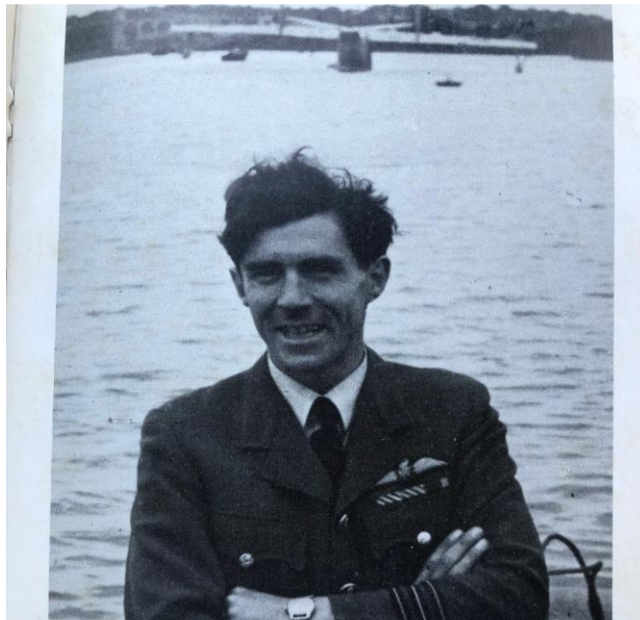


## WLCOW TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2022 – THE GREAT ESCAPE!

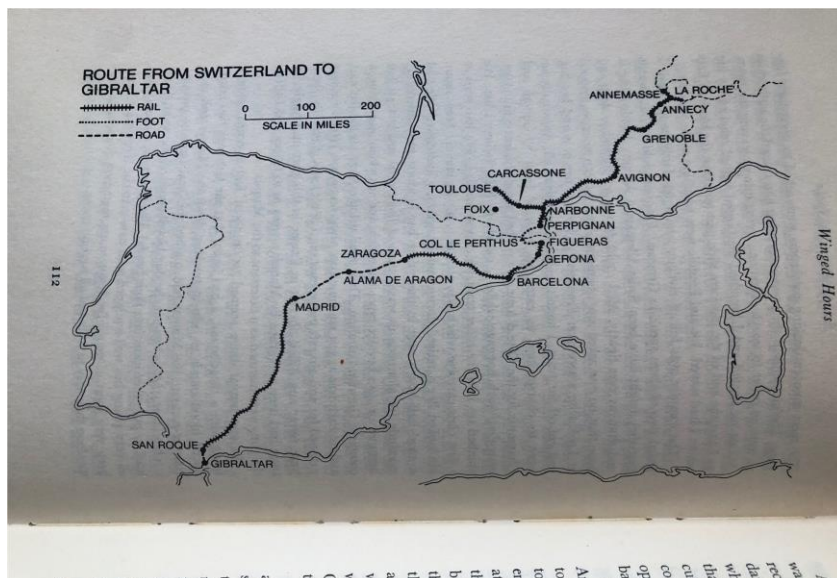


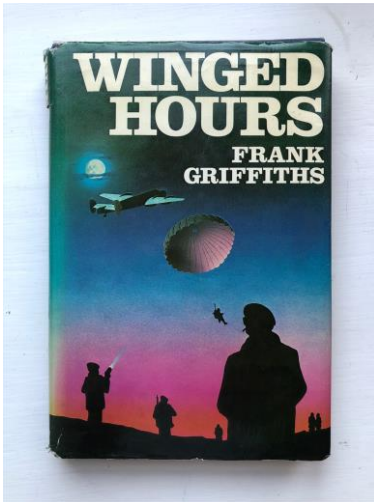
Cardiff University MA Journalism student Adam Hart is the recipient of this year's WLCOW travel scholarship award. He is about to jump on two wheels to retrace a daring WWII escape over the Pyrenees.

*"It is almost 80 years since my great-grandfather Frank Griffiths escaped from Europe back to Wales during World War II. My plan is to recreate the escape route he took after he crashed his Halifax plane while dropping supplies to the French Resistance in 1943."*



*"I want to cycle his daring 1,000-mile escape route through France and Spain; from the crash site near Annecy, out of the Alps, over the Pyrenees to Barcelona where he was jailed, before finishing in Gibraltar where he was able to fly back to Britain. It's an enthralling tale of bravery and sacrifice on the levels we are currently seeing in Ukraine."*





*"My great-grandfather Frank wrote a book about his escape called Winged Hours, and by following in his footsteps I would like to write a longform piece retelling this extraordinary human story in time for the 80th anniversary next year. Frank cites his wife and young child as the driving force behind his escape from Europe. They had been told he was missing in action, presumed killed, only for him to return three months later.*

*"I will be travelling by bike to chronicle the route and experience some of what he saw during this poignant period in history. The award will enable me to pay for return flights, food and accommodation, plus vital panniers needed to carry all my kit!*

*"Thanks to the WLCow I will be able to honour his memory and once again put in the spotlight this timely story of determination of a man from Mold in Flintshire to get back to his family."*

