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Websites and WordPress

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History



Tim Berners-Lee

Birth of the World Wide Web 1989 - 1991

- HTML (HyperText Markup Language)
- HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol)
- URL (Uniform Resource Locator)

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The Rise of Public Websites (1993-1995)

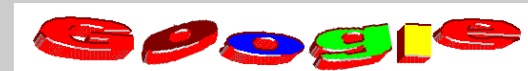
1993, the Mosaic browser is released and marked a turning point for the internet.

Yahoo! website appeared in 1994
Amazon launched in 1995
Google search engine 1998

Google Search Engine

This is a demo of the Google Search Engine. Note, it is research in progress so expect some downtimes and malfunctions. You can find the older [Backrub web page here](#).

Google is being developed by [Larry Page](#) and [Sergey Brin](#) with very talented implementation help by [Scott Hassan](#) and [Alan Sterenberg](#).



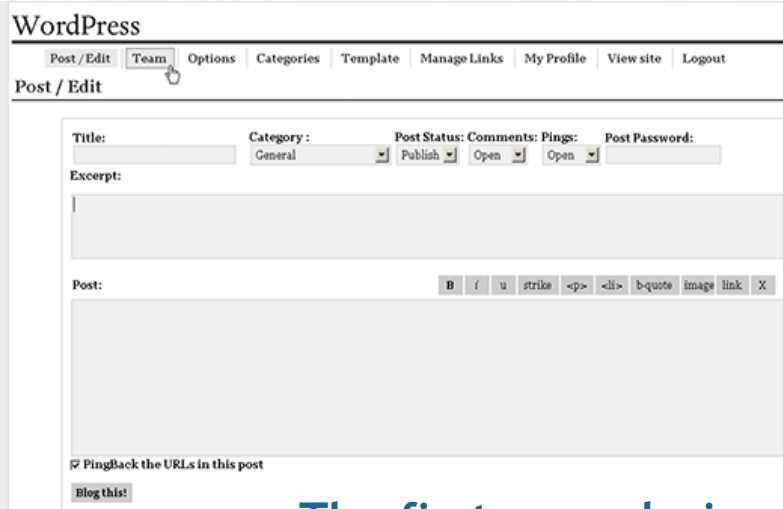
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Search The Web

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The Rise of WordPress

2003: The first version of WordPress
Initially developed just as a Blog

The first page design for editing 'Posts'

- 2004: The plugin architecture was introduced, allowing developers to extend WordPress's features.
- 2018: The block editor, also known as Gutenberg, was launched, modernizing the content creation experience.

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Hosting

- A website needs computer to host WordPress app
 - Computer to be connected to internet 24/7
 - A domain name for people to find it (there are free options)
 - Consideration to security & support
 - Content
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- Perhaps use a hosting company (there are free options)
 - infinityfree.com is one to look at (good for small sites)
 - WordPress offer a free hosting plan.

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Learning & Development

- Install WordPress on you home PC
- Use WordPress 'Playground'
- wpengine's 'Local'
- YouTube

