

### **Shipston 4<sup>th</sup> XV 8 Alcester 3<sup>rd</sup> XV/Veterans 10**

Alcester completed the double over their opponents, with a second hard fought win in two months by exactly the same score line as the first game at Kings Coughton in February. The game was played in very windy conditions at Mayo Road with some of it in driving rain and hail, making for poor rugby conditions.

Nevertheless a keenly contested game ensued and Shipston moved into a 8-0 lead 8-0 thanks to a try and a penalty.

Alcester fought back and crossed the line twice through strong running centre Matt Bolton, and hooker Dickie Moore, to claim the win. Skipper Geordie Newman's unusual pre match preparation for his side, with the usual energy drinks being replaced by bottles of Newcastle Brown and the team bus being ordered to stop at the pub in Tredington en route from Alcester, seemed to pay off.