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TRAIL MAP ONE:



FARRINGDON STATION:

The final station on the Metropolitan Railway, London's first underground passenger line, that ran to and from Paddington, Farringdon opened in 1863, the same time as Mail Rail's predecessor, a high-powered pneumatic tube for shooting mail under London's streets. You can see an original car at the museum!

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THE ZEPPELIN BUILDING:

The Blitz is synonymous with the Second World War, but London was being bombed from above as far back as the First World War. In 1915 an air ship from Germany hovered over London hand-dropping bombs. This building was completely destroyed by one of these raids. During the war, the Rosetta Stone was stored in Mail Rail to protect it from just this sort of bombing!



THE ITALIAN CHURCH:

This rather unassuming Grade II listed building was established as a church in London for Italian immigrants. Modelled on a church in Rome, it was consecrated in 1846 when Clerkenwell was known as Little Italy, the heart of the Italian community in London. Later, Italian immigrants moved to Soho but you can still spot Italian shops and cafes across Clerkenwell. Step inside to see the impressive interior.



THE WARNER STREET BRIDGE:

This pretty Victorian bridge was designed by Edward Bazalgette, son of Sir Joseph Bazalgette- creator of London's sewer system that put an end to regular cholera outbreaks and is still in use to this day. The bridge, and Warner Street, are a favoured filming location for movies being shot in London. It's featured in Paddington (2014) and the upcoming The Death and Life of John F. Donovan (2018), featuring Kit Harrington and Natalie Portman.