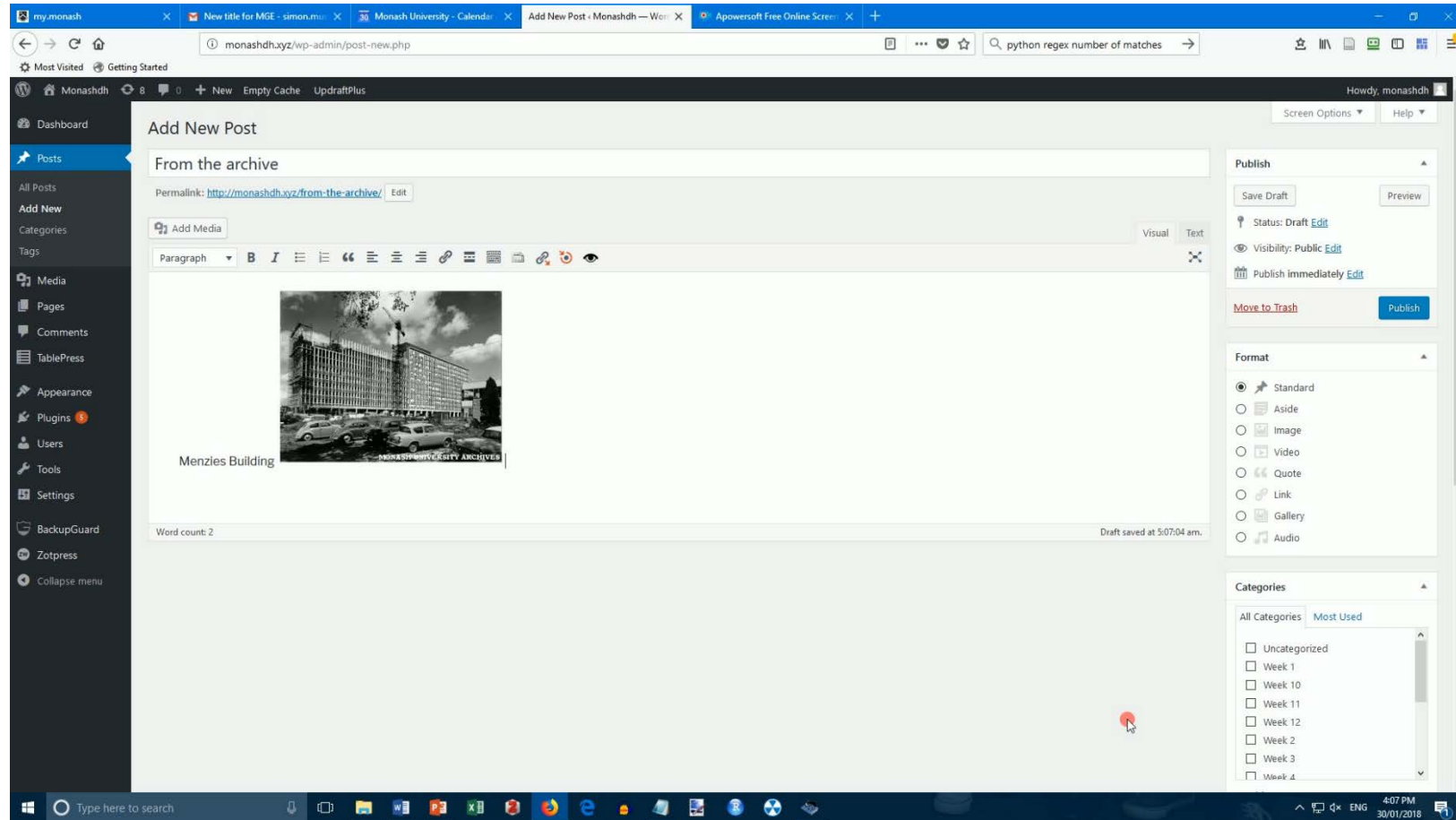# ATS1208

Using tables to format web pages
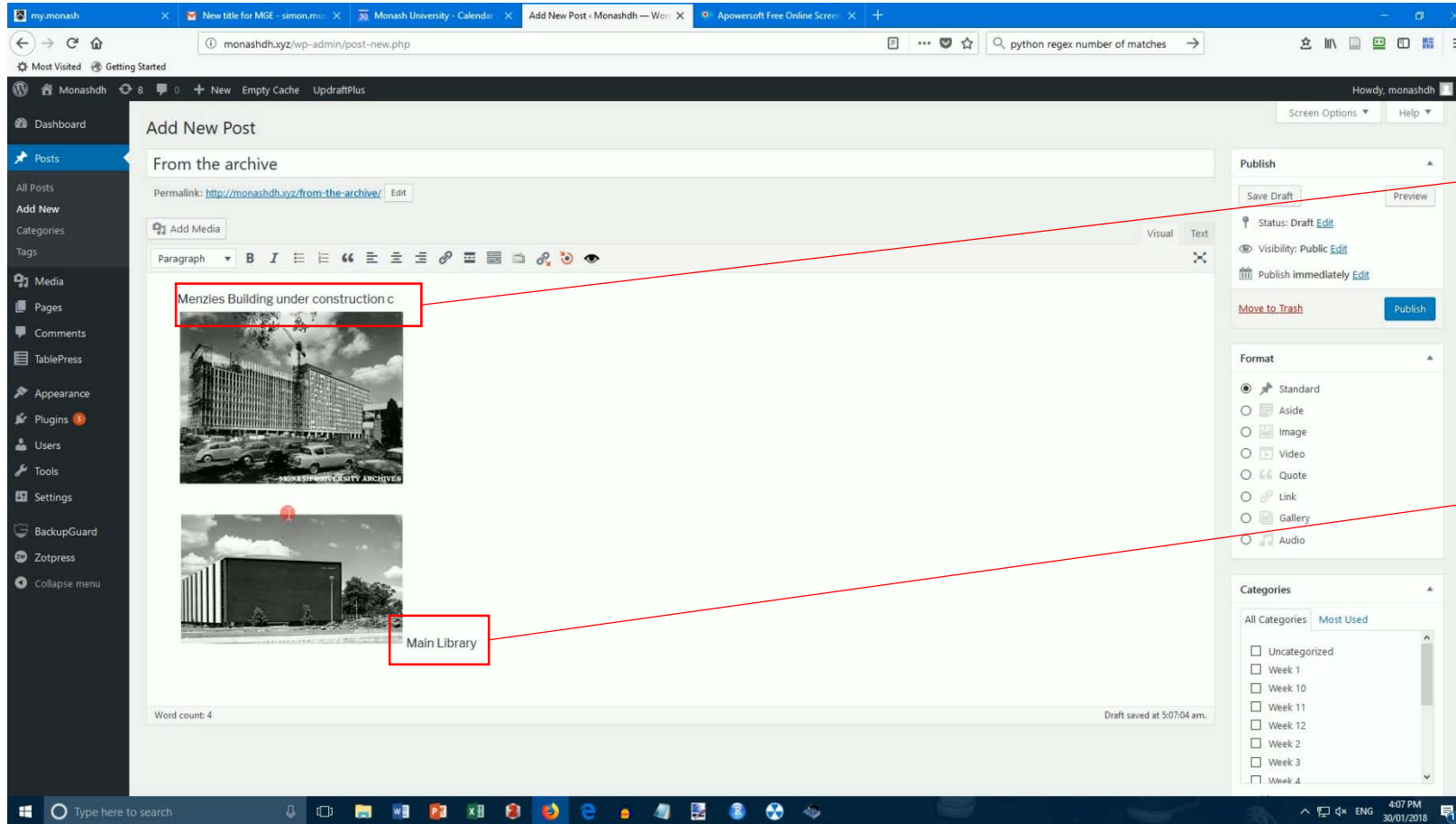
Formatting in html

- Basic html allows very few possibilities for formatting text

- It doesn't even have tabs!