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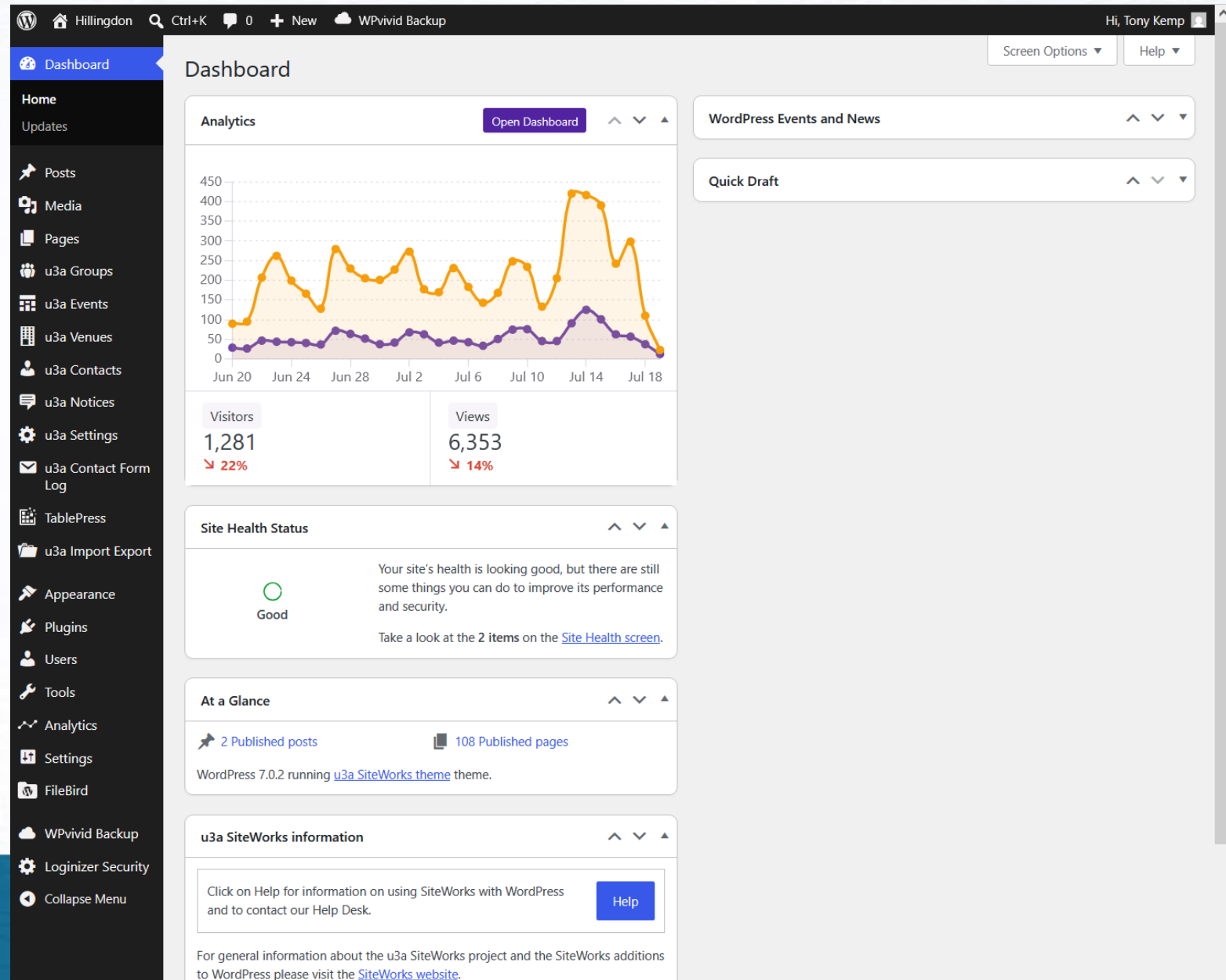
2026 is Hillingdon u3a's 25th Anniversary

