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Mars John

I was delighted to see your name included in The Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List and the award of your OBE.

Your contribution to tennis, women in sport and charity is unique and exceptional. Apart from the small matter of being the mother of not one Grand Slam Champion and world ranked number one tennis player but two, you have played a singular role in the advancement of Scotlish and UK tennis for decades, having coached players at regional and national level, including the Davis Cup winning Captain, Leon Smith OBE.

More recently you were the most successful Captain of the British Federation Cup team since the Virginia Wade era, as well as a mentor to Britain's leading women players. I know you are passionate about your grassroots programmes and have done a great deal to generate greater participation through your role as a Sports Ambassador, not to mention backing the Tennis for Free charity and bringing a new lease of life to the game in Paisley.

I am sure all those who have worked with you and those who simply appreciate tennis and what your family has achieved, are as delighted as I am at such well-deserved recognition.

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