- Placing text and images together is also hard to control

- The next few slides will show some of these problems

Text and images

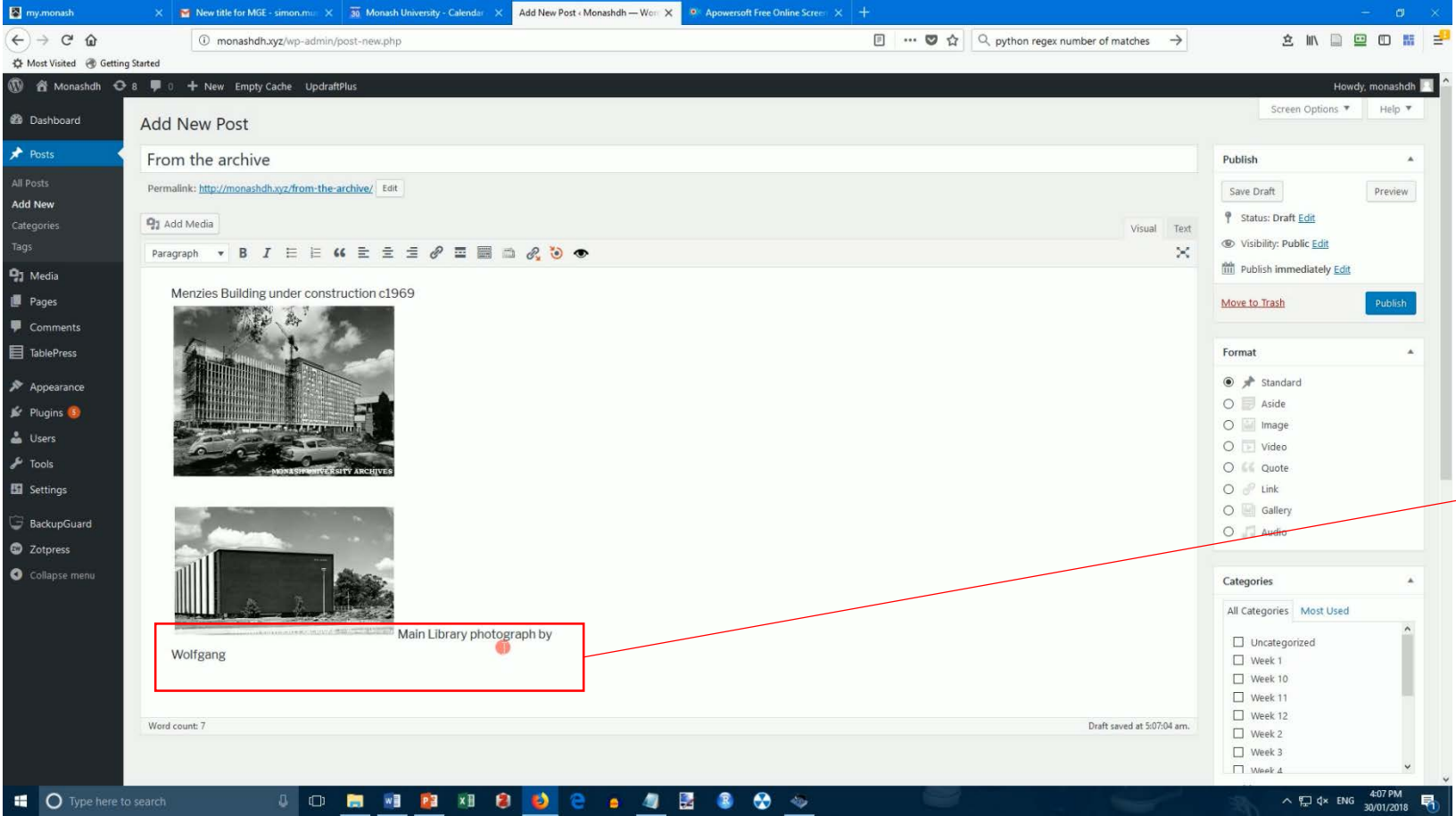Enter text then add an image: the image appears after the text, bottom edge aligned

Text and images

Add too much text to a line, and the image wraps underneath

Add an image, then enter text and it appears after the image, bottom aligned

Text and images

If you keep typing, the text wraps onto another line

Unsatisfactory results

The solution - tables

- Using tables allows us to place elements on a page with much more control

- Generally we use tables with invisible borders for this
  - But you can make the table borders a design feature if you want