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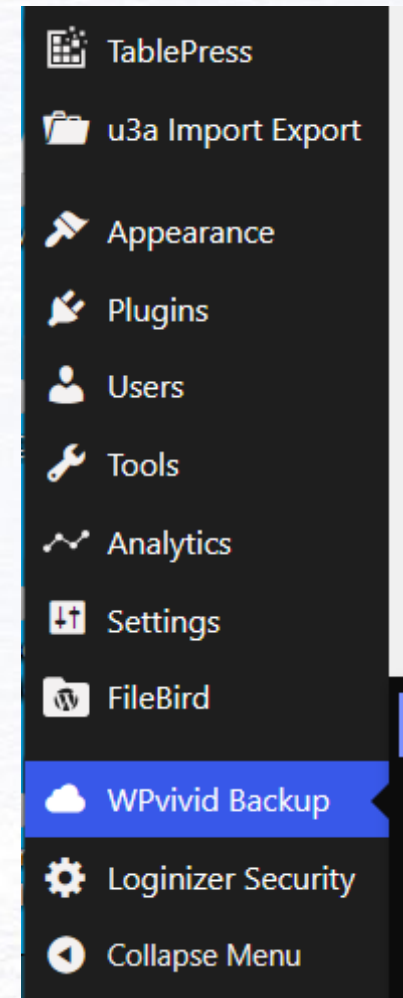
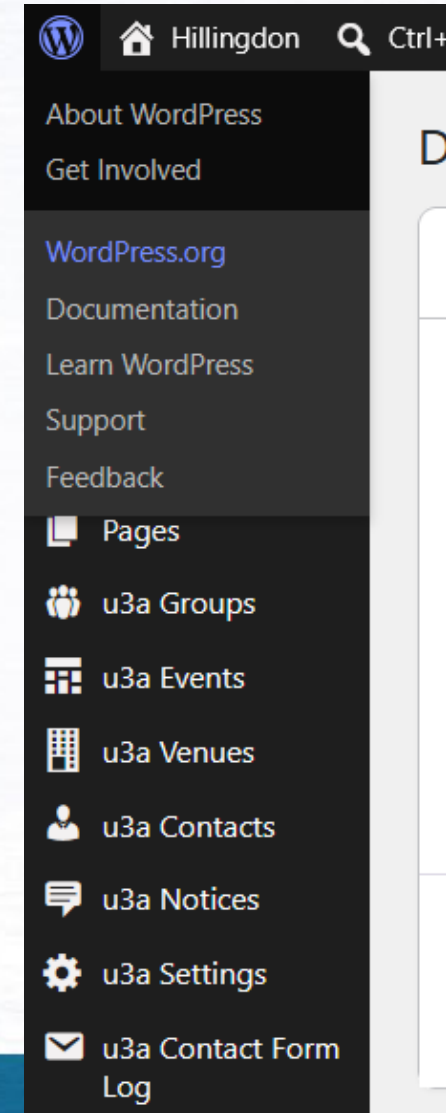
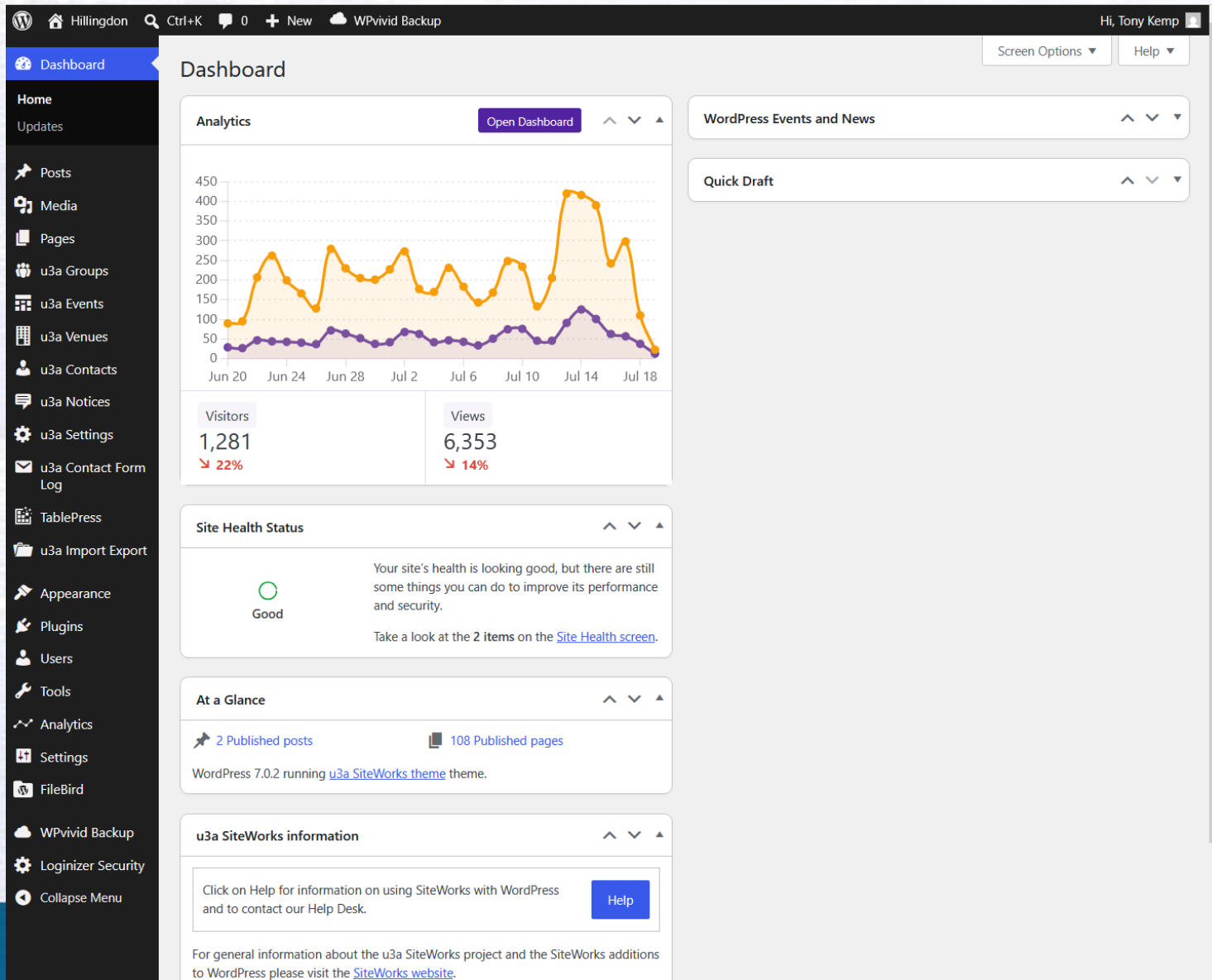