- TinyMCE is the editor Wordpress uses for posts and pages

- TinyMCE Advanced is a plugin which enhances that editor
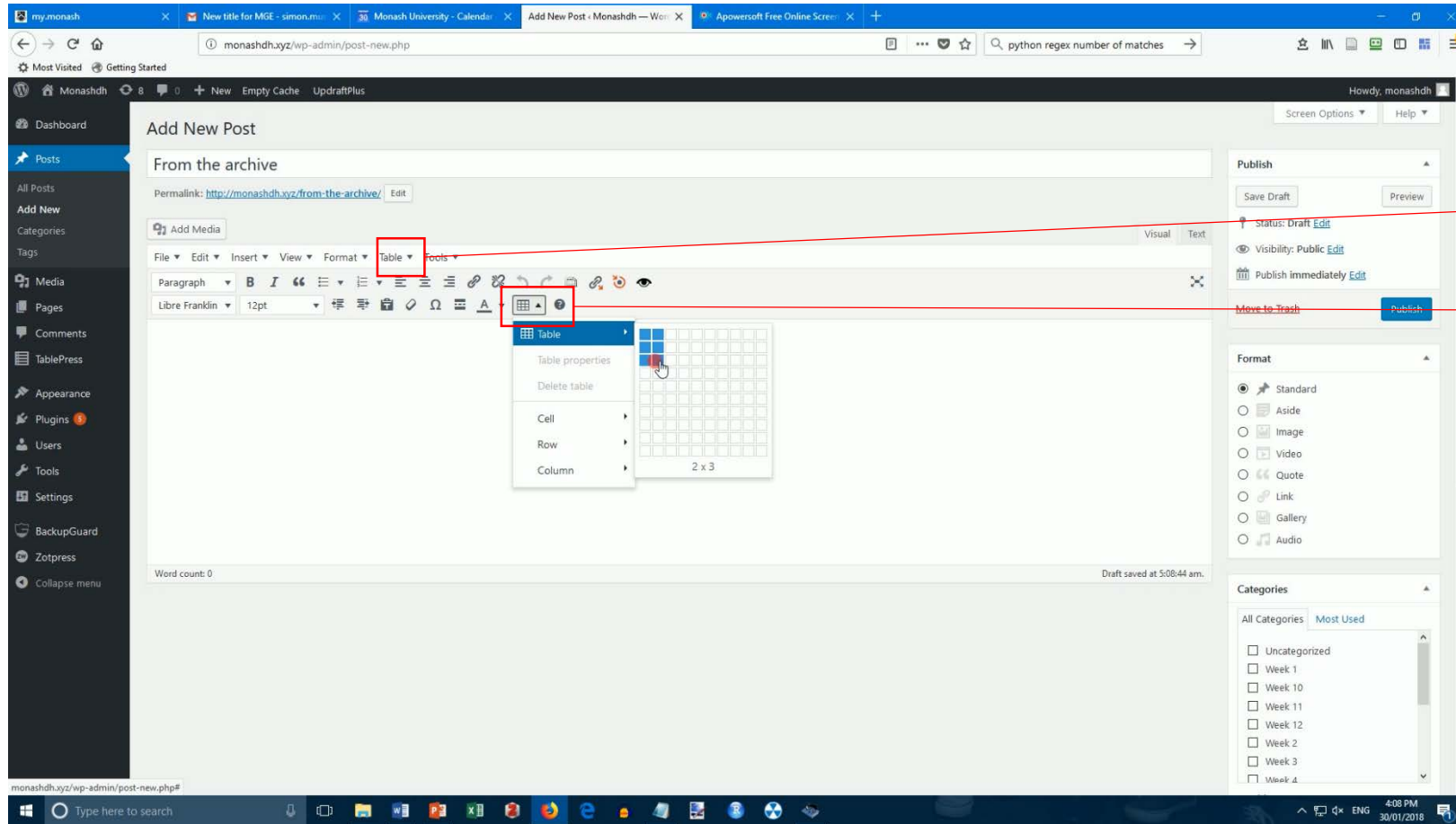
TinyMCE Advanced
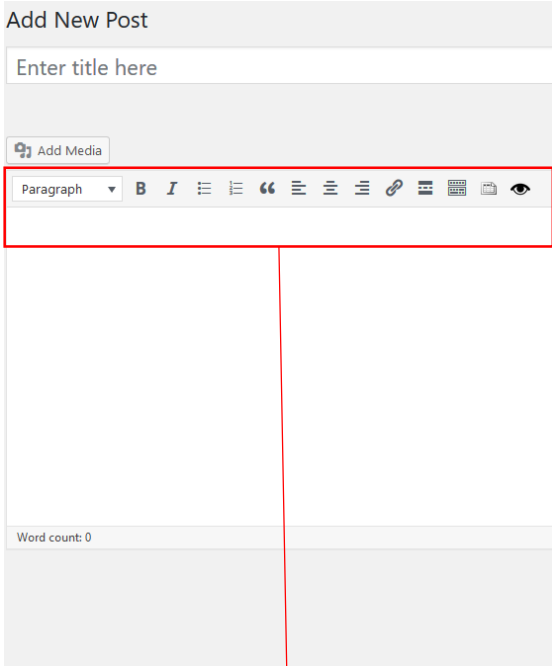
Standard editor, limited options on toolbar
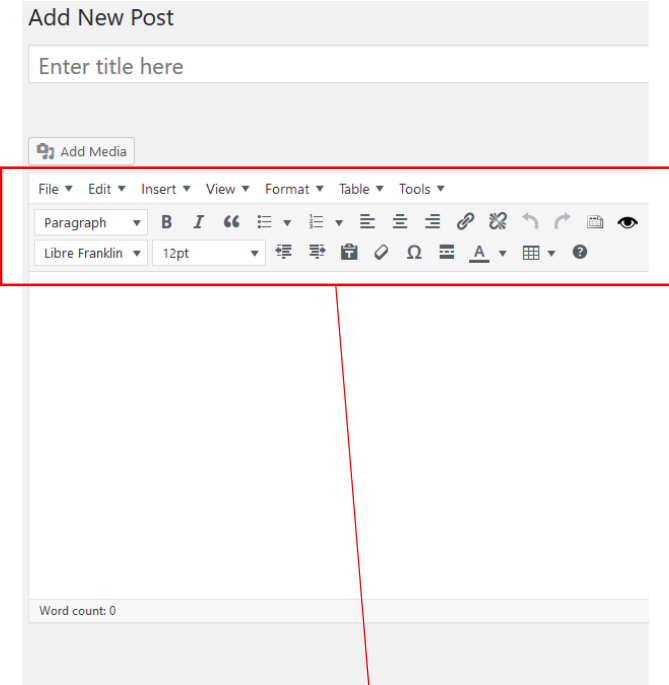
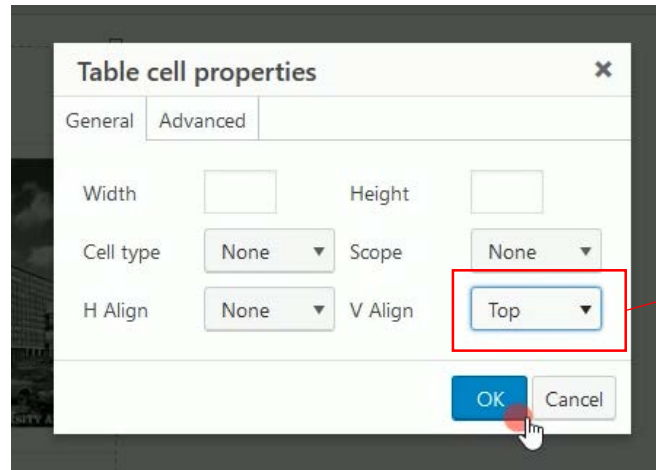Advanced editor, lots more options
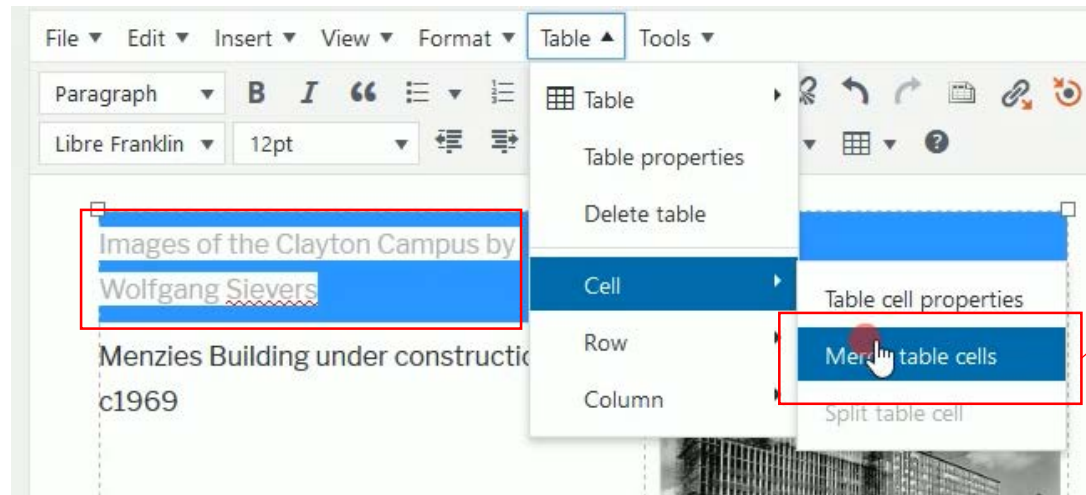
Tables in TinyMCE Advanced

Toolbar text

Toolbar icon – which is being used here to insert a table

Putting elements in tables

Text and images can go in separate cells, the layout is cleaner already

Refinements

Position of text in a cell can be controlled for both horizontal and vertical alignment:
Select a cell then:
Table > Cell > Table Cell Properties

Text wraps in a cell when next cell is empty?
You can merge cells
Select the cells then:
Table > Cell > Merge table cells

Looking good!