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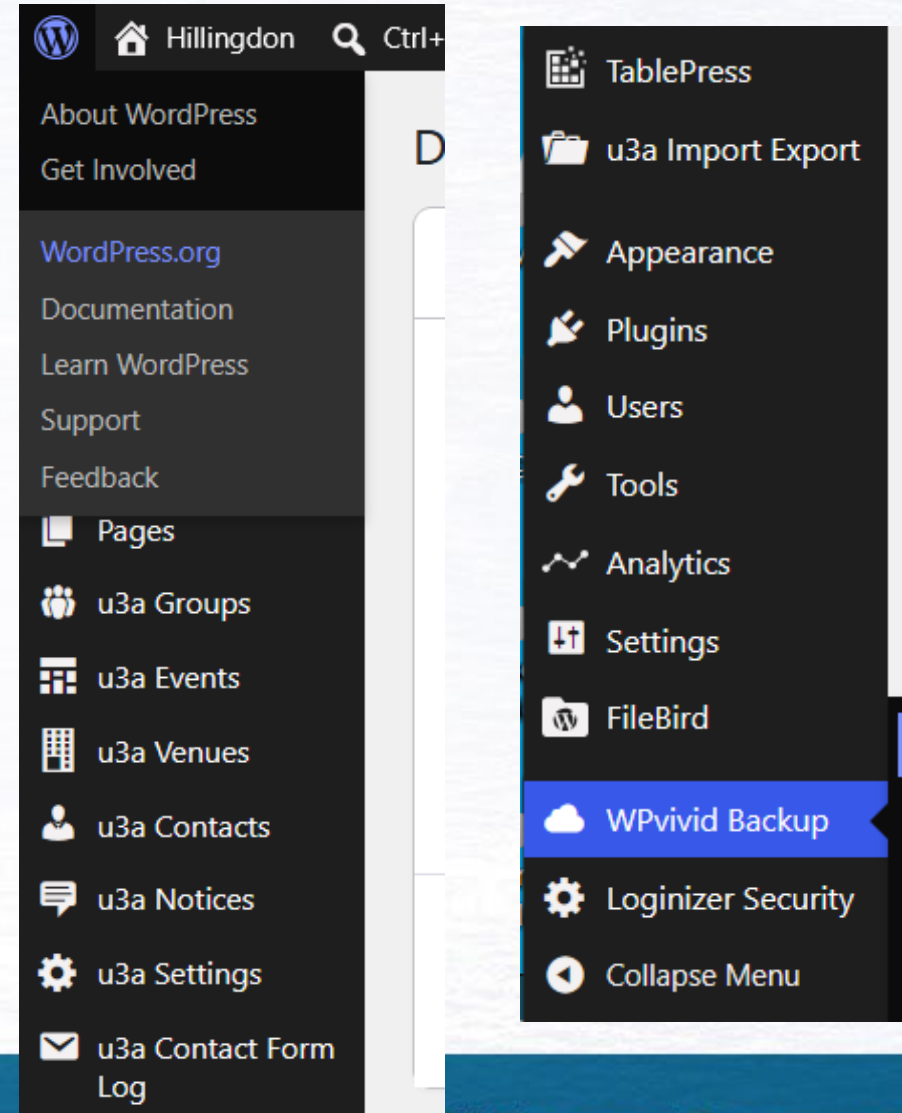


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Let's have a look.....

Demo



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WordPress Playground

Your turn to play.....

Demo site is.....

<https://playground.wordpress.net>